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At a Meeting of the **HIGHWAYS & PLANS COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the Memorial Hall on **13 MARCH 2012**.

PRESENT

Cllr KD Johnson, Chairman
 Cllr Pat Francis, Vice-Chairman
 Cllrs David Barnes, Susan Cowsill, Susan Davies, Sue Gretton, Tony Holloway, Graeme Smith and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Gary Adams, Janet Dover (R) and David Mitchell.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr and Mrs Grundy of 39 Canford Bottom attended to speak of their objections to PA 3/12/0105/FUL – 35 Canford Bottom.

433.12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

434.12 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 31 January and 21 February 2012, having been circulated, were taken as read confirmed and signed.

435.12 MATTERS ARISING

390.12 (a) Cllr Mitchell had seen a traffic warden at Lonnen Road who had issued two parking tickets.

436.12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

PA NO	DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED
3/12/0067/HOU	17 Brackenhill Road Extension to the rear and first floor. No objection.
3/12/0074/FUL	60 Beaucroft Lane Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling and erection of new house with integral garage. No objection. 5:3 (1 abstention) Committee requested that the contractor be advised not to make the road condition worse with their plant and machinery and to consider the access for existing residents.

3/12/0097/COU	<p>Bytheway Field, Leigh Road Change of use from agricultural to public open space. Works include pond creation, construction of small car park and associated landscaping works to create SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace).</p> <p>No objection.</p>
3/12/0105/FUL	<p>35 Canford Bottom Demolition of existing dwellings and garage. Erection of pair of semi-detached chalet style dwellings.</p> <p>Objection. 8:0 (1 abstention)</p> <p>Overdevelopment of the site. Courtyard development is out of character. Disturbance of the street scheme. Support the neighbours' objections. Overlooking issues.</p> <p>Committee requested that this 19th Century property be considered architecturally valuable to the community.</p>
3/12/0185/FUL	<p>Co-op Welcome, Smugglers Lane Install replacement delivery ramp in car park area (remove existing). Relocate existing AC condenser unit on west elevation.</p> <p>No objection.</p>

437.12 PLANNING DECISIONS

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

PA NO	DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED
3/11/0843/FUL	St Michael's CE VA Middle School, Colehill Lane Erect a sports hall with changing facilities.
3/11/1171/HOU	1 Swallow Way Retain existing 850mm high fence with landscaping in front, remove 1.8m high fence posts and reduce 1.8m fence to 850mm to front of property.
3/11/1229/FUL	St Michael's CE VA Middle School, Colehill Lane Variation of Condition 2 of PA 3/11/0843 as a minor amendment to alter the shape of the roof of the sports hall and changing rooms without affecting the height.
3/12/0057 DCC	Colehill First School Installation of photovoltaics to the roof.

NOTED.

438.12 TREE MATTERS

PERMISSIONS FOR TREE WORK

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

ORDER	DETAILS
CO/18 CO/109	Grant consent to fell Lawson Cypress, Cherry x3 and Willow and conduct treework on Cedar x2 and Ash at 18 and 14 Kyrchil Lane.

(b) EDDC had refused permission for tree surgery work as follows:

CO/18 CO/109	Refuse consent to tree work on Cedar x2 and Eucalyptus at 18 and 14 Kyrchil Lane.
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NOTED.

439.12 LONNEN ROAD (Minute 402.12 (c))

The Highways Agency had been informed that Members and residents considered the diversion route through Lonnen Road to be hazardous and that the use of temporary traffic lights should be considered.

The Highways Agency had held a site meeting with Dorset County Council and the Police and it had been decided to place signs within the vicinity of Lonnen Road advising 'Unsuitable for HGVs'.

The Highways Agency had advised that Lonnen Road was not on any of the diversion routes and there was not a lot they could do to control driver behaviour. Road users were within their rights to use alternative routes to those signposted as diversions.

The Highways Agency had also advised that Lonnen Road fell under DCC and any works required would be undertaken by them. DCC was closely monitoring the area.

NOTED.

440.12 RELOCATION OF GRIT BIN (Minute 408.12)

The Clerk had met with Mark Adams from DCC to discuss the relocation of the grit bin that was currently located at Lonnen Road, close to a resident's property at Rotary Close.

