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At a Meeting of the **HIGHWAYS & PLANS COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the Memorial Hall on **23 FEBRUARY 2010**.

**PRESENT**

Cllr Coirin Duff, Chairman  
Cllr Joe Kingsmill, Vice-Chairman  
Cllrs Keith Baker, Mike Bartlett, John Bell (R), Pat Francis, Tony Holloway, KD Johnson, Dave Mitchell and John Warren.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Susan Davies.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllr David Packer.  
Carmel Wilkinson, DCC's Countryside Access Manager, attended to discuss the cycle paths at Kyrchil Corner and Triangle Wood.  
Gwen Divall attended to listen and comment on the cycle path plans.

**367.10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**368.10 CYCLE PATHS – KYRCHIL CORNER AND TRIANGLE WOOD**

Carmel Wilkinson, DCC's Countryside Access Manager, advised Members that the simplest option to provide a cycle path through Kyrchil Corner and Triangle Wood was to dedicate the paths as bridleways. The bridleways would be multi-user pathways and would mean that DCC's Rights of Way Department would pay for the installation and maintenance.

Gwen Divall asked why the footpaths could not be designated as a cycle track under the Cycle Tracks Act 1984. Carmel Wilkinson considered that this action would be too cumbersome and costly and advised that her Department would not consider this action.

Carmel advised that the Byelaws for the woodland (not including the footpath) did not prohibit horses. Members were aware of this but did not wish to have a bridleway. They were concerned that children would be put off from using the paths if they were churned up by horses. Carmel advised that the paths would be constructed to enable it to withstand horses, but agreed that repairs would not be made unless absolutely necessary.

Members were also concerned that vehicles would be able to access a bridleway whereas a cycle path would have narrower access.

Members were frustrated that discussions continued to be held even though a decision had been made.

Previous discussions had determined that DCC would pay for the installation of the cycle paths, but that the Parish Council would have to pay for the maintenance.

The engineer designing the paths had advised that a tarmac surface would be less costly because it was hardwearing and require less maintenance. Consequently, Committee had resolved that a tarmac bound surface should be used.

Cllr Warren proposed, seconded by Cllr Holloway, that the tarmac bound surface be used to surface the cycle paths.

Cllr Packer proposed an amendment and proposed that Council accept DCC's offer to install a multi-user bridleway in Krychil Corner and Triangle Wood, seconded by Cllr Duff. 2 for, 6 against, 3 abstentions.

Cllr Warren's proposal was then put to the vote. 8 for, 0 against, 3 abstentions.

RESOLVED that DCC be informed that Committee did not wish for the paths to be made into bridleways and that a tarmac bound surface should be used to surface the cycle paths.

**369.10** **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 15 December 2009 and 12 January 2010, having been circulated, were taken as read confirmed and signed.

**370.10** **MATTERS ARISING**

291.09 Canford Bottom Roundabout Cllr Holloway asked whether the Highways Agency had organised a meeting with local councillors. The Clerk to investigate.

**371.10** **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

<b>PA NO</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED</b>
3/09/1076/HOU	105 Lonnen Road - Raise roof to provide first floor accommodation with extension to side and rear.  No objection.

**372.10 PLANNING DECISIONS**

(a) The following applications had been APPROVED by EDDC:

<b>PA NO</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED</b>
3/09/1101/HOU	50 Lonnen Road Raise roof to provide first floor accommodation.
3/09/1141/HOU	29 Bridle Way Rear conservatory.

NOTED.

**373.10 TREE MATTERS  
PERMISSIONS FOR TREE WORK**

(a) EDDC had granted permission for tree surgery work as follows:

<b>ORDER</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
CO/5	Grant consent to reduce down to previous pruning points T1 and T2 2 x Western Red Cedar at 26 Venator Place.
CO/16	Grant consent for tree work at Dumpton School.
CO/95	Grant consent for tree work to be carried out at Triangle Wood. Land at Kyrchil Corner was not subject to a TPO or within a Conservation Area. The land was owned by Colehill Parish Council.
203.7 & T.10.025	The Tree Officer raised no objections to the tree work at Coombes Wood and Merrifield Corner, however as this land was within a Conservation Area no work could commence until 5 March to allow interested persons to make representations to EDDC in connection with the proposed works. The land was owned by Colehill Parish Council.

NOTED.

**374.10 APPEALS**

APP/U1240/A/10/2119544/WF – Mr D Lenehan

Two storey dwelling house

Land adjacent Peacehaven, Furzehill

The Appeal was against the decision by the Local Planning Authority to refuse consent for the proposal.

NOTED.

**375.10**      **REPRESENTATIVE AT EDDC'S PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Council objected to planning application 3/09/1037/HOU 15 Brackenhill Road (remove front boundary hedge and construct brick wall with railings on top with piers between 1.5m and 1.7m tall and gates) because it was deemed out of character with the area. EDDC had invited the Council to speak at Planning Committee, however no Councillor was available to attend.

