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At a Meeting of the **HIGHWAYS & PLANS COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the Memorial Hall on **20 AUGUST 2013**.

PRESENT

Cllr Susan Cowsill, Chairman

Cllrs Sue Gretton, Tony Holloway, KD Johnson, Dave Mitchell and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Gary Adams, Susan Davies, Peter Scriven (R), Graeme Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE

PCSO M Johnson and PCSO M Brennan attended the meeting to update the Members on policing in Colehill.

118.13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

119.13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

PA NO	DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED
3/13/0573/HOU	Oaklee, Boundary Drive Two Storey Side Extension and Erect Detached Double Garage. No objection. The Council supports the Tree Officer's comments.
3/13/0631/HOU	66 Bridle Way Two Storey Front and Single Storey Rear Extension. No objection.
3/13/0634/HOU	50 The Vineries Raise Roof to Create Additional Accommodation to Include Rooflight and Single Storey Front and Rear Extensions. No objection.
3/13/0652/FUL	Co-op Welcome Relocate existing container in the car park to the rear of the site, installation of a new covered storage area and redecoration of the existing entrance door frames. No objection.

3/13/0664/HOU	52 Hayes Lane 2 Front Dormer Windows and Erect Porch. No objection.
3/13/0638/HOU	Southwood, 23 Northleigh Lane Front extension at lower ground and ground floor to include balcony. No objection.
3/13/0708/HOU	57 Pilford Heath Road Raise roof to create additional accommodation to include dormers, front and rear extensions. No objection.

120.13 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following applications had been APPROVED by EDDC:

PA NO	DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED
3/13/0388/HOU	5 Heron Drive Loft conversion to provide two further rooms and bathroom. Construction of Dormer to side and rear of property.
3/13/0432/HOU	135 Middlehill Road Demolish existing garage, porch and utility room. Erect two storey extension, a porch and a utility room.
3/13/0489/HOU	1 Merrifield Heights Install roof light on eastern roof slope.

NOTED.

121.13 TREE MATTERS

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

CO/41	Grant consent to tree work on Horse Chestnut at 1 Merrifield Heights.
CO/41	Grant consent to fell English Oaks at 3 Merrifield Heights.
CO/41	Grant consent to tree work at Highwood, Smugglers Lane.

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

CO/2	Refuse consent to fell Beech (T28, T31, T33), Scots Pine (T29) and Sweet Chestnut (T30) at 42 Middlehill Road.
CO/34 CO/73	Refuse consent to fell Scots Pines at Pineways, Green Bottom.

(c) EDDC had granted the following Tree Preservation Order:

CO/163	A TPO had been made on trees close to 104 Middlehill Road to retain them in the interests of public amenity.
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NOTED.

(d) DCC had advised of summer branch drop (aka sudden branch drop). This was when a healthy mature tree, for no apparent reason, sheds a large limb without warning. The causes of this condition were not fully understood and it was often completely unpredictable. Main tree species affected were oaks, poplars, willows, elms, sweet chestnut, beech, ash and horse chestnut.

The condition often occurred following hot, calm summer weather or during calm weather following a heavy summer rain which terminated a period of increasing soil dryness. Most commonly, breakage occurred 1 to 4 m from the branch attachment on long limbs that extend to the edge of the canopy or beyond.

Members NOTED this information and requested that it be displayed on the Council's notice boards and put into the 2014 summer edition of the Clarion.

122.13 APPEAL

PA 3/12/1106/FUL – Dumpton School

Variation of Condition 5 of Planning Permission 3/11/0865/FUL to allow flood lights to operate on up to 5 days per week (excluding Saturdays and Sundays)

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

NOTED.

123.13 MIDDLEHILL ROAD AND SMUGGLERS LANE – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

DCC had issued a Notice closing Middlehill Road and Smugglers Lane from 5 to 16 August for a period of 10 days between 8.00am and 5.00pm each week day to carry out carriageway surfacing works.

Members NOTED this information and requested that DCC be advised of the crew's excellent work in resurfacing the road.

124.13 CONSULTATIONS

Navitus Bay Wind Park: Phase four of the community consultation would commence on 2 September until 11 October 2013. Eight public exhibitions would be held and parish and town councillors were invited to attend a preview session one hour prior to the public starting time.

Dorset Highways: DCC was conducting a survey to seek councillors' views on the services they provide. The information provided, along with the results of a similar public satisfaction survey, would help Dorset Highways prioritise services. The closing date for submissions was 30 August 2013.

NOTED.

125.13 CAR PARK ACCESS, MIDDLEHILL ROAD

Mrs Annette Brooke MP had informed the Council that a local business man was very concerned about the access to a car park at Middlehill Road.

DCC had previously looked at the access and had concluded that they were unable to carry out improvement works. However, the Clerk had spoken to the owners of the other businesses close to the access and they also had strong concerns about the safety of the access, with ideas as to how to improve it. Mrs Brooke MP had also asked for the police to look at the access, however PC Curtis advised that he was unable to give an opinion as the matter was solely the remit of the Highways Authority.

RESOLVED that DCC be asked to visit the site again to meet with representatives of the three businesses and discuss whether any improvements could be made.

126.13 PUBLIC BENCHES

There were no reports of faults on the public benches. The replacement bench for the corner of Cannon Hill Road and Glynville Road had been ordered.

NOTED.

127.13 WAR MEMORIAL/BUS STOP

There were no faults to report.

NOTED.

128.13 PLAY AREA

- (a) Cllr Johnson advised that the fence between the field and the car park was leaning and broken in places. EDDC to be advised.
- (b) A resident had reported a dip in the field between the goal posts. EDDC had been advised.
- (c) A resident had reported that weed killer had been sprayed around the play area fencing. The Clerk was waiting to hear from DCC, the Council's contractors, to find out if they had conducted the spraying.
- (d) The annual inspection of the play area (and St Michael's Dirt) was due to take place on 21 August 2013.

NOTED.

129.13 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

Cllr Johnson reported that the SID had not been deployed at the moment. PCSO Johnson asked if it could be installed at Middlehill Road to see if there was an increase in speed due to the resurfacing.

NOTED.

130.13 HIGHWAY MATTERS FOR REPORT

- (a) DCC to be advised that the hole at Four Wells Road/Lonnen Road had appeared again.
- (b) Bournemouth and West Hants Water be advised of a water leak at Sandy Lane.
- (c) Cllr Warren advised that the riders were conducting work at St Michael's Dirt.
- (d) DCC be advised that vegetation needed to be cut back on the corner of The Grange and Cranborne Road as it was making visibility difficult at this junction.
- (e) Cllr Johnson had advised EDDC that a resident was tipping soil and gravel in the woodland between Glynville Close, Mallard Road and Four Wells Road.
- (f) Cllr Holloway advised that the building contractor working on the development opposite Tops Nursery was spreading soil from the development onto the grass verge. EDDC to be advised.

131.13 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR FUTURE AGENDA

- (a) The Clerk advised that three people had volunteered to be part of the Community Speed Watch scheme. The names had been forwarded to PCSO Natalie Shaw via John Shave.

The Meeting ended at 20:19 hrs

CHAIRMAN