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At a Meeting of the **HIGHWAYS & PLANS COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the Memorial Hall on **12 JUNE 2012**.

PRESENT

Cllr Graeme Smith, Chairman
Cllr Pat Francis, Vice-Chairman
Cllrs Gary Adams, David Barnes, Susan Cowsill, Susan Davies, Sue Gretton, Tony Holloway, KD Johnson, Dave Mitchell, John Warren and Janet Dover (Rota Member).

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies of absence.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr David Packer
Messrs Graeme Laws and Steve Turner from Dorset Waste Partnership

- 36.12** **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE**
RESOLVED that Cllr Smith be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
- 37.12** **VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE**
RESOLVED that Cllr Francis be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
- 38.12** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Cllr Johnson declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6 PA 3/12/0417/FUL and 3/12/0474/HOU.
- 39.12** **LITTER AND STREET CLEANING** (*Minute 479.12 refers*)
Mr Graeme Laws and Mr Steve Turner from Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) attended to advise on DWP's procedures for dealing with litter in East Dorset and on the A31.

Mr Laws advised that there were just eight cleansing operatives for the whole of Dorset. The operatives followed weekly schedules and cleaned in those areas where they felt it was needed. He said that DWP had not had a chance to review street cleansing since taking over the service so, for the time being, they would be keeping to the street cleansing schedules already in place.

DWP was now responsible for litter clearance on the A31. They monitored the A31 weekly and cleared litter as and when required to keep on top of it. Mr Laws advised that he was hoping to purchase vehicle signage to assist with the litter picking arrangements.

Cllr Johnson asked why there were not more prosecutions of fly tippers. Mr Laws said that hard evidence was required before people could be prosecuted. Hard evidence was not easy to obtain, but whenever it was fly tippers would definitely be prosecuted.

The Chairman thanked Mr Laws and Mr Turner for attending and Mr Laws offered to attend a future meeting to update Members on any changes.

The Clerk would inform Mr Tom Cleverly of the information received from DWP.

40.12 LITTER

Cllr Smith reported on a resident's concerns about the amount of litter in the area. The resident had asked whether the Council could discuss ways to deter litter with the local shops.

Mr Laws said that food establishments were responsible for litter within 100m of their premises. He advised that he could arrange for Paul Pendray of DWP to visit the shop in question and explain this to them.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would email the details to Mr Laws and Cllr Smith would advise the resident of the action that would be taken.

41.12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

PA NO	DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED
3/12/0417/FUL	Little House, Smugglers Lane Erect dwelling served by new vehicular access. No objection.
3/12/0428/HOU	15 Freemans Lane Demolish existing garage and erect two single storey side extension. No objection.
3/12/0439/FUL	20-22 Sunnybank Way Erect 2 chalet bungalows on land to the south of 89 Hayes Lane (Resubmission 3/12/0236/FUL). Support. Colehill needs housing and there is designated space for this development, which is not an unreasonable development.

3/12/0466/HOU	7A Park Homer Road Installation of a new gate to driveway and side pedestrian access. No objection.
3/12/0474/HOU	41 Wimborne Road Extension at first floor level above attached garage to form en-suite bathroom to existing bedroom. No objection.

42.12 REQUEST TO ACQUIRE COUNCIL OWNED LAND ADJACENT TO 31 MARSHFIELD

The resident of 31 Marshfield had asked EDDC to consider allowing him to acquire the Council owned land that was adjacent to his property. EDDC had requested the Council's views regarding the potential disposal of the car parking area.

RESOLVED that EDDC be informed that:

- (a) the only person who would benefit from this was the resident of 31 Marshfield. All other residents would suffer a loss of parking and the children would lose an area in which to play.
- (b) A contractor would not be able access the grass area with a ride-on mower making grounds maintenance difficult.

