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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at Colehill Memorial Hall on **24 February 2009**.

**PRESENT**

Cllr KD Johnson, Vice-Chairman (In the Chair)  
Cllrs Keith Baker, John Bell, Susan Davies, Coirin Duff, Tony Holloway (R),  
Joe Kingsmill, Dave Mitchell and David Packer.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr John Gooch and John Warren.

**351.09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations.

**352.09 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 January 2009, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

**353.09 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**354.09 LAND MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**

The report of the meeting held on 10 February was submitted and is attached at Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

- (8) Allotments – The Dorset Ecological Consultancy had made an additional recommendation to their report stating that a summer survey should be carried out to determine what species of plants were present.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

**355.09 WIMBORNE CEMETERY BUSINESS PLAN**

It was agreed that this item be deferred to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 14 April.

**356.09 STREET LIGHTING**

Cllr Packer presented a report detailing the approximate costs involved with retaining the Parish street lights or having DCC adopt them.

Cllr Kingsmill proposed that Cllr Packer investigate the details further and report the findings to a future meeting, seconded by Cllr Mitchell.  
Unanimous.

RESOLVED that Cllr Packer continue to investigate the details and report back to a future meeting.

**357.09 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE**

Following the success of the installation of a Christmas tree at St Michael's Church in December 2008, the Chairman of Council asked Committee to consider funding a Christmas tree for 2009.

Cllr Johnson proposed that a Christmas tree, including delivery, be funded by the Council at an approximate cost of £200, and that Christmas lights be purchased to the value of £100, seconded by Cllr Packer. 9-1.

RESOLVED that the Christmas tree, delivery and lights be funded by the Council at a cost of approximately £300.

**358.09 EQUIPMENT FOR CCTV VOLUNTEERS**

Dorset Police had requested a contribution of £200 for the purchase of three office chairs for the CCTV volunteers. A further £200 would be contributed by Wimborne Minster Town Council.

Cllr Baker proposed that a contribution of £200 be made, seconded by Cllr Mitchell. 6-2 (1 abstention).

RESOLVED that a contribution of £200 be made.

**359.09 BEST COMMUNITY VILLAGE COMPETITION 2009**

Dorset Community Action was promoting the Dorset Best Kept Village competition and the Dorset Best Community Village competition. The closing date for both competitions was 31 March 2009.

The Clerk advised that the Best Kept Village competition involved keeping the village tidy and litter free and the Best Community Village competition involved promoting individual and community involvement by caring for all inhabitants, particularly younger or older people, and stimulating village life by means of organisations, activities and communications.

The Clerk considered that it was too late to enter for this year's competition but that preparations could commence for entry into next year's Best Kept Community Village competition.

Cllr Baker requested that the details be emailed to the Councillors and this item be discussed at a future meeting.

NOTED.

**360.09 CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

Cllr Warren had asked Committee to consider organising a competition for the house with the best Christmas decorations for Christmas 2009.

Councillors discussed a similar competition held by East Dorset Housing Association. The Housing Association had received criticism from tenants who felt that the competition was inappropriate in the economic climate. In light of this criticism it was decided not to organise a competition in the Parish.

RESOLVED that no competition be organised.

**361.09 CRB CHECKS FOR VOLUNTEERS – COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Cllr Davies reported that the parties planned for April had been postponed as there was insufficient time for volunteer helpers to be checked by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB). Cllr Davies hoped to arrange the parties later in the year and asked Councillors to volunteer to enable the CRB checks to be made in advance of the parties.

It was noted that Cllrs Johnson and Kingsmill should be CRB checked to enable them to work with young people on the conservation workdays.

Cllr Davies also reported on the community barbecue she was organising. The costs and a date had not yet been decided; however the Head Teacher at St Michael's Middle School had given permission for the School's grounds to be used.

Cllr Davies requested that the community barbecue be discussed at Council on 3 March 2009.

NOTED.

**362.09 CIVIL CONTINGENCIES ACT (CCA) 2004**

DCC's Emergency Planning Service was updating the emergency plans for parish and town councils and had advised that parish and town councils were required to review their facilities and resources available for use in any incident and have a plan ready for implementation.

The first stage was for a Community Resilience Officer to be selected to act as a focal point for the gathering and dissemination of data. Cllr Bell volunteered for this role.

RESOLVED that DCC be informed that Cllr Bell would be the Council's Community Resilience Officer.

**363.09 SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

An Epson Stylus printer, received from Connecting Dorset, was surplus to requirements. Committee was asked whether it should remain in storage or be utilised.

RESOLVED that the printer remain in storage and be used as a back-up should the office printer need replacing.

**364.09 GRANTS AND DONATIONS**

Thanks had been received from the Colehill Scout and Guide HQ for the donation of £750 and from East Dorset Citizens' Advice Bureau for the donation of £141.85, which was the amount raised at the "Carols around the Christmas tree" event.

NOTED.

**365.09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED that the accounts listed at Appendix 2 be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

The Meeting ended at 21.05 hrs.

CHAIRMAN