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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of
COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at Colehill Memorial Hall on
23 FEBRUARY 2010.

PRESENT

Cllr Keith Baker, Chairman

Cllrs John Bell, Coirin Duff, KD Johnson, Joe Kingsmill, Dave Mitchell,
David Packer and John Warren,

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Susan Davies and Janet Dover (R).

389.10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

390.10 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 January 2010, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

391.10 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

392.10 ALLOTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The report of the meeting held on 2 February 2010 was submitted and appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

393.10 GRIT BINS (Minute 343.10 refers)

Council had resolved to support the provision of grit bins and had deferred the decision of priorities and financing to Finance and General Purposes.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) residents be advised that no expenditure was available for grit bins in the 2010/11 budget, but that provision for this expenditure would be made in the 2011/12 budget;
- (b) residents be advised that all requests would be considered for 2011/12, but it could not be guaranteed that each request would be successful;
- (c) residents be advised of the procedure to purchase grit bins as individuals or groups could do this.

394.10 **NOTICE BOARD**

PCSO Matt Johnson planned to install a notice board next to the Council's notice board at the Co-op. The board would be used to provide information to young people and would cost £901.57 + VAT.

Cllr Warren proposed that the Council contribute £250, seconded by Cllr Johnson. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that the Council contribute £250 towards the purchase of the notice board.

395.10 **PRIEST'S HOUSE MUSEUM TRUST – GRANT AID**

The Curator had asked that the Museum be considered for a grant.

RESOLVED that the Curator be informed that grants had been considered for 2010/11 and that she should apply in September for 2011/12.

396.10 **MULTI PLAY UNIT – OLIVER'S PARK PLAY AREA**

Cllr Johnson reported that the Council's playground inspector had advised that the slide tube run out on the new multi play unit should be extended to limit the speed at which children exit the slide tube and hit the ground.

Cllr Johnson further reported that Playdale had confirmed that the slide was installed correctly and was in full compliance with BS EN 1176 and had advised that the speed and fast exit at run out should be monitored.

RESOLVED that the Council's playground inspector be informed of Playdale's advice and his opinion be sought as to whether the slide tube run out should be extended or monitored for 6 months.

397.10 **GOAL MOUTHS – OLIVER'S PARK**

The Council's playground inspector considered that the ground around the goal mouths had eroded quite badly and could be a potential tripping hazard. The goals were located at Oliver's Park and were the responsibility of EDDC.

EDDC had known about the hazard for sometime, but due to budget constraints had been unable to organise maintenance. EDDC were seeking quotations from their contractors.

Cllr Johnson requested that Committee consider contributing towards the maintenance costs.

Cllr Kingsmill proposed that the Council should not contribute towards the maintenance costs, seconded by Cllr Mitchell. 7 for, 1 against.

RESOLVED that no contribution be made and that EDDC be asked to repair the hazard.

398.10 **CANVAS CANOPY**

Canon John Goodall was contacted to ask whether he thought a canvas canopy would be useful at the Carols around the Christmas tree event. He had advised that the event would not be held this December as he and the church members did not think it had caught on. They also did not have enough resources to organise and implement the event.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) Canon Goodall be informed of the Council's disappointment that the event would not be held and he be asked whether the Council could do anything to support the event being held;
- (b) the decision whether to purchase a canvas canopy be held for the time being.

399.10 **KYRCHIL CORNER – ACCESS LICENCE FEES**

Finance and General Purposes Committee, dated 11 September 2001, Minute 161 (a) (ii) resolved that a new licence for vehicular access personal to the property owner and incapable of assignment, be offered to the 3 properties in Kyrchil Way at a rent of £100 pa increasing by £25 pa for four years, with a five yearly rent review thereafter.

The current licence fee was £200 and would be due on 1 April 2010.

RESOLVED that from April 2011 an annual rpi increase would be made on the licence fee. The September rpi increase would be used rounded to the nearest £5.00. The licence fee holders would be informed of the increase in April 2010.

400.10 **TREE WORKS**

Three quotations had been obtained to carry out the tree work that had been recommended by the Council's arboricultural consultant.

RESOLVED that Paul Hanwell Tree Specialist and Landscape Services be employed to carry out the work.

401.10 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

402.10 BMX TRAIL (Minute 147.09 (6) refers)

The Ambulance Service had advised that they were unable to inspect the access of specific areas, however the co-ordinates of Coombes Wood would be noted on their system so that it could be located quickly.

NOTED.

The Meeting ended at 21.14 hrs.

CHAIRMAN