43.12 EXITING THE CAR PARK BY THE THREE SHOPS, MIDDLEHILL ROAD

Cllr Johnson reported that Chris Charlton had concerns about the current parking facilities by the three shops on Middlehill Road. Mr Charlton had said that sight lines were compromised when trying to exit the car park because of the parked cars at the front of the shops.

RESOLVED that an engineer from DCC Highways be asked to meet on site with the Highways Improvement Scheme Working Party (HIS WP) to discuss possible improvements.

44.12 VEHICLE SPEED – LONNEN ROAD

Cllr Gretton reported that a resident had requested that DCC conduct a speed survey on the top part of Lonnen Road.

RESOLVED that an engineer from DCC Highways be asked to meet on site with the HIS WP to discuss whether a rubber strip could be installed close to No 36 Lonnen Road to survey vehicle speed.

45.12 VEHICLES PARKED IN CANNON HILL ROAD

Cllr Cowsill reported on a request made by Colehill Memorial Hall Management Committee to have the double yellow lines extended at the Brackenhill Road junction and added to the Memorial Hall entrance. They had made this request due to the number of vehicles that blocked the car park entrance or parked so close that exiting the car park was hazardous. They had advised that this parking occurred at school drop off and pick up times.

The Head teacher of Colehill First School had been contacted. He had advised that he could not dictate to the parents where they should park. However, he frequently reminded parents to park responsibly and sent a further reminder to the parents when he was made aware of the Management Committee's complaint.

Members were sympathetic with the Management Committee's concerns, however it was felt that there would be little point in asking DCC to extend the yellow lines because they only worked if they were enforced. Unfortunately the drivers would be aware that Colehill was rarely patrolled by DCC traffic wardens.

Members considered that the Management Committee should erect a sign "gateway in constant use" to remind drivers to keep clear of the access.

RESOLVED that Cllrs Barnes and Gretton advise the Management Committee of the reasons why no request would be sent to DCC for yellow lines.

46.12 CANNON HILL ROAD – POSSIBLE ONE WAY STREET

Cllr Warren reported on this item as a Member of the HIS WP. Several residents had commented to Members that they thought Cannon Hill Road should be turned into a one way street. DCC had investigated whether this would be feasible and had advised that there were so many issues that could surface that it would be a non starter. DCC also advised that it would not rank particularly high in their ranking assessment and that making the road one way could potentially increase traffic speed, would increase the journeys of residents who lived off Cannon Hill Road and drivers visiting the Colehill First School, Colehill Memorial Hall and the library from Pilford Heath Road would have to go round the block, turning right into Middlehill Road and then right into Cannon Hill Road.

Members discussed the pros and cons of the residents' suggestion.

Cllr Dover was concerned that altering the road layout could affect people attending the library and proposed, seconded by Cllr Davies, that no further consideration be given to Cannon Hill Road being a one way street 10:0 (2 abstentions).

RESOLVED that no further consideration be given to Cannon Hill Road being a one way street.

47.12 NO WAITING – GIDDYLAKE

Cllr Holloway reported on a request from Cllr Packer regarding residents' concerns about cars parked at the top end of Giddylake, close to the Rowlands Hill junction. Cllr Packer asked that DCC consider yellow lines or a no waiting sign to deter the parking.

RESOLVED that an engineer from DCC Highways be asked to meet on site with the HIS WP to discuss the parking problem at the top of Giddylake.

48.12 TREES ON THE COLEHILL LIBRARY LAND

DCC had agreed to conduct a tree survey on the trees surrounding the library and to do any tree work that was required. The Colehill Community Library (CCL) would take on the responsibility of the trees when they took over the library.

The CCL had requested that the Parish Council instruct their arboriculturalist to include the library trees in the annual hazard and assessment report that is conducted on the Council's woodland. The CCL would be given a copy and would pay for any work that was required on their trees.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council instruct the arboriculturalist to include the library trees in the annual hazard and assessment and a copy be given to the CCL to enable them to arrange for any tree work required.

