

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER 2004

Present: Cllr P Shields (Chairman)
Cllrs B Bale, P Carter, P Cogdell, M Cox, C. Price, A Still, A Stone
County Cllr M Connolly and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** JW Robinson and PC John Davis.
2. **Chairman's announcements:**
 - Casual vacancy:** As he remains qualified to continue as a councillor and has indicated his intention so to do Cllr JC Robinson will continue as a member of the parish council and therefore no vacancy exists.
 - Power cuts:** Following another power cut on 4 October Cllr Shields has suggested that residents of Sunton and other affected areas to write to:
Supply Restoration Manager, S & S Electricity, PO Box 2043, Reading, Berks, RG4 5YP.
If there is no adequate response the Council will make representations to OFFWAT, the Regulator.
 - Draft Statements of Community Involvement:** Draft consultation documents have been received from both WCC and KDC. The latter are organising two meetings for all Kennet parishes at the Bouverie Hall, Pewsey on 14 and 19 October to cover an introduction to the new planning system, how to become involved in developing new policies and to discuss the consultation documents. The Chairman urged councillors to attend one of the meetings.
 - Wiltshire Charter for Local Councils:** Following the extension of the consultation period until 29 October Cllr Shields will submit our response incorporating feedback he has received from councillors.
 - Resident's Forum for the Collingbournes and Everleigh:** The inaugural meeting of this group will take place at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall on November 16 at 7.30 pm.
 - Wiltshire Waste Consultation Forum:** This has been rearranged for Wednesday 27 October at 2.00 pm in Ludgershall Scout Hall. It will provide members of the public with an opportunity to receive more detailed information on what is happening and proposed for the locality and to ask questions of Officers from the County Council responsible for the management of municipal waste. Please let the Parish Clerk know by 15 October if you wish to attend.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 2 September 2004:
The Minutes were agreed as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Carter. Agreed nem con.
56.04 Matters arising:
 - Village recycling centre:** There is no suitable site at Garlands Trading Estate.
 - Recreation ground tenancy agreements:** Castledown Colts have indicated they do not wish to renew their tenancy agreement.
 - Emergency Planning questionnaire:** Cllr Stone reported that this was close to completion.
4. **Declaration(s) of Interest:**
None.
5. **57.04 Policing Issues:**
There was no report as neither Sgt Woods nor PC Davies was present.
6. **Adjournment for public comments/questions -7.51 pm.**

County Cllr Connolly reported that under the Boundary Commission's revised electoral arrangements this Parish will now be one of 17 in a new County Council Ward, separate from his seat of Tidworth and Ludgershall.
Dist Cllr Still reported that KDC had no policy for recycling plastic bottles. Two trees are to be taken down in the churchyard as they have honey fungus.

The meeting reconvened at 7.59 pm.

7. **58.04 Finance Committee Report:**

The Clerk presented the monthly financial statement for September 2004.

The following cheques were authorised:

Kennet District Council £597.41 (bus shelters: 1 refurbishment £418.44/1 demolition £90 both + VAT).

J Sedgwick (Beechwood Gardening Service) £313.00 (6th of 2004/5 contract).

Mirador Techniques £27.65 (VAT on purchase of software for updating parish website).

Parish clerk's quarterly salary £706.16 and expenses £142.64.

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

59.04 Planning Committee report:

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

60.04 Property Committee report:

Cllr Bale presented her report.

Trees on Village Green: It was agreed to accept Beechwood Gardening Service's quotation of £250 for raising the crowns of the trees on the village green.

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

Refuse Bins: These have been replaced at the Knapp Close and in the bus shelter opposite the shop.

8. **61.04 Highway matters:**

New School site: A "Give Way" sign has been painted on the road giving priority to traffic coming down Chicks Lane. The Chairman and a school governor did a traffic count between 8.00 and 9.30 am on 7 October which showed a total of 76 vehicles used the road during this time. This will provide base data to use when a comparative count is done after the new school opens.

9. **62.04 General matters:**

Parish Flood Plan: The Flood Wardens will attend an Environment Agency meeting at Amesbury on 14 October at which they will present their Draft Flood Plan for the parish. The Environment Agency has now released its Flood Plan covering the SN8 postcodes which is available on its website.

Recreation ground – impact of new school travel plan: After discussion it was agreed to give permission in principle to WCC for the construction of a pedestrian tarmac footway along the southern boundary of the recreation ground to link with an alternative access route into the new school adjacent to the playground. Further discussions to take place with WCC regarding ROW licence, maintenance etc.

Proposed by Cllr Shields seconded by Cllr Cogdell. Vote 6 for, 1 abstention.

10. **Date of next meeting:** 4 November 2004 at 7.30 pm *at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall.*

The meeting closed at 8.24 pm.

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Chairman 4 November 2004