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

PRESENT

Cllr Dave Mitchell, Chairman

Cllr Susan Davies, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs Keith Baker, John Bell, Coirin Duff, Tony Holloway (R) and David Packer.

APOLOGIES

Cllr KD Johnson, Pat Francis (R) and John Warren.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllrs Janet Dover, Sue Gretton.

PC Steve Brett.

200.10 CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

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

201.10 VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

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

202.10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

203.10 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 August 2010, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

204.10 MATTERS ARISING

139.10 – Country Fair The Clerk advised that the receipts from the Country Fair were £2023.20 and the expenditure was £1582.83. The Minute would be altered to reflect these figures.

205.10 ACCOUNTS

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement from 1 April 2010 to 30 September 2010 a copy of which appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

DCC would be asked whether the adoption of the street lights had been completed.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.

206.10 GRANTS AND DONATIONS

The following applications were considered:

(a) Colehill Memorial Hall

Proposed by Cllr Bell that £6000 be awarded to Colehill Memorial Hall, seconded by Cllr Baker. All in favour.

RESOLVED that a donation of £6000 be approved under *Section 133 of the 1972 Local Government Act*.

(b) Girlguiding – Colehill District

Proposed by Cllr Baker that £250 be awarded to Girlguiding – Colehill District, seconded by Cllr Davies. All in favour.

Girlguiding - Colehill District would be asked to spend the grant on equipment or for a specific use.

RESOLVED that a donation of £250 be approved under *Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act*.

(c) Age Concern

Proposed by Cllr Bell that £250 be awarded to Age Concern, seconded by Cllr Packer. All in favour.

RESOLVED that a donation of £250 be approved under *Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act*.

(d) Life Education Wessex

Proposed by Cllr Baker that £200 be awarded to Life Education Wessex, seconded by Cllr Mitchell. All in favour.

RESOLVED that a donation of £200 be approved under *Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act*.

(e) Citizens' Advice Bureau

Proposed by Cllr Baker that £1000 be awarded to Citizens' Advice Bureau, seconded by Cllr Packer. All in favour.

RESOLVED that a donation of £1000 be approved under *Section 142 of the 1972 Local Government Act*.

(f) Vision Wimborne Dialaride

Proposed by Cllr Baker that £350 be awarded to Vision Wimborne Dialaride, seconded by Cllr Packer. All in favour.

RESOLVED that a donation of £350 be approved under *Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act*.

- (g) The Priest's House Museum
Proposed by Cllr Bell that no grant be awarded to The Priest's House Museum, seconded by Cllr Baker. All in favour.

RESOLVED that no grant be made to The Priest's House Museum.

- (h) The Sting in the Tale
Proposed by Cllr Packer that £100 be awarded to The Sting in the Tale, seconded by Cllr Davies. All in favour.

RESOLVED that a donation of £100 be approved under *Section 145 of the 1972 Local Government Act*.

207.10 **GRIT BINS** (Minutes 343.10, 393.10, 411.10 (c) refer)

In January 2010 the Council received requests for grit bins to be provided at Ashmeads Way, Bridle Way (close to No 31), Cutlers Place (junction with Jessopp Road), Giddylake, Glynville Close, Heron Drive (corner with Pilford Heath Road), Merrifield (junction with Long Lane) and Onslow Gardens. Council resolved to support the provision of grit bins, referring the decision of priorities and financing to Finance and General Purposes Committee.

The Committee decided that no expenditure was available for grit bins in the 2010/11 budget, but that provision for the expenditure would be made in the 2011/12 budget.

At Council on 9 March, Cllr Dover proposed, seconded by Cllr Packer, that the half-year under spends be looked at in October to determine whether grit bins could be provided for winter 2010 rather than winter 2011.

The Clerk distributed the accounts showing the under spends and Members decided that money was available to purchase the seven grit bins for winter 2010. The grit bins would cost £167.20+VAT each (including delivery). A grit bin would not be required for Onslow Gardens as the residents had purchased their own.

Before purchasing, Dorset County Council would be required to advise on the suitability of the locations, and once installed would replenish the grit free of charge.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) DCC be asked to view the seven locations to determine the most appropriate installation sites;
- (b) Finance and General Purposes Committee be informed of DCC's advice and to agree a virement of the expenditure in accordance with Financial Regulations 3.2 of the Standing Orders.
- (c) the grit bins be purchased in time for winter 2010 under power S.137 LGA 1972.

208.10 FUNDING FOR LITTERING PRIORITY

PC Brett advised that there was a shortfall on the funding for the littering priority. He requested that the Council consider contributing a similar amount to that of HomeWatch and EDDC, who had both pledged £300.

PC Brett advised that funding was needed to pay for the 21 signs that he hoped to have made and installed.

Cllr Bell proposed, seconded by Cllr Packer, that £300 be contributed.

RESOLVED that £300 be contributed to the funding for the littering priority.

209.10 NEWSLETTER

The Post Office had advised that the Council's boundary was too small to deliver to and that they would only deliver to whole sectors. This had not been made clear in earlier discussions. The Post Office could not offer their bulk mailing service as this was for companies that spent over £5000 per year.

The Post Office advised that a mailing company might be able to help the Council. Allsorts, a Wimborne mailing company, quoted £810.50 to use their franking facilities.

EDDC would allow the Council to use their franking facilities at a cost of £750. The newsletters would be posted second class, but at a cost of 25p per newsletter rather than 32p, the cost of a second class stamp. The total distribution cost was £750. The extra £250 could be found from the postage budget.

Cllr Packer proposed, seconded by Cllr Baker, that this further expenditure be approved. All in favour.

RESOLVED that the extra cost of £250 be approved.

210.10 **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Canon John Goodall had advised that some residents had complained that the Remembrance Service was difficult to hear. A megaphone had been used last year, but criticism had still been received with suggestions that a sound system should be installed in order that everyone could hear.

Canon Goodall had asked whether the Parish Council would consider providing the equipment.

Members were advised of the possible costs involved and the complications of setting up equipment so far from a power supply.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) Canon Goodall be informed that the Council could not provide any equipment;
- (b) Canon Goodall be informed that Cllr Johnson would be willing to read out the names on the War Memorial if he thought this appropriate.

211.10 **COUNTRY FAIR 2011**

The Country Fair Sub-Committee met on 6 October, the notes of which appear as Appendix 2 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cllr Baker proposed, seconded by Cllr Packer, that Committee agree to a £1000 budget, but that Council consider whether to hold a Country Fair in 2012 rather than in 2011.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) Council consider whether to hold a Country Fair in 2012 instead of 2011;
- (b) a budget of £1000 be allocated if a Country Fair is held in 2011 as originally decided.

212.10 **EXPENDITURE 2011/12**

Members considered the expenditure required in 2011/12 to assist with the budget preparation.

It was agreed that costs for the 2011 election should be allocated.

NOTED.

213.10 LOAN FOR THE COLEHILL AND WIMBORNE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD

Members noted that advice was being sought from the DAPTC and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) to determine whether the £200,000 loan could be invested in a Treasury Reserve Account.

NOTED.

214.10 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

215.10 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- (a) Cllr Mitchell requested that the Parish Plan be discussed at the next Council meeting.
- (b) Cllr Davies would discuss quotations for the newsletter at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee.

The Meeting ended at 21.05 hrs.

CHAIRMAN