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At the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held in the Betty Webster Committee Room at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **21 APRIL 2009**.

PRESENT

Cllrs Keith Baker, John Bell, Susan Davies, Janet Dover, John Gooch, Tony Holloway, KD Johnson, Joe Kingsmill, Dave Mitchell, Don Wallace, John Warren.

IN ATTENDANCE

District Cllr Mrs Pauline Reynolds, Vice-Chairman EDDC, and Mr Reynolds. PC Steve Brett.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Mike Bartlett, Coirin Duff, David Packer.
District Cllrs Mrs Pat Hymers and David Morgan.
EDDC Chief Executive - Mr Alan Breakwell.

419.09 WELCOME

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Keith Baker, welcomed the Members present.

420.09 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 April 2008, having been circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

421.09 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

(a) Parish Council Membership

During the year Cllr Dave Mitchell had joined the Council replacing Peter Finney. Ted Phillips had resigned and the vacancy was being advertised.

(b) Precept

The precept had increased from £20.00 to £21.70 to cover the proposed expenditure for The Reef and the allotments.

(c) Middlehill Road Traffic Calming

The work was almost complete and a safety audit would be carried out on whether the changes would be successful in reducing the speed of vehicles. The Speed Indicator Device continued to be successful in reducing vehicle speed.

(d) Police

The Safer Neighbourhood Team was proving to be a great success in Colehill with street corner meetings being held and the Partners and Communities Together (PACT) surgery being held outside the Co-op on the first Wednesday of every month.

- (e) Library
The library had been renovated and a new self service system installed.
- (f) Post Office Closures
Both post offices in Colehill would remain open.
- (g) The Reef
Planning Permission had been granted for the re-development of The Reef and fundraising for the development had begun.
- (h) Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)
A public meeting had been held to listen to the residents' views on the changes to the RSS. A planning appeal on the application for 61 dwellings at Heath Close had been dismissed.
- (i) Conservation Work Days
The Chairman thanked Cllr Johnson for continuing to arrange the conservation days.
- (j) Litter Picking Days
A litter picking morning had been held in January with another planned on 25 April 2009.
- (k) Allotments
EDDC had agreed to lease an area of land at Bytheway for allotment use. An ecological survey would be conducted in June and the residents and applicants consulted on the plans before applying for planning permission.
- (l) Cycle Path – Kyrchil Corner and Triangle Wood
Discussions had commenced regarding installing a cycle path through the Council's land to provide children with a safer route to school.
- (m) Parish Plan
The Parish Plan had been published in July 2008. The Parish Plan Group had been co-opted onto a sub-committee to continue the actions.
- (n) Newsletter
The Chairman thanked Cllr Davies for producing two very successful newsletters in October 2008 and April 2009. The newsletters were distributed to every household in the Parish.
- (o) Website
The website had been professionally designed and information continued to be added to it.

(p) Community Event

The Chairman thanked Cllr Davies for continuing to organise the Country Fair to be held on 16 August 2009.

(q) Window on Colehill

The Council had been working closely with St Michael's Church on this event. It would be held on 27 June and would be an opportunity for local clubs and societies to showcase their activities to local people. The Council had also funded the Christmas Tree located at the Church and attended the Carol service.

The Chairman concluded his report by thanking the Members for their support and inviting comments or questions about the matters raised.

RESOLVED that the Chairman be thanked for his comprehensive report.

**422.09 PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008**

Copies of the audited Annual Return and External Auditor's Certificate and Opinion for the year ended 31 March 2008 had been circulated and a Receipts and Payments summary of the Accounts at 31 March 2009 was available for information.

RESOLVED that the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2008 be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked the Members for their hard work and support during the last year and closed the meeting at 19.17 hours.

CHAIRMAN