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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the MEMORIAL HALL on **15 JULY 2008**.

**PRESENT**

Cllr John Gooch, Chairman

Cllr Peter Finney, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs Keith Baker, Coirín Duff, Joe Kingsmill, David Packer, John Warren.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs John Bell, Susan Davies, Janet Dover (R) and KD Johnson.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs E Guilmant-Cush attended the meeting regarding Item 5 - Proposed Colehill Community Coffee Shop.

**97.08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations.

**98.08 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 June, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

**99.08 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**100.08 PROPOSED COLEHILL COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP**

The Chairman of Committee welcomed Mrs Guilmant-Cush to the meeting and asked her to introduce this proposal.

Mrs Guilmant-Cush explained her ideas to provide a volunteer run weekly coffee morning at a location in Colehill to act as a meeting point for residents of Colehill.

It was considered that the Memorial Hall would be an appropriate venue for the coffee mornings and that the coffee mornings should aim to commence in September, with the Council helping to organise notices and publicity through the Council's newsletter.

Mrs Guilmant-Cush was asked to contact the Bookings Secretary at the Memorial Hall to determine hall availability and to investigate whether any WI volunteers would be willing to run the coffee mornings and to report back with firm proposals.

**101.08 COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL**

The Colehill Memorial Hall Management Committee had asked for assurance that the Council would provide emergency financial support to Colehill Memorial Hall should the need arise.

Cllr Warren proposed that the Council provide emergency financial support to Colehill Memorial Hall, seconded by Cllr Packer. 6:0 (1 abstention).

Cllr Packer requested that feedback continue to be forthcoming on the expenditure of the heating works at the Hall.

RESOLVED that the Council provide emergency financial support to Colehill Memorial Hall and that feedback continue to be forthcoming regarding the heating works expenditure.

**102.08 COLEHILL COMMUNITY WEBSITE**

Cllr Packer updated Committee on the recent meetings with the two website consultants. The consultants had been asked to further demonstrate their content management systems and provide information on training and support.

Additional systems needed to be added by West Borough Consulting resulting in the quotation increasing to a one off fee of £2875.00 with a monthly fee of £66.81. Adido Solutions' one off fee was £2750.00 with a monthly fee of £50.00.

The Editorial Board recommended hiring Adido Solutions as the Council's website consultant.

Cllr Finney proposed that the Council hire Adido Solutions as the Council's website consultant, seconded by Cllr Warren. Unanimous

RESOLVED that Adido Solutions be hired as the Council's website consultant and that a one off fee of £2750.00 be paid with a monthly payment of £50.00.

**103.08 COMMUNITY EVENT**

As part of the aims of the Parish Plan community action plan, Committee was asked to consider organising a community event for Colehill children.

The Chairman of Committee considered that this item should be deferred to full Council on 19 August 2008.

NOTED.

**104.08 LAND MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**

The report of the Meeting held on 8 July was submitted. (Appendix 1 to these Minutes).

6. Professional Survey Inspection Cllr Warren enquired whether a local resident would be permitted to remove logs from Triangle Wood for home use. Cllr Kingsmill explained that removal of logs could not be permitted at present, but that once quotations had been obtained for the tree work it would be decided whether the felled wood should be removed from site or left and made into logs for residents' use. More information would be provided at a future meeting.

4. BMX Trail Cllr Finney reported that he had completed the July inspection of the BMX trail.
7. Main BMX Sign Cllr Warren enquired as to whether consideration had been given to the safety of riders who chose to ride on the BMX trail when no other riders were present. It was considered that the words “ride at your own risk” or similar be added to the main BMX Sign.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

**105.08 ALLOTMENT PROPOSAL**

Cllr Baker reported on his and the Clerk’s meeting with EDDC’s Head of Community Services regarding an allotment provision in Colehill. A report would be going to EDDC’s Policy and Resources Committee on 3 September to recommend the leasing of an area of land at By the Way to the Council.

Cllr Baker advised that a letter had been sent to the residents in Churchmoor Road and 60-94 Cutlers Place inviting them to a street meeting at Churchmoor Road on 19 August, from 17.00 to 18.30 hours, to discuss the Council’s plans for allotments. Cllr Baker requested that the Councillors attend this meeting if they were available.

Cllr Packer reported that Wimborne Minster Town Council had confirmed that Wimborne allotment holders were expected to cultivate their allotments or risk losing them. He would be enquiring if this arrangement was the same at the Cuthbury allotments.

NOTED.

**106.08 PROPOSED PUBLIC MEETING – 3 SEPTEMBER 2008**

Cllr Baker reported that Keep Wimborne Green had arranged a public meeting on 3 September and had requested that the Council pay the printing costs of publicising the event and fund the hall hire charges.

It was considered that the Council should run the meeting, with the Chair of Keep Wimborne Green invited to be a guest speaker.

RESOLVED that Cllr Baker meet with the Chair of Keep Wimborne Green to request that the Council run the public meeting on 3 September.

**107.08 ACCOUNTS**

The accounts from 1 April to 30 June 2008 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.

**108.08 REMOVAL OF TELEPHONE BOXES (Minute 51.08 refers)**

EDDC had been informed of the Council's objections to the removal of the telephone boxes in Beaucroft Road, Leigh Lane, Middlehill Road and Sandy Lane.

However, EDDC's Policy and Resources Committee had no objection to the removal of these four boxes as it was considered that there was little justification to their retention due to the fact that they were in the main urban area where mobile phone signals were stronger than in the rural area, that there were other facilities open to the public that could be accessed in an emergency and there were other call boxes in the vicinity that were not due for removal (one in Dales Drive by One Stop and one opposite the Post Office).

At the Policy and Resources Committee on 9 July, Cllr Dover made a recommendation to retain the Middlehill Road telephone box and this was accepted by the Committee.

Therefore, the Policy and Resources Committee recommended that no objection be given to the removal of the three remaining telephone boxes.

NOTED.

**109.08 DORSET POLICE**

Notification had been received that from 14 July 2008, Inspector Mike Darkin from Bournemouth would take over from Inspector Ernie Henley who was moving to the Traffic Section for Dorset County Division based in Dorchester.

NOTED.

**110.08 CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION**

The Clerk reported that the CCTV camera, situated at the Post Office, had been removed from site for several days for emergency repair work. The CCTV camera was now working efficiently.

NOTED.

**111.08 COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL (Minute 52.08 refers)**

The Management Hall Committee had reported that the Council would no longer be asked to be Contributing Third Party on a grant from SITA as the grant application had been withdrawn.

NOTED.

**112.08 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

**113.08 WAR MEMORIAL**

Cllr Warren reported that the War Memorial would benefit from being cleaned, it had probably not been cleaned since 2004/05. Cllrs Baker and Johnson had inspected it in 2007 and considered that it did not need cleaning. The Clerk was advised to inspect the War Memorial at the end of September to determine whether it should be cleaned and report the findings to a future meeting.

The Meeting ended at 21.15 hrs.

CHAIRMAN