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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of  
COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the MEMORIAL HALL on  
**29 JANUARY 2008.**

**PRESENT**

Cllr John Gooch, Chairman  
Cllr Peter Finney, Vice Chairman  
Cllrs Keith Baker, Coirin Duff, KD Johnson, Joe Kingsmill, David Packer.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs John Bell, Susan Davies, Janet Dover (R), Tony Holloway.

**361.08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**362.08 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 December, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

**363.08 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**364.08 REVIEW OF SPECIFIC AND GENERAL RESERVES**

Cllr Gooch presented a report on the specific and general reserves, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

Cllr Kingsmill proposed and Cllr Johnson seconded that the earmarked reserves be amended to:

100/19 Repairs and renewals office equipment	£2685.80
120 Oliver's Park	£10000.00
130/2 Street lighting	£2000.00
135/6 Road safety	£2000.00
170 Future play areas	£5000.00

Unanimous.

Cllr Gooch explained that he had sought guidance on the amount of reserves appropriate for the Council and advised Committee that the Council's reserves should be between 25-50% of the annual precept. Cllr Baker proposed and Cllr Packer seconded that the Council's reserves be between 25-50% of the annual precept. Unanimous.

**RESOLVED** that the earmarked reserves be amended as shown above and that the reserves be between 25-50% of the annual precept.

**365.08** ACCOUNTS

The accounts from 1 April 07 to 31 December 07 were presented, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 2 to these Minutes.

NOTED.

**366.08** EDDC CONSULTATION COUNCIL TAX 2008/09

EDDC had invited four Councillors and the Clerk to attend a consultation Council Tax meeting on 5 February 2008 at 7.00 pm.

RESOLVED that Cllrs Finney, Johnson and Kingsmill attend.

**367.08** PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Cllr Baker explained that it was clear from comments received by Colehill residents, through the parish plan questionnaire, that they would appreciate receiving a Parish Council newsletter to update them on parish news and events.

RESOLVED that this Committee recommend to Council that this item be considered.

**368.08** OLIVER'S PARK PLAY AREA

Due to an error, EDDC had not charged the Council for maintenance work at Oliver's Park play area.

From 1 April 2008 the charge would be £1,500.19 per annum which included:

Grass cutting 15 times per annum	£15.25pa
Inspecting play area/removing litter 21 times per annum	£623.70pa
Maintaining/replenishing the play bark 4 times per annum	£789.80pa
A 5% admin charge.	

This is in addition to the grass cutting charges elsewhere in the parish, the charge made for the play area safety inspections by EDDC staff and the biannual "fluffing" up of the bark.

RESOLVED that the Council pay the £1,500.19 per annum from 1 April 2008.

**369.08** CCTV SERVICE

The CCTV system had not been serviced since its installation in March 2007 and X-Act Security Ltd had advised that a service was due at a cost of £489.00 + VAT.

RESOLVED that X-Act Security be permitted to service the CCTV system.

**370.08** CCTV SIGN

The lead CCTV operative at Wimborne Police Station had advised that a further sign promoting the CCTV, placed close to the bus stop in Wimborne Road, could act as a deterrent to vandalism.

A quotation of £55.00 for the sign had been obtained from Ottokampf and permission had been sought from Dorset County Council to attach a sign to street light No 58.

It was considered that the sign would be more prominent if displayed on the bus stop.

RESOLVED that the Clerk order the sign at £55.00 and investigate whether it could be displayed on the bus stop rather than the street light.

**371.08 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

**372.08 CANNON HILL PLANTATION**

Cllr Gooch reported that the roof on two of the concrete sections of the main drain at Cannon Hill Plantation had collapsed.

RESOLVED that the Clerk inform Andrew Norris of the Forestry Commission.

The Meeting ended at 21.00 hrs.

CHAIRMAN