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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at Colehill Memorial Hall on **23 JUNE 2009**.

PRESENT

Cllr John Gooch, Chairman

Cllrs Keith Baker, John Bell, Susan Davies, Coirin Duff, Joe Kingsmill, Dave Mitchell and David Packer.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Mike Bartlett, KD Johnson.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr David Topping attended the meeting to request that the Council agree to meet with EDDC to discuss obtaining a loan from the Public Works Loan Board to assist with the funding of the Reef.

58.09 CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that Cllr Baker be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

59.09 VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that Cllr Gooch be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

60.09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Gooch declared a personal interest in Minute 72.09 Accounts for Payment.

61.09 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 May 2009, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

62.09 MATTERS ARISING

Hilary Forrest, Manager of the CAB, had written to thank the Council for the £1000 grant.

63.09 INCOME RECEIVED

Members were informed that the following income had been received:

- (a) the occupants of Nos 9 and 11 Kyrchil Way had paid the annual access licence fee of £200 each.
- (b) the sum of £1679.06 had been received from HM Revenue and Customs for the period 1 October 08 to 31 March 09.

NOTED.

64.09 **RISK ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**

The report of the meeting held on 9 June 2009 was submitted and appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

5(b) TPPD means third party property damage.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

65.09 **ALLOTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**

The report of the meeting held on 19 June 2009 was submitted and appears as Appendix 2 to these Minutes.

Lesley Haskins had contacted Cllr Baker advising him that a local farmer could be interested in allowing allotments on his land. Cllrs Baker and Johnson would meet with the farmer to discuss the possibilities.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

66.09 **GRANTS AND DONATIONS**

The following application was considered:

ST MICHAEL'S MIDDLE SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL ACTION GROUP:

Proposed by Cllr Packer that £500 be awarded to St Michael's Middle School Swimming Pool Action Group, seconded by Cllr Baker. All in favour.

RESOLVED that a donation of £500 be approved under Section 19 of the 1976 Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions), subject to the Action Group raising enough money to confirm that the essential maintenance work would take place.

67.09 **CCTV CONTROL SYSTEM**

The CCTV operators at Wimborne Police Station had requested improvements to the CCTV control system by installing a joystick and easy play back software. The Council's contractor had quoted £814 + VAT to make these improvements. Homewatch had agreed to contribute £300 towards the cost.

Cllr Packer proposed, seconded by Cllr Baker, that the improvements be made to the CCTV system at a cost of £814 + VAT, with the Council contributing £514.

RESOLVED that the improvements be made to the CCTV system.

68.09 **UPGRADING OF STREET LIGHTS**

Highways and Plans Committee accepted the upgrading of the street lights in principle and had referred the matter to Finance and General Purposes Committee for decision.

Quotations had been obtained from Southern Electric Contracting and Dorset County Council to upgrade the Council's 25 street lights, with a view to DCC adopting them. The quotations were distributed to Members for information.

Cllr Packer advised Committee of the options available and his report appears as Appendix 3 to these Minutes.

Cllr Packer proposed that DCC's quotation be accepted, seconded by Cllr Baker. 7:0 1 abstention.

RESOLVED that DCC's quotation of £19528.53 + VAT be accepted and the upgrade commence as soon as possible.

69.09 TRAVELLING EXPENSES (Minute 473.09 refers)

The DAPTC had advised that Members were able to claim travelling expenses when carrying out any duty approved by the Council.

RESOLVED that Members may claim travelling expenses of 40p per mile when carrying out their duties if they wished to.

70.09 BMX TRAIL

Cllr Kingsmill advised Members of his concerns regarding the BMX Trail, explaining that the use of the Trail was uncontrolled.

The latest RoSPA inspection report had highlighted that the area was high risk.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the RoSPA report be sent to the insurance company requesting confirmation of the Council's public liability for the Trail;
- (b) the Ambulance Service be asked to comment on whether the access was unsuitable for emergency vehicles;
- (c) RoSPA be contacted to discuss their recommendations for seating and litter bins.

71.09 WIMBORNE CEMETERY BUSINESS PLAN (Minute 411.09 refers)

Correspondence had been received from the Clerk and Registrar explaining why the Committee was not minded to produce a business plan.

RESOLVED that the letter be noted and the Clerk and Registrar be thanked for bring the matter to the Committee's attention.

72.09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED that the accounts listed at Appendix 4 be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

The Meeting ended at 21.30 hrs.

CHAIRMAN