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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at Colehill Memorial Hall on **1 SEPTEMBER 2009**.

**PRESENT**

Cllr Keith Baker, Chairman

Cllrs John Bell, Susan Davies, Janet Dover (R), Coirín Duff, Joe Kingsmill, Dave Mitchell, David Packer and John Warren,

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Pat Francis, John Gooch, KD Johnson.

**145.09 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 June 2009, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

**146.09 MATTERS ARISING**

67.09 CCTV Control System – Cllr Baker reported that the £300 cheque from Homewatch would be received in due course.

**147.09 LAND MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**

The report of the meeting held on 11 August 2009 was submitted and appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

6 BMX Trail – Cllr Dover asked that the Ambulance Service continue to be contacted to request that they inspect the access for emergency vehicles. The Clerk had emailed customer support, but would visit the Ambulance Service Headquarters at St Leonards to seek advice.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

**148.09 HALL INSPECTION SUB-COMMITTEE**

The report of the meeting held on 12 August 2009 was submitted and appears as Appendix 2 to these Minutes.

Heating - Cllr Mitchell reported that he would receive advice from his colleague in due course.

Risk Assessment – Cllr Baker reported that EDDC had issued a Public Entertainment Licence and the Hall had passed the Health and Safety inspection.

Cllr Baker also informed Committee that he had been made Chairman of the Hall Management Committee.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

**149.09**     **COUNTRY FAIR**

Cllr Davies reported on the County Fair held on 16 August 2009. The consensus from the stallholders and attendees was that the event had been very successful. The entrance fee and other monies raised had covered the expenses and the remaining £1,000 would be donated to The Reef.

The Councillors expressed their thanks to Cllr Davies for organising the event.

Cllr Davies considered that a Country Fair could be held next year on 15 August 2010 and Cllr Baker advised her to set up a working group to assist her with the organisation of the next one.

NOTED.

**150.09**     **NEWSLETTER**

Cllr Davies advised Committee that work on the October newsletter was due to commence. She asked for any news ideas by 30 September 2009.

NOTED.

**151.09**     **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

Dorset County Council was seeking views from parish and town councils to determine whether a lengthsman scheme would be supported.

The scheme would enable all tiers of local government to work together to provide a local resource that could be directly controlled and administered by parish and town councils.

DCC estimated that the total annual cost for each lengthsman would be £25,000 and had budgeted £80,000 to support such schemes.

Cllr Warren considered that the Council received a good response from local traders and that the Council should continue using local traders.

Cllr Davies considered that it would be beneficial to know what amount was spent on maintenance costs over a period of 2-3 years to enable a decision to be made as to whether to use a lengthsman or continue using local traders. This information would be provided at a future meeting.

Cllr Holloway asked whether the employee would have specialist skills. Cllr Dover advised that DCC had prepared a job description and specification and would provide a copy if requested.

Cllr Kingsmill proposed that DCC be asked what proportion of the £80,000 the Council would receive and the answer be reported to a future meeting.

RESOLVED that DCC be asked what proportion of the £80,000 the Council would receive and to provide a job description and specification for the post.

**152.09**     **EXPENDITURE 2010/11**

Committee was asked to consider what expenditure might be necessary for 2010/11 to assist with the budget preparation.

It was considered that expenditure should be allocated towards funding for The Reef and other grant applicants, street lighting, allotments, play equipment, maintenance on Triangle Wood and other woodland and possibly a lengthsman scheme.

NOTED.

**153.09**     **ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement from 1 April 2009 to 30 June 2009 a copy of which is attached at Appendix 3.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.

**154.09**     **REVIEW OF DORSET'S JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy had been approved and formally adopted as policy by Christchurch, Dorset, East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland Councils.

NOTED.

**155.09**     **LICENSING ACT 2003 – REVISION OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

East Dorset District Council had approved a draft policy in advance of the implementation of The Legislative Reform (Supervision of Alcohol Sales in Church and Village Hall) Order 2009. The Order would allow community halls, managed by Management Committees, to apply for an exemption from the need of naming a Designated Premises Supervisor.

NOTED.

- 156.09 GAMBLING ACT 2005 – CONSULTATION AND DRAFT POLICY**  
East Dorset District Council had published a policy advising how it will consider and enforce gambling licences. EDDC had advised that the Gambling Act had had a minimal impact on the District and few alterations had been suggested for the reviewed policy to take effect in 2010.

NOTED.

- 157.09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  
RESOLVED that the accounts listed at Appendix 4 be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

The Meeting ended at 20.40 hrs.

CHAIRMAN