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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of
COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at Colehill Memorial Hall on
22 FEBRUARY 2011.

PRESENT

Cllr Dave Mitchell, Chairman

Cllr Susan Davies, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs Keith Baker, Coirin Duff, KD Johnson, David Packer, Graeme Smith,
Don Wallace and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs John Bell.

396.11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

397.11 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 January 2011, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

398.11 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

399.11 ACCOUNTS

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement from 1 April 2010 to 16 February 2011 a copy of which is attached at Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.

400.11 ACCESS LICENCE – KYRCHIL CORNER

RESOLVED that:

- (a) no refund be made to the previous licence holder;
- (b) the charge of £66.68 continue to be levied on the new licence holder; and
- (c) the legal agreement be reviewed by Cllr Mitchell.

401.11 NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Cllr Davies reported on the quotations she had received from EDDC. Her preferred idea was to reduce the print run to 1500 copies, but maintain the high quality. This would cost £511. A print run of 3000 with newsprint quality would cost £654, rather than £800 for high quality.

Cllr Davies also wanted to seek alternative ways of distribution. Ideas included emailing the newsletter to residents and using distribution points at the shops and library. Cllr Davies hoped that advertisers would still wish to advertise in the newsletter.

NOTED.

402.11 OPEN MORNING – 19 MARCH 2011

Cllr Mitchell advised on the arrangements for the drop in morning. Displays would be made regarding the Parish Plan and details on how the Council is run.

Cllr Davies asked that as many Members as possible attended the morning.

NOTED.

403.11 COUNTRY FAIR SUB-COMMITTEE

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

Cllr Davies reported on the ideas for the Colehill Community Fete and asked that Members let her know of any contacts or ideas for the Fete. She asked that as many Members as possible help with the arrangements.

RESOLVED that the notes be received and noted.

404.11 COLEHILL LIBRARY ACTION GROUP

› The Colehill Library Action Group met on 16 February, the notes of which appear as Appendix 3 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cllr Mitchell advised that the Council and the Friends of Colehill Library would have to wait for DCC's reaction to the submission from the Association of Friends of Dorset Libraries regarding the £836,228 savings.

The Clerk advised on the five objection letters that residents had sent to DCC and copied to the Parish Council. She also advised that a Terms of Reference would be required for CLAG. This would be presented to Council on 8 March for approval.

RESOLVED that the notes be received and noted.

405.11 SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS

Cllrs Davies, Packer and Wallace informed Members of their meeting with the St Michael's Middle School PTA. The parents were very concerned about losing the crossing patrols. They were considering forming an action group and the Members had urged them to contact the other Colehill schools to act as one unit. The Members had explained that the Council would not be able to finance the crossing patrols.

Cllr Packer advised that Annette Brooke MP had written to Wimborne Minster Town Council and Corfe Mullen Parish Council to offer her support for the patrols. The Clerk confirmed that the Council had also received a letter from the MP.

Cllr Davies advised that her husband had counted 220 crossings on a school day afternoon.

RESOLVED that the PTA be contacted to ask what action they had decided upon.

406.11 CONSULTATION – PUBLIC FOREST ESTATE IN ENGLAND

This consultation would be referred to Council on 8 March.

407.11 BANK ACCOUNTS FOR LOAN MONEY

The Clerk had investigated the Financial Services Compensation Scheme and it did not include parish councils. It was just for private individuals and small businesses.

The Clerk advised on the bank accounts available for the £200,000 loan money. All business reserve accounts had low interest rates. Santander had a business direct saver at 1.00% and Nationwide had a treasurers' trust account at 0.01%.

The Business Manager at NatWest had suggested corporate charity bonds. Investments of between £100,000-£250,000 for 12 months had an interest rate of 1.15%. The rate for 3 months was .35% and the rate for 6 months was .7%.

RESOLVED that Cllrs Davies and Mitchell and the Clerk be permitted to make arrangements for the £200,000 to be invested in corporate charity bonds.

408.11 CENTENARY SIGN REPLACEMENT

The Clerk advised that EDDC's graphic section would create a replacement at a cost of approximately £65.00.

NOTED.

409.11 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

410.11 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND FUTURE AGENDA

- (a) Cllr Mitchell advised of his plans to meet with Martin Stewart to discuss allotments. He further advised that the National Trust had contacted him regarding the next batch of allotments in March. Forty plots would be shared between 9 organisations.
- (b) Cllr KD Johnson requested that the posting of charity events on telegraph poles be discussed at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee.

The Meeting ended at 21.15 hrs.

CHAIRMAN