

COUNCIL MEETING – 11 DECEMBER 2012

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At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **11 DECEMBER 2012**.

PRESENT

Cllr Dave Mitchell, Chairman
Cllr Susan Davies, Vice-Chairman
Cllrs Gary Adams, Susan Cowsill, Sue Gretton, Peter Scriven, Graeme Smith and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs David Barnes, Janet Dover, Pat Francis, Tony Holloway, KD Johnson, David Packer and Don Wallace.

Mr Keith Dalton, Play Inspection Company.

Mrs Tracey Paine, Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE

Carina Gallacher, Senior Open Spaces & Countryside Technical Officer, Christchurch and East Dorset Councils.

289.12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

290.12 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman said the switching on of the Christmas Tree lights was a very successful event and it was lovely to see it revert to tradition and have carol singing, which was enjoyed by all. The Christmas market in the church and church centre was very well supported with hundreds of local people attending.

The Chairman had attended Verwood's Civic Reception.

The planting of the Jubilee Tree was a lovely event attended by local school children. A copper beech had been planted on the green opposite the Co-op and a plaque had been placed there commemorating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

In accordance with Standing Orders, the Chairman advised Council that a formal complaint had been received about a Member of the Parish Council. The Chairman had contacted the complainant and the matter had been resolved by informal resolution.

The contract for the library was due to be signed on 12/13 December, as was the lease. The community would officially take over the library on 8 January 2013. A number of volunteers had been trained to operate the library systems. An official opening would be held on 9 February, National

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Libraries Day, followed by a reception in the Memorial Hall. New signs had been made and the library would be known as Colehill Community Library.

291.12 OLIVER'S PARK PLAY AREA

Carina Gallacher, the Senior Open Spaces & Countryside Technical Officer from Christchurch and East Dorset Councils, advised that she visited Oliver's Park play area in the summer with a view to making improvements to access and surfaces. She observed two children, aged approximately 7 years and 9 years, using the slide inappropriately which she considered to be a serious risk to their safety. She observed that adults were in the play area but were not supervising the children. She had contacted Playdale and discussed options to mitigate risk and had advised the Parish Council that it might be liable should an accident occur. There were three options:

1. Take no action.
2. Visit the site on a regular basis and monitor over periods of peak use.
3. Make adaptions to the equipment which would be at the Council's expense.

Cllr Warren, seconded by Cllr Cowsill, proposed that a site visit be arranged to look at the potential hazard and a decision then be made as to how to proceed. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that a site visit be arranged to look at the potential hazard and a decision then be made as to how to proceed.

292.12 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 November were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

293.12 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

253.12 (201.12b and 180.12) Part Night Street Lighting – Mrs Annette Brooke MP had written to the DCC Chief Executive requesting that the lighting at Middlehill Road remain on overnight.

294.12 COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 20 November
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

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- (b) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 27 November
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

282.12 The owner/occupier of the property at Cannon Hill Road had been told to remove the boulders that were obstructing the pathway. The boulders had been moved back nearer the fence but not removed. John Williamson to be informed and asked to take action.

285.12 The top rail of the bench by the library was split.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

295.12 ST MICHAEL'S DIRT (Minute 267.12 refers)

A meeting was held at St Michael's Dirt with Nick Dunn, Ben Dunston, Darren Williams and Josh Hinves. Following this meeting the group had drawn up plans to re-model and renovate the jumps, creating jumps suitable for experienced riders as well as jumps more suitable for the younger, less experienced ones. The winter months were the most appropriate months to do this. They were advised that no materials could be brought into the site and only existing materials could be used. Nick Dunn said that there was plenty of dirt and clay in the site and it was their intention to use this to create a series of progressive jumps for riders following similar lines to the existing layout. They would also make efforts to improve the drainage without allowing water to run onto the highway. Nick Dunn also advised of specialist companies that insure trails, which may be more appropriate for St Michael's Dirt. Nick would inform the Clerk.

RESOLVED that this group be permitted to make the changes and improvements to the trail, starting in the New Year and the Clerk would send the details of guidelines/restrictions on jumps to Nick Dunn.

296.12 LOCALISING COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT

RESOLVED that no councillors would attend the EDDC briefing on localising council tax support.

297.12 RECEPTION REVIEW

The WI had catered for 100 people at £12.50 per head. The day before the event 98 people were attending, however on the actual day ten people cancelled. Four people advised on the day that they would like to attend, making an expected attendance of 92. On the evening eight people did not attend making the actual attendance 84.

It was agreed that the invitation be changed to encourage guests to reply sooner.

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Cllr Davies suggested that should we have young people entertaining the guests at future events, every effort should be made to ensure that the musicians were listened to in a relatively quiet atmosphere so that the music could be fully appreciated.

NOTED.

298.12 GIRL GUIDE ATTENDANCE AT RECEPTION

Members considered whether a donation should be made to the Girl Guides for helping at the Reception.

RESOLVED that no donation be made. 7:1

299.12 ACCESS LICENCES

The Clerk advised that the September cpi increase of 2.2% would increase the 2013-14 access licence fee to £225.

The access licence runs from 1 April to 31 March each year and three properties at Kyrchil Way were permitted to apply for one if desired.

NOTED.

300.12 REPORTS

WIMBORNE CEMETERY JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A response had been sent to the Information Commissioner.

Two new apprentices from Kingston Maurward College were being employed.

COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

At the recent AGM Keith Baker resigned as chairman. Cllr Gretton and Katy Richards would jointly take on the responsibility. The Clerk to send a letter to Keith Baker thanking him for all his hard work.

The film night (A Good Year) was very successful and would raise a few hundred pounds.

A new water heater, new windows and door would be installed in the kitchen.

A deep clean of all the toilet facilities would be carried out and new sanitary ware would be installed in the gents' cloakroom.

Some new chairs had been purchased with some of the older ones being given to the library.

New hire costs had been agreed for 2013. The list would be given to the Clerk for circulating to Members.

PACT

John Shave would be standing down as chairman on 10th January 2013 and a new chairman elected.

EDITORIAL BOARD

Cllr Davies suggested further reducing the print run of the newsletter as she still had 4 boxes of newsletters left over. The value of the newsletter had now diminished and fewer people would pick up copies.

ETAG

Cllr Mitchell advised that a long response to the Core Strategy had been submitted to the consultation.

301.12 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.

302.12 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- (a) Triangle Woods. Cllr Cowsill reported that logs were being cut and removed from the woods, evidence of fresh sawdust. Notices to go up advising the public that it was theft to take wood from council land.
- (b) Cllr Davies advised that Merrifield Wood was a mess and a lot of the brush needed removing and the holly cutting back. The matter to be referred to the next Highways and Plans Committee.
- (c) Cllr Adams witnessed young teenagers handing money to an adult who went into the Co-op to purchase alcohol for them. The Clerk to advise PCSO Matt Johnson and also the Co-op Manager.

The Meeting ended at 20:45 hrs.

CHAIRMAN