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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of  
COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at Colehill Memorial Hall on **15 JANUARY**  
**2013.**

**PRESENT**

Cllr Susan Davies, Chairman  
Cllr Graeme Smith, Vice-Chairman  
Cllrs David Barnes, KD Johnson, Dave Mitchell, Peter Scriven, Graeme Smith,  
John Warren and David Packer (Rota Member).

*\*Cllr Barnes substituted for Cllr Adams (In accordance with SO 15a iv)*

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Gary Adams, Susan Cowsill and Don Wallace.

**337.13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**338.13 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 November 2013, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

**339.13 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**340.13 ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement from 1 April 2012 to 9 January 2013 a copy of which appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.

**341.13 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The Council noted the organisations that the Council subscribed to:

<i>Campaign to Protect Rural England</i>	£29
<i>Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils</i>	£943.31
<i>Society of Local Council Clerks</i>	£162
<i>Open Spaces Society</i>	£40
<i>Zurich Management Services – Local Council Advisory Service</i>	£95
<i>Data Protection Act – Information Commissioner</i>	£35

The Clerk advised that subscribing to the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks was important as they were both valuable sources of information. The Council also needed to subscribe to the Information Commissioner as part of the Data

Protection Act.

Members decided that as the subscriptions for the Campaign to Protect Rural England and the Open Spaces Society were fairly low the Council should continue to subscribe to them.

The Clerk and Cllr Johnson explained the role of the Local Council Advisory Service. The Clerk advised that the Council's own insurer, Came and Company, were able to provide free advice as part of being the Council's insurer.

Cllr Mitchell proposed, seconded by Cllr Scriven, that the Council no longer subscribe to the Local Council Advisory Service. 6:1 (1 abstention)

The Clerk would advise Cllr Johnson of Came and Company's details so that he could contact them if required.

RESOLVED that the Council stop subscribing to the Local Council Advisory Service, but continue subscribing to the other organisations mentioned above.

**342.13 BMX JUMP HEIGHT – ST MICHAEL'S DIRT**

The people who were working on the jumps at St Michael's Dirt had asked whether the jumps could be made higher.

The Clerk had contacted Came and Company, the Council's insurer, and had been advised that there were no specific guidelines as far as insurers were concerned as each track was different and the configuration would largely depend on the space available to land safely. They said that they would expect the Council to consult our qualified inspector on the matter and would be happy for the Council to act in accordance with the advice provided.

The Clerk contacted the inspector from RoSPA, who had inspected St Michael's Dirt for the last two years. The inspector said that the jumps were already challenging and were way above anything he had seen in other similar locations. He did not think it a good idea for the jumps to be any higher than they already were. He said that the track was already classed as high risk.

RESOLVED that the people working on the jumps be advised that, in light of the advice from the inspector, they could not increase the height of the jumps.

**343.13 EDDC COMMUNITY GRANTS**

EDDC had advised that applications for their community grants should be made before 31 January 2013.

The Clerk would advise the organisers of Colehill Community Library, Colehill Memorial Hall Management Committee and The Reef of grants available. Later in 2013 the Clerk would arrange for Council to discuss applying for a community grant in 2014.

NOTED.

**344.13 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED that the accounts listed in Appendix 2 to these Minutes in the Minute Book be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

**345.13 ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FUTURE AGENDA**

The Clerk advised that Cllrs Davies, Dover, Johnson and Warren had met with David Whiteside from Playdale and Carina Gallacher from Christchurch and East Dorset Councils to look at the options for altering the multiplay unit at Oliver's Park.

Playdale had provided two quotations:

*Replace slide panel with full panel to flush with top of PDF excluding hand holes £940 (including delivery and installation).*

*Infill panel including brackets to flush with top of pole £630 (including delivery and installation).*

It was agreed that as the matter had been highlighted to the Council a solution was required and that the infill panel option (£630) would be chosen.

NOTED.

The Meeting ended at 20:46 hrs.

CHAIRMAN