NOTED.

**376.10**      **ACCESS ACROSS COMMON LAND**

The resident of 7 Kyrchil Way had sought permission for a lorry to drive across the common land on 3 February 2010.

NOTED.

**377.10**      **ENFORCEMENT UPDATE**

EDDC's Enforcement Team had advised that the brick wall at 24 Middlehill Road had been reduced in height.

NOTED.

**378.10**      **POT HOLES**

DCC had advised that they were only repairing potholes that met the specifications for a safety hazard. All other potholes would not be repaired until they met the specifications, or there was more money made available to repair non-safety defects. Any further potholes of concern should be reported to Dorset Direct.

Cllr Johnson requested that DCC be asked to provide the details of the specifications and Cllr Warren requested that pot holes be discussed in July to determine whether any improvements had been made.

NOTED.

**379.10**      **SURFACE WATER – LONNEN ROAD (JUNCTION WITH FOUR WELLS ROAD)**

DCC had advised that the surface water in Four Wells Road was a problem on the Wessex Water drain line. DCC would monitor the problem and when the area sank too low serve a Section 81 Notice for Wessex Water to put things right.

Cllr Warren asked whether the surface water problem at Lonnen Road, junction with Sandy Lane, had been investigated. The clerk had not realised that this was the area that was problematic and would inform DCC as soon as possible.

NOTED.

**380.10**      **SURFACE WATER – JESSOPP ROAD**

DCC had agreed to carry out works on the gulley and road surface outside 11 Jessopp Road to direct water to the gulley. The manhole cover (down from the electricity sub station) that was issuing water would be jetted and root cleared.

NOTED.

**381.10**      **LITTLE LONNEN**

County Councillor Dover had been advised by DCC that the parking issue at Little Lonnen did not constitute a major issue so far as Highways was concerned. No other complaints had been received from road users. DCC would arrange for the damaged bollards to be replaced, but this would not be until the new financial year.

NOTED.

**382.10**      **BOLLARDS – LEIGH ROAD**

EDDC had advised that the replacement of the small bollards along the grass verge in Leigh Road was the responsibility of their Countryside Management Service. The bollards would be replaced as soon as possible.

NOTED.

**383.10**      **NORTHLEIGH LANE – SPEED LIMIT**

DCC had proposed that the speed limit on the lower part of Northleigh Lane be reduced to 40mph. It had been thought that the proposal was for 30mph, but this had been a typographical error.

Cllr Packer proposed that the 40mph speed limit be supported, seconded by Cllr Warren. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that DCC be informed of the Council's support for a 40mph speed limit on the lower part of Northleigh Lane.

**384.10 PARKING IN WIMBORNE ROAD**

A resident of Wimborne Road had complained that Beaucroft School employees were parking their cars on the pavements and also blocking his and his neighbours' vehicles in their driveways.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the resident be advised of the contact at DCC who could arrange for a dropped kerb to be installed outside their property;
- (b) the resident be advised to continue contacting the police if the parking problems continued;
- (c) a letter be sent to DCC asking about their policy which prevented extra parking spaces being created at the School.

**385.10 YELLOW LINES IN PARMITER ROAD**

A resident had requested that the yellow lines in Parmiter Road (junction with Leigh Road) be shortened.

Considering the expensive legal process involved, Members did not wish to ask DCC to shorten the yellow lines and considered that the resident should continue to park her vehicle in Parmiter Road.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the resident be informed that she should continue to park in Parmiter Road;
- (b) the resident be advised to contact DCC herself if she still wished to have the lines shortened.

**386.10 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE**

Nothing to report.

NOTED.

**387.10 HIGHWAY MATTERS FOR REPORT**

- (a) The footpath in Lonnen Road was being resurfaced and this had solved the problem of vegetation growing up through the cracks (Minute 361.10 refers).
- (b) DCC had contacted a relative of the deceased owner of the land in Smugglers Lane/Long Lane where there was overgrown vegetation. DCC would advise when the work should be carried out in due course.
- (c) Cllr Holloway reported that a hedge was encroaching the pavement close to the lower entrance to Bridleway from Middlehill Road. DCC to be informed.

**388.10**      **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- (a) Cllr Warren had informed EDDC of some flytipping at Pilford Lane. This had proven to contain asbestos and Devon County Council would be dealing with the clearance.
- (b) Cllrs Warren and Johnson had informed EDDC of flytipping at Smugglers Lane and Uddens Drive.
- (c) Cllr Johnson would be complaining to EDDC's Planning Department that PA notices were not being removed once the notification period had ended.

The Meeting ended at 20.30 hrs

CHAIRMAN