

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 24 SEPTEMBER 2013

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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at Colehill Memorial Hall on **24 SEPTEMBER 2013**.

PRESENT

Cllr Graeme Smith, Chairman

Cllr Peter Scriven, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs David Barnes, Susan Cowsill, Susan Davies, Dave Mitchell.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Gary Adams, Sue Gretton (R), KD Johnson and John Warren.

182.13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

183.13 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 August 2013, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

184.13 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

185.13 ACCOUNTS

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement from 1 April 2013 to 16 September 2013 a copy of which appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.

186.13 VACANCY

Notices had been displayed advising that residents could demand a poll. If no election was called co-option notices would be displayed from 26 September.

The closing date for applicants would be 11 October and informal interviews would be held on Tuesday 22 October at 7.15pm, before Finance and General Purposes Committee.

RESOLVED that Cllrs Cowsill and Davies would join the Chairman in asking the questions at the informal interview.

187.13 PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT

The Clerk distributed copies of the annual inspection of Oliver's Park Play Area. Most pieces of equipment had been classed as low or very low risk, with one piece being classed as moderate risk. This piece of equipment would be improved.

NOTED.

188.13 ST MICHAEL'S DIRT INSPECTION REPORT

The Clerk distributed copies of the annual inspection of St Michael's Dirt. The areas that required action would be dealt with.

Members thought that, considering the recent dry summer, there were not many riders using the site and that the future of the site should be discussed.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would survey the permit holders (and other contacts) to assess their usage of the site to enable Members to decide on the future of the site at a later Council meeting.

189.13 WEBSITE UPGRADE COSTS

The Clerk advised on the costs involved to upgrade the website.

Members felt that the costs were excessive and that the Clerk should discuss this with the company. The Clerk would also investigate whether another company could upgrade the site or produce a new site at less cost. The findings would be reported at a future meeting.

NOTED.

190.13 EXPENDITURE 2014/15

Members were asked to consider the expenditure required in 2014/15 to assist with the budget preparation. An email would be sent to all Members for their ideas on expenditure.

NOTED.

191.13 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

192.13 ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FUTURE AGENDA

- (a) The Clerk advised that between 75-80 people had attended the recent Sting in the Tale storytelling event held in Colehill. Tracy Cooper from EDDC had thanked the Council for the grant aid, which had helped to fund it.
- (b) The Council was hosting the Eastern Area DAPTC meeting on the evening of the 16 October at the Memorial Hall and Cllr Warren had asked that the Council's representatives of the Colehill Memorial Hall Management Committee consider volunteering to help with making the tea and coffee.

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- (c) Tree work was required at Triangle Wood to remove fallen trees and timber from the pond and to fell a Rowan Tree. Three quotations had been obtained. The company with the lowest quotation would conduct the work.
- (d) EDDC had awarded the Council a £500 grant for a table tennis table. The Clerk had advised that this amount would not cover a table tennis table and had asked if another piece of equipment could be purchased. EDDC said they would need to be advised on what equipment was planned before making a decision. The amount must be spent before the 31 March 2014. The Clerk would investigate options and report at a future meeting.
- (e) Cllr Warren had received, through his door, a leaflet on smart meters that could alarm residents if they were unaware of the facts. Under EU legislation 80% of consumers would need to have smart metres installed by 2020 to meet energy efficiency targets. The rolling out of smart meters would start in 2015. Cllr Davies would write an article for the newsletter which would provide more facts and give residents a better idea of what smart meters were.
- (f) Cllr Davies reminded Members that articles for the newsletter were required as soon as possible.

The Meeting ended at 20:53 hrs.

CHAIRMAN