DCC decided that the bin could be moved to the other side of Lonnen Road, opposite the junction with Rotary Close. This would remove it from the sheltered corner and put it in a much less desirable place to congregate. The new location was also much more open and in view of all residents. The Clerk had advised the resident and the Safer Neighbourhood Team of this change and both consider the new location to be an improvement.

DCC had advised that the bin would be moved as soon as possible at no cost to the Parish Council.

NOTED.

441.12 ADOPT-A-ROAD SCHEME

A resident had asked Council to consider an “adopt a road scheme”. Members thought this was a good idea and Cllr Davies had arranged for the details to be put in the newsletter.

Discussions regarding providing equipment were considered. Members were concerned that equipment would not be returned.

RESOLVED that the information be placed in the newsletter and once the number of public wishing to take part was known the equipment hire details would be discussed at a future meeting.

442.12 TREES FOR DORSET

Cllr Cowsill had been allocated one tree from Trees for Dorset. Trees for Dorset had advised the Council to choose a location and then they would visit to decide on what tree would be suitable for the site.

Cllr Warren proposed that as Cllr Cowsill had obtained the tree she should be the one to choose the location. Cllr Cowsill considered that a tree on the green, just before the Triangle Wood opening at Middlehill Road (close to the tree planted by Cllr John Bell in 2000) would be a good place.

RESOLVED that the location for the tree be on the green just before the opening of Triangle Wood. This piece of land was owned by Dorset County Council. The Clerk would advise them of the Council’s plans.

443.12 GRIT BIN, CORNER OF JESSOPP ROAD

Cllr Smith reported that the grit bin located on the corner of Jessopp Road had been tipped over on numerous occasions.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) DWO be asked to secure the bin to the ground.
- (b) the grit bin be padlocked and Cllrs Dover and Smith be the keyholders.

444.12 PUBLIC BENCH

The iron work on the public bench on Leigh Road, close to the Parmiter estate, was unfit for use because the ironwork had either snapped with wear and tear or had been cut through.

Arrangements had been made for Dorset Works Organisation to remove the bench.

Members were asked to decide whether to replace the bench. Examples of benches and costs were provided.

RESOLVED that the bench would not be replaced unless residents requested one.

445.12 DRAFT PRE-SUBMISSION CORE STRATEGY

EDDC had provided a revised Draft Core Strategy Pre-Submission document. This replaced the original document and would be available for public consultation from 2 April to 25 June.

NOTED.

446.12 CONSULTATION ON COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN SNOW CLEARING OPERATIONS

DCC had offered to provide parish and town councils with a snow plough blade to enable parish and town councils to work with local farmers who could assist with snow clearing.

Part of the offer would include receiving £200 in return for parish and town councils providing a snow plan.

RESOLVED that DCC be advised that the Council did not wish to participate in the snow clearing operations.

447.12 PUBLIC BENCHES

The Clerk and Members had recently inspected the benches that they were responsible for and advised that no maintenance work was required, other than the repainting that had been organised for the spring.

NOTED.

448.12 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

Cllr Johnson reported that the SID was installed at Hayes Lane.

NOTED.

449.12 HIGHWAY MATTERS FOR REPORT

- (a) The Clerk advised that the notice board at Leigh Lane had been vandalised. Oddjob had been asked to replace the Perspex.
- (b) Cllr Holloway reported that the Willow Drive street name sign was missing and needed replacing. EDDC to be informed.
- (c) Cllr Holloway requested that dogs' mess on the corner of Middlehill Road and Pilford Heath Road (where the houses were built on the old First School site) be cleaned up. EDDC to be informed.

- (d) Cllr Johnson reported that a house name sign had been found in the Triangle Wood. Investigations were being made to find the owner.
- (e) Cllr Warren reported that Long Lane needed resurfacing. DCC to be informed.

450.12 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR FUTURE AGENDA

- (a) The Clerk advised that Cllr Mitchell had attended a meeting of the Allotment Association. The new site they had been offered was at Broomhill and was 10 acres of good arable land. The original site was still the first choice, however they were considering their options.
- (b) Cllr Gretton requested that an idea of throwing wildflower seeds onto the grass verges be considered at a future meeting.
- (c) Cllr Warren advised on Annette Brooke MP's accident. Cllr Warren thought that she had broken her wrist. The Clerk would send a card sending the Council's best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Meeting ended at 20.50 hrs

CHAIRMAN