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At a Meeting of the **HIGHWAYS & PLANS COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the Memorial Hall on **3 APRIL 2012**.

PRESENT

Cllr KD Johnson, Chairman

Cllrs Gary Adams, David Barnes, Susan Davies, Janet Dover (R), Sue Gretton, Tony Holloway, David Mitchell and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Susan Cowsill, Pat Francis and Graeme Smith.

451.12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

452.12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

PA NO	DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED
3/12/0198/HOU	95 Lonnen Road Add additional flat roof Dormer to south west elevation. No objection.
3/12/0236/FUL	20-22 Sunnybank Way Erect 2 Chalet Bungalows No objection.

453.12 PLANNING DECISIONS

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

PA NO	DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED
3/11/1214/HOU*	South Park, Park Homer Road Addition to existing garage with room over.
3/12/0076/HOU	73 Wimborne Road Demolish existing porch and single storey rear extension and construct single storey side and rear extensions.

(b) The following applications had been REFUSED by EDDC:

PA NO	DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED
3/11/1223/HOU*	15, 17 & 19 Kyrchil Lane Two storey rear extension over existing single storey flat roofed extension.

3/11/1235/HOU*	67 Leigh Lane Front and rear extensions and first floor accommodation in roof.
<p>* Decision not in accordance with Parish Council comments.</p> <p>NOTED.</p>	

454.12 APPEALS

PA 3/11/1160/FUL – Synergy Housing Group
Demolition of four bungalows and construction of five new detached houses with private garages, associated car parking and landscaping at 1 Marshfield, Colehill.

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

NOTED.

455.12 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – BURTS HILL

DCC had advised that Burts Hill would be closed from 23 April to 27 May to allow Sembcorp Bournemouth Water to install a new water main. Information boards would be displayed on the road advising of the closure and the diversion route. Letters had been sent to those residents and businesses directly affected by the works.

NOTED.

456.12 WEIGHT RESTRICTION ORDER – NORTHLEIGH LANE

DCC had advised that the Order would prohibit any vehicle in excess of 18 tonnes from proceeding on Northleigh Lane at a point which it passes the Old Railway Bridge.

NOTED.

457.12 DCC GRASS VERGES

EDDC had advised that the DCC grass verges would only be cut six times this year (from April). This would result in longer grass for part of the time and when it was cut there would be arisings on the verges and splays which would not be removed. The grass would be blown back onto the verges from the footpaths and driveways to ensure it was not slippery for residents, however grass that fell in the channels would not be removed. DCC had said that six cuts per year was within the basic safety requirement.

EDDC had also advised that DCC shrubs and hedges would not, in future, be cut by EDDC. DCC would be responsible for cutting back hedges or shrubs that caused a sightline or access problem.

NOTED.

458.12 POTENTIAL SURFACING OF FOOTPATHS 16 AND 17

DCC's John Williamson had advised that there was a possibility that the surfaces of Footpaths 16 and 17 would be improved. However he could not guarantee this as it depended on whether he could secure the funding. Mr Williamson would advise in due course whether the funding was available.

NOTED.

459.12 OMBUDSMAN COMPLAINT DECISION

EDDC had advised of the Ombudsman's decision regarding a resident's complaint that EDDC had given inadequate consideration to the effect of a development on his residential amenity and failed to properly consider PPG17 when approving a development on a sports field at St Catherine's School.

The Ombudsman had decided not to pursue the complaint further as she was satisfied that EDDC had followed the correct procedures and that there was no maladministration.

NOTED.

460.12 TRAFFIC CONCERNS – MIDDLEHILL ROAD

Cllr Dover advised of a resident's complaint regarding the traffic in Middlehill Road. The resident was extremely concerned about the parking issues at the top of Lonnen Road, junction with Middlehill Road. The resident was also concerned about the traffic on Middlehill Road and thought that a pedestrian crossing should be installed.

Cllr Dover said that she regularly received complaints from residents who had the same concerns and that she also continued to receive complaints about the traffic calming scheme, particularly at the chicanes.

Cllr Dover said that Miles Butler, DCC's Director for Environment, had written to Annette Brooke MP advising that a stage 4 audit would be conducted on Middlehill Road. Cllr Dover thought it would be worthwhile if the Council wrote to Mr Butler to advise of the residents' concerns before the stage 4 audit commenced.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Mr Butler advising that:

- (a) Residents continued to have concerns about the traffic calming scheme.
- (b) Residents were very concerned about the parking issues at the top of Lonnen Road, junction with Middlehill Road.
- (c) Residents would like a pedestrian crossing to be considered at Middlehill Road.

Once a response had been received it would be copied to the resident who had made the complaint.

461.12 FLOWERS ON GRASS VERGES

EDDC had advised that the Council would be permitted to sow wild flower seeds on the grass verges at Beaucroft Lane, junction with Wesley Road, if the Council wished to do so. These particular verges were designated for this purpose, no other grass verges could be considered.

Cllr Dover proposed, seconded by Cllr Gretton, that the Council arrange to sow seeds onto the grass verges at Beaucroft Lane, junction with Wesley Road. 7:2.

RESOLVED that Cllr Johnson purchase the wild flower seeds and arrange for the seeds to be sown.

462.12 PUBLIC BENCHES

There was nothing to report on the public benches, apart from the one at Wimborne Road, adjacent Beaucroft Lane. Cllr Johnson reported that the iron work on the bench had split and Cllr Warren, who had also inspected it, considered that it was wear and tear and that the bench should be removed.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) Dorset Works Organisation be asked to remove the bench.
- (b) A decision as to whether to replace the bench be discussed at the next Highways and Plans Committee.

463.12 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

Cllr Johnson reported that the SID was installed at Lonnen Road.

NOTED.

464.12 HIGHWAY MATTERS FOR REPORT

- (a) Cllr Dover reported on her discussions with DCC regarding the state of Lonnen Road due to the increased usage during the Canford Bottom roundabout works. DCC was negotiating with the Highways Agency to determine whether they would contribute towards the cost of the works. Cllr Dover would advise when a decision had been made.
- (b) The Clerk advised that the grit bin at Jessopp Road had been pushed into the road again. EDDC had put it back. The Clerk had met with an officer from DCC and they would anchor the bin, padlock it and reseed the grass. However, due to DWO's workload this work would not take place until May.
- (c) A resident from The Vineries had advised that they planned to hold a street party on 5 June. DCC had given permission and the residents had advised the SNT. The Clerk would advise the ambulance service and fire service.
- (d) Cllr Gretton highlighted the amount of litter on the A31. Cllr Dover advised that she had complained to EDDC about this problem.

The Meeting ended at 20.14 hrs

CHAIRMAN