

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER 2004

Present: Cllr M Cox (Vice Chairman)
Cllrs B Bale, P Carter, P Cogdell, C. Price, JC Robinson, JW Robinson, A Still, A Stone
and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Shields and Molyneux-Downs and PCs John Davis and Mark Eburne.
2. **Chairman's announcements:**

Kennet Local Plan 2011 – Two draft consultation documents have been received for our comments. Cllr Price will respond to the one related to Supplementary Planning Guidance and Cllrs Cox and Stone the one on Arts and Leisure.

Village Re-cycling site: The Village Hall Trust has formally asked that KDC be requested to remove the site from their car park. An explanatory notice has been displayed on the Parish noticeboard. So far an alternative site has not been identified.

Anti-social behaviour meeting: Cllr Cox reported on the training meeting he had attended on 24 November in Pewsey and he will circulate his notes to Councillors for their information. Cllr Still noted he had attended a similar meeting in Tidworth.

Awards for All: Cllr Cox reported on the meeting he had attended on 30 November in Devizes. It was poorly attended by councillors from this area probably because none had been included in the circulation of the meeting notice.

Resident's Forum for the Collingbournes and Everleigh: The inaugural meeting of this group which took place at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall on November 16 was poorly attended. Cllr. Cox had asked for a copy of the minutes but had been informed that these meetings were unminuted, only a brief list of appropriate action points being kept for follow-up. In the last two years Tidworth Development Trust's turnover had been reported to Companies House as £591,048.

Charities Information Bureau: Cllr Cox reported that there was a £100 charge for Parish Councils to access this though access is free to community groups, development organisations and charities.

Proposed Bridge Works: The work to the Church Street bridge is scheduled for March 2005. Details to be circulated nearer the time but it is anticipated that the site works will be carried out under three-way traffic lights and a lane closure with diversion route. This means that traffic will be able to exit from the A338 Church Street onto the A346 Ludgershall Road towards Salisbury and the A338 High Street towards Marlborough, but will not be able to enter Church Street. There may also be a full road closure at a weekend during the works.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 4 November 2004:
The Minutes were agreed as a true record
Proposed by Cllr Carter seconded by Cllr Cox. Agreed nem con.
70.04 Matters arising: None.
4. **Declaration(s) of Interest:**
None.
5. **71.04 Policing Issues:**
There was no report in the absence of PCs John Davis and Mark Eburne. November had been a quiet month in the parish.
6. **Presentation by Mr John Sutton, Sustainable Development Manager, Kennet District Council:**
Mr Sutton introduced Mrs Elena Pott, KDC Administration and Computers.
Sustainable Development covers the social, economic and environmental aspects of the Kennet District.
It encompasses every service provided by KDC and springs from Local Agenda 21 initiated at the Rio Summit in 1992. KDC's Corporate Strategy 20 year vision will implement sustainable development by

1. providing community leadership
2. developing safe and healthy communities
3. protecting the environment and
4. continuously improving services.

Revised membership of the Working Party which meets monthly now includes contractors and senior officers of the Council as well as the Leader of the Council and elected members. Since its revision it has set up an Energy sub-group and a Public Relations sub-group to report on progress. The role of the Working Party is to

- audit individual departments
- devise action plans
- help produce annual reports
- attend external meetings
- assist in the development of the overall plan for Kennet.

Mr Sutton then went on to outline the 50 initiatives the new Working Party has set up. £500K was distributed in grants by KDC in 2004/2005. Individual parishes can help by

- conserving energy
- using recycling facilities
- purchasing goods and services locally
- encouraging local people to take pride and ownership in their environment.

Cllr Cox thanked Mr Sutton for an interesting and informative talk. Mr Sutton then answered questions from those present and he and Mrs Pott left the meeting.

7. **Adjournment for public comments/questions – 8.20 pm.**

The meeting reconvened at 8.21 pm.

8. **72.04 Finance Committee Report:**

Cllr JW Robinson presented the monthly financial statement for November 2004. He reminded committee chairman and members that they should provide him with figures for anticipated spending in their areas for the coming year as soon as possible. This will enable the Finance Committee to prepare its Budget Forecast for the financial year 2005/6 when it meets in the course of the next four weeks.

Requests for donation: It was agreed that a donation of £50 each be made to Kennet Citizens Advice Bureau Ltd. and the Winged Fellowship Trust.

Proposed by Cllr Carter seconded by Cllr Cogdell. Agreed nem con.

The following cheque was authorised:

Kennet District Council £722.02 (grass cutting second quarter 2004).

Proposed by Cllr Robinson seconded by Cllr Still. Agreed nem con.

73.04 Planning Committee report:

Cllr Price submitted the report for November. (To be displayed upon the notice board.)

74.04 Property Committee report:

Cllr Bale presented her report.

Recycling skips: Cllr Bale reported that the recycling skips for metal and garden waste had been fairly well used on their visit to the village on 24 November at Knapp Close. They are booked for Wednesday 15 December at Station Approach (between 12.00 midday and 2.30 pm). A notice will be displayed at the village shop prior to this visit.

Kerbside Paper Recycling Service: Cllr Bale reported on the briefing meeting on 17 November. KDC will extend this service to the village during the next two weeks. Paper collection boxes will be distributed to households and will be collected fortnightly.

Recreation ground – tenancy issues: Cllrs Cox, Bale and Still had investigated the issues regarding tenancies at the Recreation Ground and reported that there is clearly a (good-natured) dispute between

recreation ground users. A Grounds Committee was therefore set up consisting of Cllrs Cox, Still and Bale.

Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Carter. Agreed nem con.

One of the first tasks of this Committee will be to review the tenancy agreements in the light of the reported issues and propose changes to the current arrangements.

Recreation ground – gates and trees: The barrier for the other entrance for the recreation ground is still in storage at Bourne Works awaiting erection.

Parish Burial Ground: Cllr Cox reported that work to remove the mobile classrooms is due to start in the first quarter of 2005.

Street light – Sunnyhill: Cllr Cogdell requested that the replacement of the streetlight at the junction of Sunnyhill and Everleigh Road be put forward to KDC for inclusion in its budget for 2005/6.

9. **75.04 Highway matters:**

Recreation ground – proposed footpath: Cllr Cox reported that the LEA/WCC Travelwise do not support the proposed footpath though he understood the school governors were following the matter up. This matter will be left in abeyance for the time being.

10. **76.04 General matters:**

Parish Flood Plan: It was agreed to approve the proposed Parish Flood Plan which had previously been circulated to councillors. Proposed by Cllr Still seconded by Cllr Robinson. Agreed nem con.

Recreation Ground: Castledown Colts under 14's tenancy. A letter has been received from Castledown Colts under 14's asking for permission to use the recreation ground to complete the season. It was agreed to offer a short term tenancy at a cost of approximately £37.50 to enable the club to complete the 2004/5 season on condition that it did not conflict with other Users.

Proposed by Cllr JW Robinson seconded by Cllr JC Robinson. Agreed nem con.

Flies: Cllr Cox reported that KDC has requested a report on the situation in the parish this year. He will prepare one for their information.

Rights of way: Cllr Cox has walked several local rights of way. Two have been ploughed up and of these one (a footpath) has been diverted along a permissive path and the other (a byway) is still passable with difficulty. He will follow this up.

11. **Date of next meeting:** 6 January 2005 at 7.30 pm. (Finance only).

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm.