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At a Meeting of the **HIGHWAYS & PLANS COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the Memorial Hall on **17 MARCH 2009**.

PRESENT

Cllr Tony Holloway, Chairman
Cllr Mike Bartlett, Vice-Chairman
Cllrs Keith Baker, John Bell, Susan Davies, Coirin Duff, John Gooch (R),
KD Johnson, Dave Mitchell and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Joe Kingsmill.

The Clerk informed Committee that Cllr Ted Phillips had resigned. A letter of thanks would be sent to him for his 28 year service to the Council. Cllr Bell requested that the press be informed and that an article be written for the newsletter. Arrangements were being made for the vacancy to be advertised.

IN ATTENDANCE

Gwen Divall and PC Steve Brett attended the meeting to comment on the cycle path plans at Kyrchil Way and The Triangle.

Richard Rider, an employee of Sustrans working in conjunction with DCC, attended the meeting to update Committee on the cycle path plans at Kyrchil Way and The Triangle.

Cllr Packer attended the meeting to discuss the speed limit at Northleigh Lane and the signage at Canford Bottom roundabout.

379.09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Bartlett declared a personal interest in planning application 3/09/0096/FUL.

Cllr Mitchell declared a personal interest in planning application 3/09/0080/FUL.

380.09 PROPOSED CYCLE PATH AT KYRCHIL WAY AND THE TRIANGLE

Mr Rider presented his ideas on the proposed cycle path at Kyrchil Way and The Triangle. He explained the possible routes the cycle path could take to improve the connectivity of the area.

He advised that the cycle path through The Triangle, which was owned by the Council and designated as a Village Green, could take many routes and he would continue to investigate the best option. The cycle path would be made from natural substances.

Mr Rider considered that the footpath at Kyrchil Corner, on the Council's Common Land, could be upgraded into a cycle path. Pedestrians would still be able to use the footpath, but the barrier would continue to deter horse riders from using the path.

Mr Rider had been advised that the occupiers at two of the houses at Kyrchil Way had the Council's permission to drive vehicles across the land to access the rear of their properties. Mr Rider was concerned that cyclists would have "tunnel" vision as they cycled along the path and would not see vehicles preparing to exit their gardens. His solution would be to install small bollards across the route to make cyclists dismount and walk through the bollards before cycling again. This was considered to be a good solution as it was important the position of the footpath was not deflected away from its present course.

Mr Rider considered that visibility was good on Wimborne Road where the cyclists would be crossing, however road markings and a different coloured surface would remind drivers to slow down.

Cllr Davies was concerned that youths would use the track at night. Cllr Johnson advised that the recent eradication of the rhododendron bushes had made the wood fairly open so it was no longer a particularly good place for youths to hide in. Mr Rider advised that he would continue to liaise with the Head teacher at St Michael's School and with PC Brett regarding this concern.

Cllr Bell was concerned that the cycle path would deter members of the public from using the wood. Mr Rider would ensure that the cycle path was wide enough to allow for cyclists and pedestrians.

Mr Rider would prepare an estimate and a plan of the cycle path and present it at Highways and Plans Committee on 7 April 2009.

NOTED.

381.09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were submitted and comments were recorded as follows:

PA NO	DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED
3/08/1235/FUL	5 Lapwing Road Decking in rear garden. No objection.
3/08/1296/FUL	Beechacre, Northleigh Lane Extensions and alterations to bungalow and raise roof to form two storey dwelling with integral garage (retrospective). No objection.
3/09/0080/FUL	5 Sandy Close Bay window extension to dining room. No objection.

3/09/0096/FUL	134 Bridle Way Demolish existing garage, sever plot and erect new semi detached two bedroom house. Objection. Out of character with the area, overdevelopment and inadequate car parking spaces provided.
3/09/0101/FUL	Windrush, Park Homer Road Raise roof over garage, with new gable and two dormer windows facing west. No objection.
3/09/0113/FUL	45 Leigh Lane Single storey rear extension (demolish existing conservatory). No objection.
3/09/0161/FUL	Minster View, Furzehill Single storey side extension. No objection.

382.09 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following applications had been APPROVED by EDDC:

PA NO	DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED
3/08/1130/FUL	Robinscroft, 35 Wimborne Road Erect single storey garage and demolish existing as amended by plans received 5 November 2008.
3/08/1398/FUL	12 Park Homer Drive Extend property to side and form new first floor accommodation over, replace garage flat roof with pitched roof, replace rear balcony (extended).

The following application had been REFUSED by EDDC:

PA NO	DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED
3/08/1349/FUL*	Dogdean Cottage, Dogdean External staircase and raised platform to access store/playroom above garage (retrospective).

* Decision not in accordance with Parish Council comments.

NOTED.

383.09 APPEAL DECISION

APP/U1240/A/08/2090514

6 Beaucroft Lane

Demolish existing dwelling and erect three detached dwellings with associated access and parking facilities.

The Planning Inspectorate had dismissed the appeal.

NOTED.

384.09 DOG FOULING PATROL (Minute 345.09 refers)

EDDC's Dog Warden had confirmed that she was unable to patrol Forestry Commission land as it was not covered by The Dogs Fouling of Land Act 1996 and was except from The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

The Dog Warden would use the Council's hours to spend extra time advising and enforcing people on the outskirts of the Plantation.

EDDC had invited parish and town councils to a meeting on 14 April to review current dog patrol arrangements across the district. It was decided that no representative would attend on this occasion.

NOTED.

385.09 SPEED LIMIT – NORTHLEIGH LANE

Cllr Packer reported that six years ago the Council asked DCC to reduce the speed limit along Northleigh Lane (from the railway line to Leigh Road) to 30 mph. This request was refused as it was considered unenforceable.

Cllr Packer wished DCC to reconsider this decision. He advised that the speed limit on the main part of Northleigh Lane was 30mph and on Leigh Road it was 40mph, but on the part from the railway line to Leigh Road it was 60mph.

Cllr Packer considered that this stretch of road was dangerous as the egress from Leigh Common was blind to traffic travelling downwards and the junction at Beaucroft Lane could be hazardous at speed.

He explained that a designated footpath existed on the Wimborne side of the road, with steps leading up to it, but that no barrier had been provided for pedestrians. There was also an adopted path leading from Leigh Common with steps up to the road, but again no barrier had been provided.

Cllr Gooch proposed that DCC be asked to consider reducing the speed limit to 30mph, seconded by Cllr Mitchell. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to DCC requesting that the speed limit along this part of Northleigh Lane be reduced to 30mph.

386.09 GRIT BIN

Cllr Johnson reported that a resident had requested the installation of a grit bin at Glynville Close. The cost of a grit bin would be approximately £100 and would have to be paid for by the Parish Council. DCC would be responsible for replenishing it. Cllr Johnson was waiting for a response from DCC as to whether a grit bin could be installed in this location and would report back to Committee in due course.

NOTED.

387.09 FOOTPATH LEIGH LANE TO PARK HOMER ROAD – STREET LIGHTING

Dorset County Council had forwarded a resident's request for a street light to be installed along the footpath from Leigh Lane to Park Homer Road.

Dorset County Council was unable to install a light due to budget constraints; however they would be able to adopt a light if it was paid for and installed by the Parish Council. The cost of a single light would be approximately £1,000 excluding installation costs.

RESOLVED that no light be purchased.

388.09 CANFORD BOTTOM ROUNDABOUT

Cllr Packer considered that the wording on the Canford Bottom roundabout should be altered. At present, just after the Wimborne Road West exit, the lane is marked as "Local". This should be altered to read "Colehill" as this lane only leads to Colehill and would avoid confusion amongst locals and visitors.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to DCC requesting that the wording in the lane be altered to "Colehill".

389.09 STRATEGIC HOUSING AUDIT INSPECTION

East Dorset District Council had arranged for Inspectors from the Audit Commission to discuss the District's housing issues with representatives from parish and town councils.

The forum would be held on 24 March, at 11.00 am, at East Dorset District Council.

RESOLVED that Cllr Warren attend the forum on behalf of the Council.

390.09 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

Cllr Johnson reported that the SID had been sited at Grange and that he had recently issued up-to-date statistics to PC Brett, DCC's Rob Camp, Cllrs Baker and Duff and the Clerk.

NOTED.

391.09 HIGHWAY MATTERS FOR REPORT

- (a) Cllr Bell reported that SEC was unable to provide a list of dates where the street lights were due to be installed. He requested a list showing where the street lights in Colehill had been completed.
- (b) Cllr Baker had contacted PC Brett regarding the tailgating at Middlehill Road to ask if he could monitor the vehicles. PC Brett had advised that he was unable to do this.
- (c) Cllr Davies had received a comprehensive report from DCC's Jody Foy regarding the ethos behind the traffic calming scheme. This information would be added to the newsletter.
- (d) Cllr Holloway advised that he wished to disassociate himself from the traffic calming scheme at Middlehill Road as he considered it was costing a colossal amount of money and was not well designed. He requested that his comments be added to the Minutes.
- (e) Cllr Warren requested that the potholes in Wimborne Road, opposite the Co-op up to Wimborne Garage, be filled. The Clerk to inform DCC.

The Meeting ended at 20.45 hrs

CHAIRMAN