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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of  
COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at Colehill Memorial Hall on **5 APRIL 2011**.

**PRESENT**

Cllr Dave Mitchell, Chairman  
Cllr Susan Davies, Vice-Chairman  
Cllrs Keith Baker, John Bell, Coirin Duff, KD Johnson, Graeme Smith,  
John Warren and Don Wallace.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Janet Dover and David Packer.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllr Tony Holloway.

**449.11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Holloway informed the Chairman that he had not been called to this Committee and would not take part in any voting.

**450.11 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 February 2011, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

**451.11 MATTERS ARISING**

407.11 Cllr Mitchell advised that the loan money had not been invested in any corporate charity bonds because of the uncertainty as to whether the re-build would go ahead.

**452.11 STANDING ORDERS (Minute 181.10 refers)**

It was decided that the Standing Orders needed to be presented to Council on 19 April to stand adjourned without discussion to the next Council meeting.

NOTED.

**453.11 ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement from 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 a copy of which was attached at Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.

**454.11 ANNUAL MEETING DATE CHANGE**

The result of the poll must be declared no later than 11.00am on the 5 May. Nomination papers for the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council would be circulated on the 6 May, returnable to the Clerk by 5.00pm on the fourth day, ie 10 May. Therefore the meeting date would not need to be changed.

RESOLVED that the Annual Meeting be held on 10 May at 7.30pm.

**455.11 COMMUNITY EVENT 2011**

Cllr Davies updated Members on the plans for the community event. It would now be held on 10 July at Colehill First School and Colehill Memorial Hall. The entrance would be free and any funds raised from the raffle and bar would be put into a community fund for future events.

NOTED.

**456.11 SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS**

The Clerk advised on a letter that Annette Brooke MP had sent to the Leader of Dorset County Council drawing his attention to the Department of Transport's local sustainable transport fund in order to encourage sustainable travel initiatives in Dorset.

The Clerk also reported that DCC's Road Safety Officer had advised that the lollipop sign could not have logos placed on it as it was a mandatory sign. He also advised that having different logos on individual patrol coats would be unwieldy to manage. He suggested that a better way would be for sponsors to have a plaque in their business premises.

St Michael's School PTA had some fundraising ideas and would be contacting the first schools in the Parish.

NOTED.

**457.11 FLY POSTING**

EDDC had provided a copy of their Enforcement Policy, a copy of which was distributed to each Member.

EDDC advised that small adverts were at the lowest level of priority in the adopted East Dorset Enforcement Policy and would only ever be attended to if all other matters had been dispensed with. This was a situation which was unlikely to occur.

EDDC also advised that large hoardings, which were rarely seen in East Dorset (ie 1 in 11 years), would always be promptly addressed. They advised that this might change when and if the Localism Bill was enacted as it would become an offence for the owner of land, in many cases the Highway Authority, to habitually permit or fail to take action to control adverts on their land or on their street furniture.

Many casual advert sites had been used for more than 10 years on a more or less continuous basis and as such the site now had a Deemed Consent right under the Legislation because of that 10 year period. In addition under this proposed new legislation it might become possible for the Council to remove and dispose of signs, whereas at the moment EDDC could take signs down but they had to give them back.

EDDC also advised that leaving staples in anything was not a breach of planning control and not an offence under the advert Regulations. If telegraph poles were being damaged then it was BT who would have to take action and if it was DCC Highways Street Furniture it was for DCC to take action for damages if considered appropriate.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) Cllr Warren speak to his contact at the Methodist Church to request that notices and staples be removed from telegraph poles promptly;
- (b) an article be placed in the newsletter advising that the Council had no objection to community events being displayed, but that notices should be removed afterwards.

**458.11 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

**459.11 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND FUTURE AGENDA**

- (a) Cllr Davies advised that she needed ideas for the newsletter by the end of the week;
- (b) Cllr Johnson advised that graffiti had been sprayed on the play equipment at Oliver's Park and on the Gas Governor on the corner of Pilford Heath Road and Middlehill Road. The graffiti had been cleaned off.
- (c) Cllr Johnson advised that some of the trees in Triangle Wood had been marked with red chalk.

The Meeting ended at 20.40 hrs.

CHAIRMAN