

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 23 APRIL 2013

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At the Annual Parish Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **23 APRIL 2013**.

PRESENT

Cllr Dave Mitchell, Chairman
Cllrs David Barnes, Susan Cowsill, Janet Dover, KD Johnson, David Packer, Peter Scriven, Graeme Smith and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Gary Adams, Susan Davies, Pat Francis, Sue Gretton, Tony Holloway and Don Wallace.

Cllr Mrs Lucy Clark (Chairman - East Dorset District Council)
Mr David McIntosh (Chief Executive - Christchurch and East Dorset Councils)
Ms Hazel Evans (Sting in the Tale)

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Malcolm Birr (Vice Chairman - East Dorset District Council)
John Gooch (Colehill Community Library)
Karen Cox (Colehill District Guides)
Jim Priest and Katie Richards (Colehill Memorial Hall)

482.13 WELCOME

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

483.13 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 April 2012, having been circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

484.13 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

- (a) Queen's Diamond Jubilee – A competition was held with all of the Colehill schools being invited to encourage pupils to enter a painting, poem or story on the theme of the Diamond Jubilee. There were many entries and it was a privilege and joy to look at all of the work and present the awards to the winning pupils.

Trees for Dorset donated a Copper Beech tree and this was planted to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. Many of the schools sent pupils to help with the planting.

- (b) Canford Bottom – The roundabout had now been completed and although it was not the first choice of most residents, it did seem to be an improvement on the previous roundabout.

- (c) Bytheway – the newly improved open space at Bytheway was proving to be very popular with residents.
- (d) Library – the community library was up and running thanks to the huge efforts made by a large team of people. A great deal of thanks should go to John Gooch for co-ordinating it all. The library was proving to be a very important feature in Colehill.
- (e) The Reef – many children have moved on to further education since the re-build fundraising started, however we must continue to support the fundraising of this important facility as there were still many children in the area who would benefit from the re-build.
- (f) Core Strategy – An exhibition was recently held in Allenvue House and, unfortunately, there was a feeling from the designer and agents that the development was a done deal. Residents must be made aware that this was not the case. The Council accepted that homes and affordable homes were needed, but there were alternatives to the development that had been presented. The spring edition of the newsletter would ask residents to give opinions to the working party. Members of the working party would be permitted to attend the Examination in Public to make representations.
- (g) Boundary Commission – More would be known on the recommendations for boundary changes in the coming months.

485.13 **PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS**
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

Copies of the audited Annual Return and External Auditor's Certificate and Opinion for the year ended 31 March 2012 had been circulated and a Receipts and Payments summary of the Accounts at 31 March 2013 was available for information.

RESOLVED that the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013 be received and noted.

486.13 **GRANT AID TO ORGANISATIONS**

Colehill Memorial Hall Management Committee	£6000.00
ED Citizens' Advice Bureau	£1000.00
Life Education Wessex	£200.00
The Reef	£300.00
Colehill District Guides	£140.00
Sting in the Tale (EDALE)	£150.00
Colehill Community Library (payable in two payments)	£10500.00

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The Chairman distributed the grants to the organisations, thanking them for attending the meeting. Katie Richards and Jim Priest thanked the Members for the grant to the Memorial Hall. John Gooch thanked the Members for the library grant and advised that the management committee were looking to do the work that was most visible, such as repairing and repainting the woodwork. They were also hoping to purchase new blinds to improve power point presentations. Karen Cox thanked the Members and advised that the grant would help pay for some of the Guiding leaders to attend the big countywide camp at Dorchester. The charge was £50 per adult and with some of the Guiding leaders being students they would appreciate their costs being subsidised.

The Chairman advised that the organisations that had been unable to attend (ED Citizens' Advice Bureau, Life Education Wessex and The Reef) would receive their grants by post.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:50hrs.

CHAIRMAN