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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of
COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the MEMORIAL HALL on
30 OCTOBER 2007.

PRESENT

Cllr John Gooch, Chairman
Cllr Peter Finney, Vice Chairman
Cllrs Keith Baker, John Bell, Susan Davies, Coirin Duff, Tony Holloway,
KD Johnson, Joe Kingsmill, John Warren (R).

APOLOGIES

Cllrs David Packer, John Bell.

249.07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr John Gooch declared a personal interest in Minute 251.07(b) -
Applications for Grants and Donations 2007/08 Colehill Memorial Hall
Committee.

250.07 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 September, having been circulated,
were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

251.07 GRANTS AND DONATIONS

The following applications were considered:

(a) **VOLUNTARY ART PROJECTS WITH SCHOOLS**

Proposed by Cllr Baker that, subject to an application being received
from Beaucroft School, £200 be awarded to Beaucroft School to
enable Mr Derek Homer to start the art project at the School,
seconded by Cllr Johnson. All in favour.

RESOLVED that a donation of £200 be approved under Section 137
of the 1972 Local Government Act.

(b) **COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Cllr Warren that £6000 be awarded to Colehill
Memorial Hall Committee, seconded by Cllr Johnson. All in favour.

Cllr Gooch abstained due to his personal interest in the Memorial
Hall and Cllr Duff abstained as dispensation had not yet been granted
by the Standards Committee.

RESOLVED that a grant of £6000 be approved under Section 133 of
the 1972 Local Government Act.

(c) **WRVS – COLEHILL LUNCHEON CLUB**

Proposed by Cllr Gooch that £250 be awarded to the Colehill
Luncheon Club, seconded by Cllr Johnson. All in favour.

RESOLVED that a donation of £250 be approved under Section 137
of the 1972 Local Government Act.

- (d) COLEHILL SPORTS YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB
Proposed by Cllr Warren that £250 be awarded to the Colehill Sports Youth Football Club, seconded by Cllr Baker. All in favour.

RESOLVED that a donation of £250 be approved under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

**252.07 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS
YEAR END 31 MARCH 2006**

The Annual Return had been completed by the Auditor on 19 September. Copies of the Issues Arising note had been circulated to all Members. The Auditor identified that an asset valuation had not been completed since 2005 and recommended that valuations be obtained and the asset register reviewed.

RESOLVED that the Annual Return be approved and accepted and that the asset register be reviewed at the Risk Assessment Sub Committee on 6 November 2007.

253.07 ACCOUNTS – HALF YEAR 2007

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement (Appendix 1) from 1 April-30 September 2007.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.

**254.07 INTERNAL AUDIT
HALF YEAR TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007**

David Maidment had completed the half-year Internal Audit. The report letter to the Chairman of Council had been circulated to all Members. The Auditor had discussed a number of issues regarding VAT with the Clerk and the accounts were amended where required. Apart from these minor anomalies, he was satisfied with the accounts.

The report was NOTED by Members.

**255.07 ANNUAL REVIEW OF BALANCES AND EARMARKED RESERVES
BUDGET 2008-2009**

The Clerk had circulated Draft Estimates and Budget which included a forecast of balances attached at Appendix 2.

BALANCES

These were £23337.77 at half year and estimated at £56155.00 at year end March 2008. The Chairman explained that the half year figure included £1694.53 (160 Parish Plan). He considered that this amount should be shown separately.

DRAFT BUDGET 2008/09

Cllr Johnson proposed that the precept for the Cemetery Committee be raised to £2500, seconded by Cllr Finney. All in favour.

Cllr Gooch proposed that the Cemetery Committee complete a 3 year business plan, seconded by Cllr Baker. Voting: 9-1.

Cllr Gooch raised a number of queries which he would discuss with the Clerk and the revised Draft Estimates and Budget and Estimated Balances would be circulated with the Agenda for the next Council meeting.

RESOLVED that Cllr Gooch meet with the Clerk to draw up revised draft Estimates and Budget and Estimated Balances for discussion at the next Council Meeting to be held on 4 December.

256.07 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED that the accounts listed at Appendix 3 be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

257.07 PARISH COUNCIL RECEPTION

Arrangements were in hand for the Parish Council's annual reception. Invitations had been prepared in accordance with previous years, catering would be undertaken by Colehill WI at £10 per head. The President of the WI had explained that the fee was for refreshments only; the WI would not charge for their time.

The Colehill Floral Arrangement Club would be providing the flower arrangements.

RESOLVED that the Chairman contact the President of the WI to discuss whether it would be appropriate to grant a donation for their time.

258.07 MILEAGE RATE (Minute 208.07 refers)

Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils had recently advised that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services car allowance rates had increased to 40.5p per mile. The Council had increased the rate from 40p to 40.5p in June 2007. However, mileage paid above 40p involved tax implications. Further investigations had shown that EDDC's mileage rate had remained at 40p per mile.

RESOLVED that the mileage rate for the Clerk and Councillors be paid at 40p per mile.

259.07 CONTINENTAL LANDSCAPES LTD

East Dorset District Council had asked the Council to agree to a quotation of £324 plus VAT from Continental Landscapes Ltd for "fluffing" up of existing bark mulch and re-levelling at Oliver's Park Play Area.

RESOLVED that on confirmation that best value had been obtained, the quotation of £324 plus VAT be agreed.

260.07 ITEM FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Johnson requested that an item be placed on the next Agenda to discuss holding Finance and General Purposes Committee on separate evenings from Highways and Plans Committee.

The Meeting ended at 21.30 hrs.

CHAIRMAN