49.12 ADOPT-A-ROAD SCHEME

Members discussed the procedure for hiring out litter picking equipment to residents.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) The clerk keep a register of the people issued with equipment.
- (b) All equipment be labelled.

50.12 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 24 April and 15 May 2012, having been circulated, were taken as read confirmed and signed.

51.12 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

52.12 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following application had been APPROVED by EDDC:

PA NO	DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED
3/12/0097/COU	Bytheway field, Leigh Road Change of use from agricultural to public open space. Works include pond creation, construction of a small car park and landscaping works to create SANG.

NOTED.

**53.12 TREE MATTERS
PERMISSIONS FOR TREE WORK**

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

ORDER	DETAILS
CO/21	Grant consent to crown lift Beech T1 and T2 and crown tip Oak T3 at 31 Middlehill Road and at Morar, Haslop Road.
CO/36	Grant consent to fell English Oak T4 at 2 Fryers Copse.
CO/36	Grant consent to fell or pollard as necessary Weeping Willow at 2 Willow Drive.
CO/46	Grant consent to raise crown on Oak T1 at 119 Lonnen Road.

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

CO/36	Refuse consent to fell English Oaks T1, T2 and T3 at 2 Fryers Copse.
CO/36	Refuse consent to fell English Oak T2 at 2 Willow Drive.

NOTED.

54.12 APPEAL

APP/U1240/A/12/2175618/NWF – Mr Gladdis - 35 Canford Bottom
Demolition of existing dwelling and garage. Erection of pair of semi-detached chalet style dwellings and landscaping on the site's boundary with 39 Canford Bottom.

The Appeal was against the decision by the Local Planning Authority to refuse consent for the development. The Planning Inspectorate would be informed of the Parish Council's objections to the development.

NOTED.

55.12 PROPOSED NAVITUS BAY WIND PARK (Minute 243.11 refers)

Navitus Bay Development Ltd was proposing to construct an offshore wind park to be known as the Navitus Bay Wind Park. It would be located off the Dorset and Hampshire coast and to the west of the Isle of Wight. It would cover an area of approximately 77 square miles. If granted consent it would be located 8.1 miles from the shore at the nearest point off Durlston Head and 8.7 miles from the Needles, Isle of Wight.

Navitus Bay Development Ltd was required to undertake consultation with a prescribed list of statutory consultees, local authorities and with those who had an interest in the land. The first stage of the consultation would commence on 18 June. Comments were required by 30 July 2012.

The Clerk advised that a drop in session had been arranged on 21 June at Swanage. Members were welcome to attend if they wished.

NOTED.

56.12 PUBLIC BENCHES

There were no reports of faults on the public benches.

NOTED.

57.12 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

Cllr Johnson reported that the SID was installed at Holt until August.

NOTED.

58.12 HIGHWAY MATTERS FOR REPORT

- (a) DCC to be informed of the pot holes in Smugglers Lane (at the brow of the hill), North Leigh Lane (at the junction with Leigh Road), Pilford Heath Road (at the junction with Mallard Road).
- (b) Cllr Warren advised that the light at Lonnen Road, adjacent Little Lonnen, continued to be on for 24hrs. The Clerk had reported this, but would report it again.
- (c) Cllr Warren reported that the gully at 398 Colehill Lane had not been cleared. The Clerk had reported this, but would report it again.
- (d) Cllr Mitchell advised that the tarmac patching at the bottom part of Lonnen Road was falling apart. Cllr Johnson had informed DCC.

59.12 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR FUTURE AGENDA

- (a) The Clerk advised that PC Brett had been seconded to the Olympic Operation at Weymouth. PCSOs Johnson and Cherrett continued to be available.

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- (b) Cllr Barnes requested that the access out of the Vineries estate be discussed at the next meeting.
- (c) Cllr Johnson requested that a grit bin inspection regime be discussed at the next meeting.

The Meeting ended at 21:05 hrs

CHAIRMAN