

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2005

Present: Cllr P Shields (Chairman)

Cllrs B Bale, C Price, J Robinson, P Shields, A Still, A Stone, G Chandler (after co-option), Sgt M Woods and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Carter, Cogdell and Cox and Mrs M Allcorn (Clerk).
2. **73.05 Casual vacancy:** Mr Graham Chandler was co-opted as a member of the council to replace Cllr Molyneux-Downs. Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Bale. Agreed nem con.
The Chairman welcomed Cllr Chandler who agreed to serve on the Property and Planning Committees. Cllr Chandler signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was given a form for registration of members' interests for completion and return to the Clerk.
3. **Chairman's announcements:**
Tidworth Development Trust: Cllr Bale will attend the meeting of the Culture and Leisure Committee on 8 December at 7.30 pm at Tidworth Leisure Centre.
Residents' Forum: A meeting of the Collingbournes and Everleigh Residents' Forum will take place in CD Village Hall on 12 December at 7.30 pm. The Chairman urged both councillors and members of the public to attend.
Village Hall Representative: A request has been received from the Trustees of the Village Hall for a parish council representative to replace ex-Cllr Jason Robinson. Cllr James Robinson agreed to take up this position.
WCC 'Leading by Example initiative': Details were read out and will be circulated to all councillors for their comments. On its return the Chair will complete and return the questionnaire.
Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals and Waste Development Framework and Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report: These documents are lodged with the Clerk and are available for scrutiny. The consultation period on this ends on 6 January 2006.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 3 November 2005.
The Minutes were agreed as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr Price seconded by Cllr Still. Agreed nem con.
66.05 Matters arising: In response to a question from Cllr Still the Chairman confirmed that nothing had been done by Wiltshire County Highways re road signs. He will continue to pursue the matter.
5. **Declaration(s) of Interest:**
Cllr Price declared an interest in agenda item 8 – CDVHT request for donation.
Cllrs Chandler and Stone declared their interest in agenda item 8 – recreation ground scale of charges review.
6. **67.05 Policing Issues:**
Liaison Committee Report: There was no report as Cllr Cogdell was not present.
Police re-organisation: Cllr Still reported on the recent meeting in Devizes and outlined the possible options. Copies of a questionnaire were given to all councillors and members of the public. When the councillors' completed questionnaires are returned to the Clerk the Chairman will determine the majority council view and respond to the Police Authority.
7. **Adjournment for public comments/questions – 7.55 pm.**

With reference to the previous item Sgt Mick Woods considered that the parish council should be concerned about ensuring that an efficient level of local policing is retained. The cost to taxpayers is also a key factor. He then answered questions from those present. The Chairman thanked Sgt Woods for attending.

The issue of dog fouling was raised and after much discussion the Chairman assured the meeting that the numerous representations he had received in the past week would be considered prior to a decision being made in Council.

The meeting reconvened at 8.20 pm.

8. **68.05 Finance Committee Report:**

Cllr JW Robinson presented the monthly financial statement for November 2005.

Letter of thanks: A letter of thanks for our donation has been received from Collingbournes & Everleigh Link Scheme.

CDVHT request for donation: After discussion it was agreed that a donation of £300 be made on the basis that this did not set a precedent for future years.

Proposed by Cllr Shields seconded by Cllr Stone. Carried by 5 votes to 1 with 1 abstention.

Litter: Details of the quotation from TDT for the provision of a litter picking operative had previously been circulated to councillors and after discussion the Chair of Finance confirmed that funds were available to conduct a limited trial. It was agreed that the Council will approach TDT for the provision of a litter picking operative on a trial basis for 4 hours per week, 1 visit per week for 3 months January/March 2006 at a cost of £34 per week. (13 weeks £442.00) A review of ongoing requirement to be carried out in March.

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

The following cheques were authorised:

M Cox £47.00 (expenses re mapping suitable for Land Registry).

KDC £740.25 (grounds maintenance Jul/Aug/Sep).

Community First £178.72 (additional premium to cover new play area).

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

69.05 Planning Committee report:

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

70.05 Property Committee report:

Cllr Bale presented her report.

Thanks to Mr Trevor Cook: A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr Trevor Cook for his recent groundworks to the recreation ground.

Recycling skips: Skips for garden and cardboard waste will be at Everleigh Road on Monday 23 January between 8.00 and 10.30 am. A full list of future dates can be found on www.collingbourne-ducis.com

Recreation Ground:

New Scale of Charges: Cllr Bale explained how the sub-committee had arrived at its recommendation for a revised scale of charges for the recreation ground. A spreadsheet was circulated with projections for future years.

After discussion it was agreed that the recreation ground current charges for usage by the Cricket and Football Clubs be increased by 35% for the year 1.4.06 to 31.3.07. Ad hoc users will be charged £25 for first 4 hours, thereafter £5 per hour. Village organisations holding fundraising events will be charged a nominal £5 for usage. Costs to Collingbourne Primary School to be determined after discussion with the Headteacher and will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Bale seconded by Cllr Still. Carried by 5 votes with 2 abstentions.

Dog Fouling: After considerable time had been spent discussing this problem and taking into account the many key points raised it was agreed that dogs will not be permitted on the Recreation Ground during the hours of darkness. (Specifically between official sunset and sunrise times).

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

Cllr Bale will obtain quotations for new signs to be placed at all entrances to the Recreation Ground.

9. **71.05 Highway matters:**

Street lighting: Cllr Price asked on behalf of Cllr Carter if representation could be made to WCC for additional street lighting on the road between the old school site and the entrance to the Church and Court Farm as this stretch of the A338 is proving hazardous for pedestrians and cyclists. Cllr Shields will contact WCC.

Traffic calming and Cadley Road/Chicks Lane issues: Cllr Shields reported that there has been no further progress on the Cadley Road/Chicks Lane junction in relation to the school crossing. He will take the matter up again.

10. **72.05 General matters:** None.11. **Date of next meeting:** 5 January 2006 at 7.30 pm. (Finance only).

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.