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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the MEMORIAL HALL on **11 DECEMBER 2007**.

PRESENT

Cllr John Gooch, Chairman
Cllrs Keith Baker, John Bell, Susan Davies, Janet Dover, KD Johnson,
Joe Kingsmill, David Packer, Ted Phillips (R).

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Coirin Duff, Peter Finney, Tony Holloway.

311.07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Packer declared a personal interest in Minute 318.07 – Walford Mill Education Trust.

312.07 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 October, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

313.07 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 255.07 Annual Review of Balances and Earmarked Reserves Budget 2008-2009 Cllr Gooch reported that he would produce a paper on how the budget process could be improved for 2009-2010.

314.07 LAND MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The report of the meeting held on 16 October 2007 was submitted and appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

315.07 RISK ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The report of the meeting held on 6 November 2007 was submitted and appears as Appendix 2 to these Minutes.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

316.07 OLIVER'S PARK PLAY AREA

EDDC had provided several plans and quotations for new play equipment at the play area. The Committee discussed the options and benefits of the various equipment and decided that the site should remain on two levels.

Cllr Dover requested that Committee consider choosing equipment which was roof free, this would prevent older young people from gathering under the equipment.

Cllr Baker proposed that the equipment be roof free, seconded by Cllr Dover.

Voting: For 6 Against 2 Abstention 1.

RESOLVED that the site remain on two levels and the equipment be roof free. The Clerk to inform EDDC's Children and Young People's Development Officer of these decisions and to ask that he proceed with the grant applications to fund the new equipment.

317.07 MEETING DATES OF FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Cllr Johnson requested that the meetings of Finance and General Purposes Committee be held on a separate Tuesday to Highways and Plans Committee.

The Committee considered whether it was necessary to hold all the meetings on a separate Tuesday or just on those occasions when setting the budget or issuing grants and donations.

Cllr Packer proposed that the meetings should only be held on a separate Tuesday when the budget or grants and donations would be discussed, seconded by Cllr Baker.

Voting: For 6 Against 2

RESOLVED that Finance and General Purposes Committee continue to be held after Highways and Plans Committee, except for when the budget and grants and donations would be discussed.

318.07 WALFORD MILL EDUCATION TRUST

A request had been received from Walford Mill Education Trust for £100 towards their activities for 2008.

No information had been forthcoming as to how Colehill residents would benefit from the Trust's activities and no accounts had been provided. After discussion it was decided that no grant would be issued at this time, but that the Trust should be advised that they could apply for a grant in April 2008.

RESOLVED that no grant be issued at this time. The Clerk to advise the Trust that they could apply for a grant in April 2008.

319.07 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SPONSORSHIP FOR DISPLAYS

A request had been received from EDDC's Anti Social Behaviour Reduction Officer for sponsorship on educational displays.

After discussion it was decided not to offer sponsorship.

RESOLVED that no sponsorship be offered. The Clerk to refer the Officer to Police and Communities Together (PACT) advising him that this organisation might wish to contribute.

320.07 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

The Meeting ended at 9.30 hrs.

CHAIRMAN