

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 8 APRIL 2014

CCL2014.04.08

At the Annual Parish Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **8 APRIL 2014**.

PRESENT

Cllr Dave Mitchell, Chairman
Cllrs Susan Cowsill, Susan Davies, Janet Dover, Tony Holloway, Mike Huntriss, KD Johnson, Barry Roberts, Peter Scriven, Graeme Smith and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Gary Adams, David Barnes, Sue Gretton, David Packer.

PC Ian Curtis

David McIntosh (Chief Executive - Christchurch and East Dorset Councils)

Phillip Cox (The Reef)

Life Education Wessex

Sting in the Tale

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Malcolm Birr (Chairman - East Dorset District Council)

Derek Radley (Victim Support)

Celia Stout and Jill Beech (Girl Guides)

Pat Temple (Citizens' Advice Bureau)

John Gooch (Colehill Community Library)

Jim Priest, Barbara Gooch

and Terry Munson (Colehill Memorial Hall)

415.14 WELCOME

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Dave Mitchell, welcomed the Members and guests present.

416.14 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 April 2013, having been circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

417.14 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Reviewing items dealt with during a very busy year, Cllr Mitchell made particular reference to the following matters:

- (a) Bytheway – the footpaths at this area, built on natural grass land, with so much wet weather, had stood up very well. It was a much used, much valued, amenity.
- (b) Colehill Community Library – January 2014 saw the celebration of a full year where the library had gone from strength to strength. It was being used by more and more children from the schools in the Parish and six user groups were using it almost like a community

centre. The abundance of volunteers was responsible for all the improvements that had been made.

- (c) The Reef – the funds were now available to build the Centre. Many thanks to David Topping for his persistence, thanks to Cllr Janet Dover for her achievements in getting extra funds from DCC and thanks to Cllr Susan Davies for promoting it and helping to raise funds.
- (d) Core Strategy – The Inspector's report was now in the public domain, the results of which were exceedingly disappointing. Many people in Colehill and Wimborne would be affected by the decisions made. The Chairman thanked Wimborne Cllrs Terry Wheeler and Alan Spencer who had worked with himself and Cllrs Davies and Packer consistently on the issues that were going to affect us.
- (e) Community Governance Review – There had been nothing of its kind for about 40 years. There was not much time to prepare a submission with the time period running from 7 April to 7 July. A working party was being set up and a public meeting would be held on 26 April.
- (f) The Chairman thanked the Councillors for the enormous amount of work that they do, saying that he was exceedingly grateful. The Chairman also thanked the Clerk for dealing with a number of matters that had arisen during the last year. The Chairman said that he had visited many parish and town councils and the objective and hard working attitude of Colehill Parish Council made him very proud and grateful for everything that was done.

Cllr Janet Dover thanked the Chairman, on behalf of the other Members, for the Chairman's kind words and for his commitment and hard work.

418.14 **PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS**
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

Copies of the audited Annual Return and External Auditor's Certificate and Opinion for the year ended 31 March 2013 had been circulated and a Receipts and Payments summary of the Accounts at 31 March 2014 was available for information.

RESOLVED that the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 be received and noted.

419.14

GRANT AID TO ORGANISATIONS

Colehill Memorial Hall Management Committee	£6000.00
ED Citizens' Advice Bureau	£1000.00
Life Education Wessex	£200.00
The Reef	£400.00
Colehill District Guides	£100.00
Sting in the Tale (EDALE)	£150.00
Colehill Community Library (payable in two payments)	£10,500.00
Victim Support	£100.00

The Chairman distributed the grants to the organisations, thanking them for attending the meeting. Terry Munson thanked the Members for the grant to the Memorial Hall. John Gooch thanked the Members for the library grant. Celia Stout thanked the Members and advised that the grant would help pay for the 100 year celebrations of guiding. Derek Radley thanked the Members for the grant and advised Members of the work of Victim Support. Pat Temple of the CAB thanked the Members and advised that the grant was very important in helping the CAB to continue providing advice to local residents.

The Chairman advised that the organisations that had been unable to attend (Life Education Wessex, The Reef and the Sting in the Tale) would receive their grants by post.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:15hrs.

CHAIRMAN