

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2005**

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

1. **Apologies:** County Cllr R Hall, Cllrs Carter and Stone, Acting Sgt Spackman.
2. **Casual vacancy:** As no claim for an election from 10 electors in the village has been received within the statutory period the Parish Council is now able to proceed to the co-option of a member to replace Cllr Molyneux-Downs. Anyone who is interested should contact the Parish Clerk.
A letter of resignation has been received from Cllr Jason Robinson who is relocating to Kuala Lumpur. The Chairman thanked Cllr Robinson on behalf of the parish council for his work for the parish during the past two and a half years and wished him well in his new position.
3. **Chairman's announcements:**
Standards, Quality & Communications Seminar: This WALC-run seminar will take place at the Devizes Corn Exchange on Saturday 12 November from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. Councillors who wish to attend should advise the Clerk.
Community Awards – “Recognising Endeavour”: The PC has been invited by Tidworth Development Trust to submit nominations for these awards which are open to both formal and informal projects and is an opportunity to identify and promote a person or group whose activities have proved or will prove beneficial to the community. Cllr Shields asked for suggestions from councillors or members of the public.
Voluntary Action Kennet: Cllr Shields is unable to attend the Chairs' Discussion Evening on 10 November at 6.30 pm at The Wesley Hall, Pewsey and asked if any councillor wished to attend in his place.
Tidworth Development Trust AGM: Cllrs Bale and Shields will be attending this on 21 November at 7.00 pm at the Community Centre, Tidworth. Cllr Shields asked that anyone who has a particular issue to be raised contact either himself or Cllr Bale.
Environment Agency - Flood Wardens' Seminar: Cllr Shields and Cllr JW Robinson attended. A formal report will be given at the December PC meeting and the Flood Wardens will prepare an article for the next edition of the Courier. Cllr Shields reported that the water table on the Plain area is at its lowest since 1976 and still falling in mid-October – it is extremely unlikely that the springs will rise this winter.
SLCC Regional one-day Conference: This will take place at Gloucestershire County Cricket Club Ground, Bristol on 9 December from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm and key topics include “Reducing anti-social behaviour within communities, Community partnerships to tackle vandalism, and How risky is your Council business?” Anyone wishing to attend to contact Cllr Shields.
Litter: The Chairman expressed concern about the volume of litter in the village and felt it was unreasonable to expect volunteer individuals to continually collect. Tidworth Community has an employee who carries out litter collection on a regular basis and Cllr Shields has approached them for a quotation for work in this Parish. He will present a proposal for consideration at the December meeting.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 6 October 2005.
The Minutes were agreed as a true record subject to one amendment.
Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Cogdell. Agreed nem con.
60.05 Matters arising: Cllr Cox reported on the registration of The Great Mere.
5. **Declaration(s) of Interest:**
Cllrs JW Robinson and Still declared an interest in agenda item 8 – Collingbournes & Everleigh Link Scheme request for donation.
6. **61.05 Policing Issues:**
Cllr Cogdell reported her telephone conversation with Acting Sgt Spackman of Tidworth Section. There will be a meeting in Tidworth next week to discuss the problem of vandalism. Acting Sgt Spackman will liaise with PC Mark Randle about community policing in the parish. Marlborough Police are to run a regular bus for young people in the area from Tidworth, Ludgershall and the Collingbournes to Blues 'n Zus in Marlborough on the first Tuesday of each month. It will leave Collingbourne Ducis from the

London House bus stop at 6.20 pm returning later the same evening. £2 tickets are on sale at Castledown School.

7. **Adjournment for public comments/questions – 7.58 pm.**

The meeting reconvened at 8.08 pm.

8. **62.05 Finance Committee Report:**

Cllr JW Robinson presented the monthly financial statement for October 2005. He reminded councillors that the Finance Committee would be meeting in December to set the budget and precept for the financial year 2006/7 and requested them to let him have details of their anticipated expenditure for the coming year by the next meeting.

CDVHT request for donation: A request has been received from the Village Hall for a grant towards general running costs. The Village Hall's 20 year finance plan will be circulated to councillors prior to consideration of this matter at the December meeting.

Collingbournes & Everleigh Link Scheme request for donation: It was agreed that a donation of £100 be given. Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Shields. Vote 3 for 2 abstentions.

The following cheques were authorised:

J H Sedgwick £307.00 (Beechwood Gardening Service 7th grasscutting payment).

P Shields £66.50 (Chairman's travel expenses).

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

63.05 Planning Committee report:

Cllr Price submitted the report for October 2005. (To be displayed on the notice board.)

64.05 Property Committee report:

Cllr Bale presented her report.

Recycling skips: Skips for garden and cardboard waste will be in Saxon Rise on Monday 21 November between 8.00 and 10.30 am. A full list of future dates can be found on www.collingbourne-ducis.com

Recreation ground trees: Three quotations have now been received for the felling and stump grinding of the trees. It was agreed to accept D M J Butler's quote of £600.

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

Burial Ground: Cllr Cox has temporarily pinned the gate. WCC are to instruct the contractors to make it secure.

Lengthsmen: Following the lengthsmen's failure to complete scheduled work on 24/25 October a meeting has been arranged on November 9 with Mr Dennis Compton of WCC to discuss the matter. Cllrs Bale, Cox and Robinson will attend.

Collingbourne Cricket Club: Following a risk assessment by Cllrs Bale and Cox it is considered that the metal posts around the cricket square constitute a hazard. Cllr Bale will contact the Cricket Club as soon as possible to ask them to remove them within two days and replace them with flexible posts.

Recreation Ground Working Group: It was agreed that a group be formed to take forward fundraising for the provision of a recreational facility for older children. This group will comprise Cllrs Bale, Cox and Shields.

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

Recreation Ground Byelaws, Conditions of Use and Agreements: Following a meeting between Cllrs Cox and Bale a list of the proposed increased charges for use of the recreation ground is to be circulated to councillors for their comments and return to the Clerk within 7 days. This matter will be on the December PC meeting agenda.

Cllr Cox has reviewed the current Byelaws and Condition of Use of the recreation ground and felt that they should be updated. Legal advice to be obtained from WALC and/or KDC.

Dog Fouling: The subject of banning dogs from the recreation ground was discussed. Cllr Still thought that this could be done under the current Conditions of Use. A notice is to be placed in the December edition of the Courier notifying the public that a proposal to ban dogs from the recreation ground will be considered at the PC meeting on 1 December.

9. **64.05 Highway matters:**

Bridge strengthening: An e-mail has been received from Mouchel Parkman asking for the PC's agreement that the reinstatement of the parish council-owned land is complete. They request that any other problems related to the bridge works are reported so that they can be dealt with during the final activities. The Chairman asked Cllr Bale to check if anything more needs to be done relating to the new bridge and to respond to Mouchel Parkman.

