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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of
COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at Colehill Memorial Hall on
21 AUGUST 2012.

PRESENT

Cllr Graeme Smith, Chairman

Cllrs Gary Adams, Susan Cowsill, KD Johnson, Dave Mitchell, Peter Scriven
and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Susan Davies, Janet Dover and Don Wallace.

133.12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

134.12 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 July 2012, having been circulated,
were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

135.12 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

136.12 ACCOUNTS

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement from 1 April 2012 to 13 August
2012, a copy of which appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the
Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.

137.12 ST MICHAEL'S DIRT

Members considered the inspection report from RoSPA. The
recommendations that two trees should be felled and the protrusions
removed had been dealt with. The cracking of the jumps needed to be
discussed with the riders themselves.

RESOLVED that a site meeting be arranged with Cllr Mitchell and the
riders to discuss the matters highlighted by RoSPA.

138.12 OLIVER'S PARK PLAY AREA

Members considered the inspection report from RoSPA. The inspector had
highlighted some areas where work was required. He had also advised that
some of the equipment needed sanding and re-painting. The Clerk would
be arranging for companies to provide quotations for this work.

The Clerk advised that she and Cllr Dover had attended a site meeting with Carina Gallacher, Senior Open Spaces & Countryside Technical Officer for Christchurch and East Dorset Councils. Carina had discussed ideas for extending the play area to incorporate a large swing. Carina had said that a new fence would be required if the area was extended. She also highlighted areas where she thought improvements could be made.

Members considered that the best place to extend the play area would be on the area towards the Scout Hut.

The Clerk advised that discussions with Carina would be ongoing and she would report on quotations and further information at a future meeting,

NOTED.

139.12 LOCAL SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITY

Members discussed a number of ideas to encourage schools to participate in parish affairs and agreed to investigate the ideas and report back to a future meeting for further discussion.

NOTED.

140.12 PARISH RECEPTION – 16 NOVEMBER

Members considered the invitation list for the Reception on 16 November and made the alterations shown in Appendix 2 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members noted that the WI had advised that the refreshment costs would be £12.50 per head.

NOTED.

141.12 NEWSLETTER

Cllr Mitchell advised on his discussions with EDDC regarding the newsletter. Richard Broadway had advised that he could design the newsletter at a cost of £70. A print run of 3000 copies would cost £599 (including the designing costs). A print run of 2000 copies (including the designing costs) would cost £450. Members agreed that 3000 copies should be printed.

Cllr Mitchell advised that he would continue to investigate purchasing some wire trays that could store the newsletters on shop counters.

Articles would be required by 10 September and the newsletter would be distributed week commencing 1 October.

Members discussed article ideas and Cllr Mitchell requested that Members write their articles and pass them to him or the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the expenditure of £599 be approved.

142.12 SIGNATORIES

Barclays had confirmed that Cllr Davies was now authorised to sign the Council's cheques.

NOTED.

143.12 CONSULTATION ON THE FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LOCALISATION OF COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT

DAPTC had advised on Government proposals to distribute funding to support local schemes. The National Association of Local Councils had concerns about this proposal and had responded to it. In light of the responses received from the NALC and parish and town councils the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) was now reconsidering its options.

NOTED.

144.12 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED that the accounts listed in Appendix 3 to these Minutes in the Minute Book be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

145.12 ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Johnson advised that a local thatcher had taken some saplings from Triangle Wood. He requested that a copy of the Triangle Wood Byelaws be sent to the thatcher for information.

The Meeting ended at 21:20hrs.

CHAIRMAN