

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 7th JUNE 2007

Present: Cllr P Risborough (Chairman)
Cllrs B Bale, M Chandler, K Rossiter, N Whinton,
Dist Cllr C Howard, PC M Randle, and 5 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr M Cox, County Cllr R Hall and Mr J Dowsett.
2. **Chairman's announcements:**

Age Concern invitation: An invitation from Age Concern, Wiltshire to an evening in the gardens of Truslowe Manor, Avebury on 6th July at 7.00 pm has been received. Any councillor wishing to attend to contact the clerk.

NALC Conference: A one-day conference on the revised model Code of Conduct and the new ethical framework and how these will impact on parish councils will take place on 19th July at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. Councillors to contact the clerk if they wish to attend.

WCC consultation on Revised Preferred Options for the Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals and Waste Core Strategies: This consultation will run until noon on 19th June. Documentation is available to councillors on www.wiltshire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning-home.htm and the clerk also has details.
3. **Minutes of last meeting** held on 20th May 2007.
The minutes were agreed as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr Whinton seconded by Cllr Rossiter. Vote 4 for 1 abstention. Carried.
38.07 Matters arising – for information only:
War Memorial: James Long (Masons) Ltd has confirmed that cleaning of the surrounding fence will also be carried out when the war memorial is renovated.
4. **Declarations of Interest:**
Cllr Chandler declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8 Planning Application K/56670/F.
5. **39.07 Appointment of representatives:**

Member for Army Liaison: Cllr Whinton
Proposed by Cllr Risborough seconded by Cllr Rossiter. Agreed nem con.

Representatives (2) to Gt Mere Group Steering Committee: Cllr Cox (2nd deferred till next meeting). Proposed by Cllr Risborough seconded by Cllr Chandler. Agreed nem con.

Flood Wardens: Mr A H Still and Mr Simon Gilford.
Proposed by Cllr Risborough seconded by Cllr Bale. Agreed nem con.

Member for Community Emergency Volunteers: Deferred until next meeting.
6. **40.07 Policing Issues:**
PC Mark Randle reported that Sgt Freeman is expected to take up the vacant post at Tidworth Section on 1st July 2007.
It is also anticipated that the new Community Support Officer will be in post during July after completion of six weeks training.
Thirteen calls were received during the month: 2 drunk drivers, a vehicle without valid insurance, two abandoned vehicles, a family dispute, a noisy party and six calls about local youth problems.
Mini-motorbikes continue to be a nuisance in the parish and steps are being taken to resolve the problem.
PC Randle answered questions from those present and then left the meeting.
7. **Adjournment for public comments/questions: 8.15 pm.**

Dist Cllr C Howard updated the meeting on the current position regarding Saunders Meadow Play Area and undertook to continue to pursue this matter on the Council's behalf. He also outlined his views on WCC's bid to become a unitary authority which, if successful, would mean the abolition of the four existing district councils and the transfer of their functions to the County Council.

Dist Cllr Howard answered questions from those present and left the meeting at 8.28 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 8.45 pm.

8. **41.07 Finance Report:**

The Clerk presented the report for May (copy attached hereto.)

Letters of thanks: Letters thanking the Parish Council for its donations have been received from Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Dragonflies Pre-School.

Requests for donations:

Wiltshire St John Ambulance: It was agreed to make a donation of £50.

Proposed by Cllr Chandler seconded by Cllr Risborough. Agreed nem con.

Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust: It was agreed to make a donation of £50.

Proposed by Cllr Chandler seconded by Cllr Whinton. Agreed nem con.

Gt Mere Community Conservation Group:

It was agreed to make a donation of £226 towards the cost of the group's Public Liability and Personal Insurance.

Proposed by Cllr Bale seconded by Cllr Chandler. Agreed nem con.

The following cheques were authorised:

Landmarc Re MOD (Salisbury Plain) £20 (Right of Way Court Farm).

Tidworth Trust £429 (Litter Patrol 1st payment April-June 2007).

J H Sedgwick £461 (Beech Wood grasscutting contract 1st of 6 invoices 2007).

Gillett & Johnston (Croydon) Ltd £192.70 (servicing church clock 2007/8).

M Cox £76.04 (councillor's expenses).

Proposed by Cllr Bale seconded by Cllr Risborough. Agreed nem con.

42.07 Planning Report:

Cllr Whinton presented the planning report for May 2007:

New applications:	K/56520/F Extension of existing industrial building at the Countrystore, Bourne Works for Mr V Wheeler.
Permission granted:	None
Permission refused:	None
Results awaited:	K/61484/F 15 new dwellings and 2B1 (office/light industrial) buildings at Bourne Works for Mr N Hyde and Mrs M Bayfield. K/54957/F Conversion of school building to four residential units. Construction of three new dwellings at former Collingbourne Ducis Church of England Primary School for Dunsmere Developments Ltd.
Withdrawn:	None

Appeals: None

Cllr Chandler left the meeting.

Planning Application PL7.07

K/56670/F: Single storey extension to garage at 11 Bourne Rise for Mrs N Price.

It was agreed that no objection be raised to this application.

Proposed by Cllr Whinton seconded by Cllr Rossiter. Agreed nem con.

Cllr Chandler rejoined the meeting.

43.07 Property Report:

The Mere: Cllr Risborough to obtain quotations for remedial work to the diseased tree at the corner of The Mere.

9. **44.07 Highway Matters:**

Cllr Bale reported that Cadley Road will be closed for one week from 25 June.

A reply has been received from the Assistant Director (Operations) WCC outlining the current position on the points raised as follows:

Street Lighting in Church Street: The installation of additional streetlights is to be included as part of the brief for consideration of the up-grading of street lighting on Gilbert's Piece.

Traffic-calming adjacent to Sunton: This was installed as part of a wider scheme and one element cannot be removed in isolation, but some kerbing in front of Brook House would be beneficial to deter motorists from further eroding the approach to the road hump and give a measure of protection to pedestrians in the Sunton bellmouth. This will be pursued under the Saxon Rise proposals, or, perhaps, the Station Approach proposals.

School crossing patrol warning light: This has now been installed.

Shared use footpath/cycleway: The Divisional Highway Manager is aware of the further works to the shared-use path and will give it priority in this financial year, especially given its importance under the school's Travel Plan.

Potholes and delaminating of the A346 and A338 carriageway surface: The Divisional Highway Manager advises that general 'machine patching' works have recently been undertaken. A further inspection is planned and any additional defects located will be programmed for early remedial action as necessary.

10. **45.07 Wiltshire County Council Bid for Unitary Status:**

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council is opposed to the proposal that Wiltshire County Council become a unitary council for the whole of Wiltshire and a formal response will be written to the Rt Hon Ruth Kelly MP, Secretary of State, to this effect.

Proposed by Cllr Risborough seconded by Cllr Whinton.

Vote 3 for 1 against 1 abstention. Carried.

11. **46.07 Co-option of Councillor(s):**

Mr John Dowsett and Mr Simon Gilford were co-opted as members of the council. Cllr Risborough welcomed Cllr Gilford who signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was given a form to register his interests with the Monitoring Officer at Kennet District Council within 28 days. Mr Dowsett was absent and will sign his Declaration on return from holiday.

Three other vacancies remain as a result of the recent election and anyone interested in becoming a councillor should contact the Parish Clerk for details.

12. **Date of next meeting:** 5th July 2007 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.