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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at Colehill Memorial Hall on **15 NOVEMBER 2011**.

PRESENT

Cllr Susan Davies, Chairman
Cllrs Susan Cowsill, KD Johnson, Maggie Lawson, David Packer (R)*,
David Mitchell and Don Wallace.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Gary Adams, Tony Holloway (R). Graeme Smith** and John Warren**.

**Cllr Packer replaced Cllr Holloway as the Rota Member.*

***Cllrs Smith and Warren were attending a DAPTC meeting on behalf of the Council.*

IN ATTENDANCE

PC Brett and PCSO Johnson attended the meeting to update Members on policing in Colehill. PC Brett advised that the community notice board was not insured under the Police's policy, but that he would find out if the board was insured under the building's policy or EDDC's community safety policy.

PC Brett also thanked Members for contributing towards the cost of his new bicycle.

284.11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

285.11 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 October 2011, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

286.11 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

287.11 RISK ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The report of the meeting held on 14 September 2011 was submitted and appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

- 5(a) The CCTV equipment was specifically listed under the street furniture section.
- 5(c) The woodland was not included under the Council's insurance policy. Came and Company did not provide insurance for woodland, but had advised that AXA could provide a premium quotation. The Clerk would investigate the costs with AXA and with the National Farmers' Union.
- 11(b) The Risk Assessments would be altered to fit in with the layouts provided by the Local Council Advisory Service.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

288.11 **FIDELITY GUARANTEE**

RESOLVED that the additional premium of £29.68 be paid to increase the fidelity guarantee to £300,000.

289.11 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF BALANCES AND EARMARKED RESERVES**

The Clerk had circulated Draft Estimates and Budget which included a forecast of balances.

DRAFT BUDGET 2012/13

Wimborne Cemetery Joint Management Committee had advised that the precept for Colehill Parish Council would increase by £50 to £2850.

BALANCES

These were £45,708.32 at half year and estimated at £77,585.74 at year end March 2012.

EARMARKED RESERVES

The earmarked reserves for 2012/2013 were:

100/19 Repairs and Renewals Office Equipment	£1,500
120 Oliver's Park	£1,500
135/6 Road Safety Measures	£2,000
170 Future Play Areas	£5,000
PWLB Loan for Reef	£200,000

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the budget of £277,002.14 be approved and a precept of £24.50 be recommended to Council – Unanimous.
- (b) if Council decided to support a community library a precept of £28.00 be recommended to Council – Unanimous.

290.11 **ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement from 1 April 2011 to 9 November 2011 a copy of which appears as Appendix 2 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Clerk advised that the reclamation of VAT from 1 April to 30 September 2011 (£1640.64) had been received from HMRC and that the second payment of £1400 had been paid to the Wimborne Cemetery Joint Management Committee.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.

291.11 PUBLIC SECTOR DEPOSIT FUND

Cllr Johnson advised on the information he had received regarding the Public Sector Deposit Fund. He considered that the sum of money being held for the Reef development could be invested in this fund.

RESOLVED that Cllr Mitchell investigate the Public Sector Deposit Fund.

292.11 COLEHILL LIBRARY

It was noted that Dorset County Council had voted against choosing Option D which would have meant saving the nine libraries threatened with closure. The voting was 14 votes in favour of the motion, 25 against and three abstentions.

NOTED.

293.11 GRITTING

Members considered a resident's request to provide a service similar to Corfe Mullen Parish Council's where residents could purchase tubs of grit for their own use during icy conditions.

Members decided that the Council could not provide this service, but that Corfe Mullen Parish Council be asked how this service was received by their residents so that the matter could be considered again before winter 2012/13.

The Clerk advised that residents continued to request grit bins. The residents were being informed that the Council would not consider providing grit bins until DCC advised what the 2012/13 charges would be.

NOTED.

294.11 COUNCIL OWNED PUBLIC BENCHES

The Local Council Advisory Service had advised that councils should have a system of regularly inspecting their public benches and of recording the inspections.

It was considered that those Members who lived close to a bench could inspect it regularly and report any faults to the Clerk. The details could then be recorded at Highways and Plans Committees.

The Council had three public benches at Oliver's Park Play Area, which the Play Area contractor inspected and 13 public benches in the Parish.

These were located at:

- (a) Lapwing Road, junction with Pilford Heath Road – **Cllr Cowsill**
- (b) St Michael's Church – **Cllr Davies**
- (c) Cannon Hill Road – **Cllr Johnson**
- (d) Five Ways Cross, by the War Memorial – **Cllr Lawson**
- (e) Colehill Post Office, opposite – **Cllr Lawson**
- (f) Corner of Pilford Heath Road, outside the rear of Colehill First School – **Cllr Mitchell**
- (g) Corner of Middlehill Road/Hayes Lane – **Cllr Mitchell**
- (h) Wimborne Road, opposite Beaucroft Lane – **Cllr Packer**
- (i) Furzehill, at the entrance to Furzehill, off Cranborne Road - **Clerk**
- (j) Leigh Road (Parmiter estate) – **Clerk**
- (k) Middlehill Road, outside 143 and 145 - **Clerk**
- (l) Leigh Road (Bytheway) - **Clerk**
- (m) Corner of Weston Road - **Clerk**

RESOLVED that those names in bold type above be responsible for inspecting the benches listed and reporting any faults to the Clerk.

295.11 DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2012

Cllr Davies advised that she had attended a fund raising meeting at The Reef and that they were eager to hold another Big Bike Ride.

Cllr Davies asked whether the Council would wish to hold a community event at the same time as the Big Bike Ride to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

It was considered that there would be many events over the actual Jubilee weekend (2-5 June) and to avoid clashing with them an event could be held the weekend before (26-27 May).

The Clerk advised that Canon John Goodall had mentioned that St Michael's Church would be interested in a joint venture. Cllr Davies would contact Canon Goodall to discuss possibilities in more detail.

The Clerk also advised that EDDC was awarding grants to organisations that wished to hold Diamond Jubilee celebrations and that parish councils were eligible to apply by 31 December.

RESOLVED that Committee agree, in principal, to Cllr Davies investigating holding a community event and that approval be sought at the next Council meeting.

296.11 ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FUTURE AGENDA

- (a) Cllr Johnson advised on the funeral arrangements for Alan Stokes.
- (b) Cllr Mitchell advised that he and Cllr Warren would be attending a meeting with Sally Windsor at Bournemouth Airport.
- (c) Cllr Cowsill advised that she would be meeting with EDDC's dog warden to discuss the possible installation of a dog bin at Pilford Heath Road.

The Meeting ended at 20.34hrs.

CHAIRMAN