

COUNCIL MEETING – 5 MARCH 2013

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At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **5 MARCH 2013**.

PRESENT

Cllr Dave Mitchell, Chairman  
Cllr Susan Davies, Vice-Chairman  
Cllrs David Barnes, Susan Cowsill, Tony Holloway, KD Johnson, David Packer, Peter Scriven, Graeme Smith and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Gary Adams, Janet Dover, Pat Francis, Sue Gretton and Don Wallace.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr David Tarring.

**405.13      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**406.13      CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman advised that Colehill Community Library was a private limited company. Residents could become members and there were 54 members to date. It was hoped that the library would obtain charity status by the summer.

**407.13      COLEHILL AND WIMBORNE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Mr David Tarring advised that six companies had provided tenders. None of them were below the budget figures. The architect could get the tender price down from £680,000 to £640,000 by paring back some of the materials, sub-contract quotes, contingencies and internal fixings. The £640,000 could then be further reduced to £550,000 by redrafting the materials to be used on some other aspects. David said that one option was to have one storey for the time being, this would cost £536,000. There would be a £5000 fee for the plan change.

The work could not start before the end of this financial year. Resulting in one grant of £8,000 being lost because it could only be used for construction starting before 31 March 2013.

The Chairman advised that he and the Vice-Chairman had met with Richard Henshaw and Ron Tomlin. There was no further financial aid available, however it seemed probable that the £200,000 loan could continue to be held by the Parish Council.

**408.13**     **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 January were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

**409.13**     **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

**410.13**     **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a)     **HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 5 February**

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

364.13 Matters Arising 313.12 Burts Hill Cllr Dover had advised that DCC would commence the resurfacing and drainage works at Burts Hill on 15 April.

364.13 Matters Arising 336.13 (c) PC Brett had advised that police no waiting cones could only be deployed for a maximum period of seven days and that this was above his pay grade and would need to be decided by DCC Highways in consultation with the police. Cllr Dover had agreed to contact DCC Highways on behalf of the Parish Council.

364.13 Matters Arising 336.13 (d) Cllr Dover to be advised that the Parish Council would like her to continue to ask DCC to add Burts Hill and Long Lane to their gritting list.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(b)     **HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 26 February**

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

384.13 PA 3/12/1049/FUL – 8 Park Homer Road Cllr Packer advised that EDDC had refused PA 3/12/1049/FUL.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(c)     **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 26 February**

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

397.13 (C) Grit Bin Signage PC Brett had attended the address of the keeper of the car but no one was at home. PC Brett advised that all the evidence pointed to the public path and road being gritted and that there was no residue on their driveway or garden paths so he had not pursued the matter further.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

**411.13**      **CORE STRATEGY**

The Chairman asked Members to approve the setting up a working party to prepare an alternative report to the proposed development at Burts Hill (WMC5). He thought that the working party would be made up of Colehill councillors, with Wimborne councillors and other interested people being co-opted.

Cllr Warren said that the working party must consider everyone in Colehill. It should be a balanced group working for the interests of people who wanted a home in Colehill and that social housing had to be a main priority.

Cllr Scriven proposed, seconded by Cllr Cowsill, that a working party to prepare an alternative report to the proposed development at Burts Hill be approved. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that a working party to prepare an alternative report to the proposed development at Burts Hill be approved.

**412.13**      **DAPTC INVITATION**

The Chief Executive was retiring and the members of DAPTC had been asked to consider contributing towards a leaving celebration on 24 March.

Cllr Warren proposed, seconded by Cllr Johnson, that the Council contribute towards the costs of the leaving celebration. 3:7

RESOLVED that no contribution be made, although Members could make personal contributions if they wished.

**413.13**      **CANON JOHN GOODALL**

The Chairman advised that Canon John Goodall would be retiring in September. The church would be organising a collection and Members could make personal contributions to this if they wished.

NOTED.

**414.13**      **COLEHILL COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**

The Chairman updated Members on the Allotment Association. He advised that 78 people were on the waiting list and that the membership consisted of 43 people, 28 of whom were fee paying. Two sites had been offered to the Association, however they had both been rejected.

NOTED.

**415.13 ALTERATION TO STANDING ORDER 2(i)**

Cllrs Davies, Cowsill and Barnes proposed by way of a written statement that Standing Order 2(i), shown below, be altered to permit the current Chairman to stand again for office without requirement for the period of two years to elapse.

The alteration would only concern the Chairman of Council. Not Vice-Chairman of Council or Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees.

Standing Order 2(i)

*Where a Member of the Council has served as Chairman or Vice-Chairman of Council for two consecutive years or part thereof, he/she shall not be eligible for nomination to the same office for a further period until at least two years have elapsed*

After discussion Cllr Packer proposed, seconded by Cllr Barnes, that a Chairman of the Parish Council who has served two consecutive years in that capacity shall not be barred from standing for a third year immediately after". 5:4 (1 abstention).

RESOLVED that Standing Order 2(i) be altered to:

Where a Member of the Council has served as Chairman for two consecutive years in that capacity he/she shall not be barred from standing for a third year immediately after.

A new paragraph would need to be inserted as 2(j):

The Vice-Chairman of Council and Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen who have served for two consecutive years or part thereof, shall not be eligible for nomination to the same office for a further period until at least two years have elapsed.

**416.13 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN**

Cllr Davies advised that it would soon be time to elect committee chairmen and vice-chairmen and she urged Members to consider standing for these positions.

NOTED.

**417.13 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

Cllr Holloway proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith, that as the Parish Council had met the eligibility criteria of a Qualified Clerk and that two thirds of the Members had been elected the Council approve the use of the General Power of Competence. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that Colehill Parish Council having met the eligibility criteria, now declare that the Council is able to use the General Power of Competence.

**418.13 APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

RESOLVED that a leave of absence for Cllr Wallace, with effect from 5 March 2013, be approved.

**419.13 REPORTS  
EDDC**

Cllr Packer advised that the council tax had been increased by 1.95%.

**DAPTC**

Cllr Warren had attended a recent meeting where members had advised that a field in Sturminster Marshall had been sold to about 20 different people, making it difficult for the landowners to be traced. He said that Members should keep an eye on who was buying local land.

**420.13 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED that the accounts listed in Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

**421.13 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- (a) The development at Marshfield was due to commence in two weeks and would take approximately 10 months.
- (b) DCC had postponed the next Parliamentary constituency boundary review until 2018.
- (c) The Clerk was trying to contact the organiser of the St Michael's School firework display.

The Meeting ended at 21.15 hrs.

CHAIRMAN