

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 17 APRIL 2012

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At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **17 APRIL 2012**.

**PRESENT**

Cllr Dave Mitchell, Chairman  
Cllr Susan Davies, Vice-Chairman  
Cllrs Gary Adams, David Barnes, Janet Dover, Sue Gretton, Tony Holloway, KD Johnson, Graeme Smith, Don Wallace and John Warren.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Susan Cowsill, Pat Francis and David Packer.  
John Gooch (Treasurer Colehill Community Library), David McIntosh (Chief Executive East Dorset District Council), Terry Munson (Treasurer Colehill Memorial Hall Management Committee) and Tracey Paine (Clerk to the Council).

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllr Derek Burt (Chairman East Dorset District Council), Jill Beech (Colehill District Guides), Tracy Cooper (Sting in the Tale), District Cllr David Morgan, Jo Phillips (Colehill Community Allotment Association), David Topping (Colehill and Wimborne Youth and Community Centre), Daphne Whitty & Barbara Barrett (Friends of the Tivoli).

One member of the public Tom Cleverly, Cutlers Place.

**474.12 WELCOME**

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Dave Mitchell, welcomed the Members present.

**475.12 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 April 2011, having been circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

462.11 Cllr Dover confirmed that school crossing patrols had been retained in Colehill and a replacement recruited for the retiring crossing patrol officer for Hayeswood and St Catherine's schools.

**476.12 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Reviewing items dealt with during a busy year, Cllr Mitchell made particular reference to the following matters:

- (a) Colehill Library – The battle to save the library had been declared "lost". However on the 7 March 2012 the Business Plan that had been put forward was accepted by DCC. There were a few legal hurdles to overcome, but all was progressing well and September 2012 should see the opening of the Colehill Community Library.

- (b) Canford Bottom – It had been hoped to persuade the Highways Agency that a flyover would be the best solution, but there was not the money to do this. A hamburger junction had been proposed and was now well on the way to completion in time for the Olympics in July 2012.
- (c) Allotments – Various locations were sought but none met approval. However, an Association had been set up and there were a few sites currently under consideration. The Association was holding out for one of the better sites and hoped to be operative soon. The Chairman praised the committee for their organisation, commitment and enthusiasm.
- (d) The Reef – Suffered a major setback when the money was withdrawn from one of the Government schemes. If the current plans were to be fulfilled, the project had a dramatic shortage of money. It may be the time to re-think the project.
- (e) Gypsy Site at Uddens – A lot of mis-information was being put out so Colehill Parish Council called a public meeting on 17 February when over 200 people attended. Experts spoke about the unsuitability of the site. Colehill Parish Council was working closely with the Stapehill Group, who had set up a website and e-petition. The Chairman urged people to write in to the planning department at EDDC.
- (f) Jubilee – All six schools in Colehill had been invited to take part in an Art & Literature competition being sponsored by the Parish Council. Each school would receive a gift of a book celebrating the Queen's 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. Three prizes of book tokens would be awarded to each school in categories for a piece of artwork, a poem and a short story related to the Jubilee. The Parish Council was also giving financial and physical support to two events linked to the Jubilee, but also in support of the re-building of The Reef – The Colehill Garden Gadabout and The Big Jubilee Bike Ride & BBQ.
- (g) Core Strategy – EDDC currently involved in a very good consultation process. The Chairman stressed that this was the only way to get our views heard and we would soon be notified of where we could see the proposed plans at public meetings and exhibitions. Colehill will be significantly affected by any developments. Cllr Don Wallace suggested that people write individually with their comments, not just sign petitions.
- (h) The Chairman attended 31 meetings during the last year. It was very important that we attended as many as possible and it was increasingly apparent that Colehill Parish Council “punches above its weight”.

**477.12 PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2011**

Copies of the audited Annual Return and External Auditor's Certificate and Opinion for the year ended 31 March 2011 had been circulated and a Receipts and Payments summary of the Accounts at 31 March 2012 was available for information.

RESOLVED that the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012 be received and noted.

**478.12 GRANT AID TO ORGANISATIONS**

The Chairman awarded grants to the following organisations:

Colehill Memorial Hall Management Committee	£6000.00
ED Citizens Advice Bureau	£1000.00
Life Education Wessex	£221.40
The Reef	
<i>(the grant would be used for an outing and to purchase a new cooker)</i>	£600.00
Colehill District Guides	
<i>(the grant would be used to purchase a digital camera)</i>	£150.00
Sting in the Tale (EDALE)	
<i>(the grant would enable them to put on additional performances)</i>	£150.00
Co.MaD	
<i>(the grant would enable them to purchase rubber covering for cables)</i>	£200.00
Colehill Community Allotment Association	
<i>(the grant would help with setting up costs and forming the association etc)</i>	£350.00
Friends of the Tivoli	
<i>(the grant would be added to funds for the installation of air conditioning units)</i>	£500.00
Colehill Community Library	£2625.00

The Chairman thanked the organisations for attending the meeting and requested that the grants to the organisations that had been unable to send representatives be posted to them.

**479.12 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Tom Cleverly, resident from Cutlers Place, voiced his considerable concern about the amount of litter and level of street cleaning. He mentioned the A31 in particular, both East and West bound carriageways. He believed that local services were simply unable to cope with the amount of litter experienced and that they had a "cosmetic" approach only. He was advised that the Highways Agency was responsible for the A31 and all agreed that the approaches into Dorset were a disgrace. Cllr Janet Dover suggested that the Parish Council asked

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Mr Lindsay Cass to attend a future Parish Council Meeting. Cllr Holloway suggested that the Highways Agency was also invited to attend and explain their programme of litter clearance etc. Cllr Johnson had asked EDDC for statistics on the level of fly tipping and the number of successful prosecutions.

There being no other questions the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.40hrs.

CHAIRMAN