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At a Meeting of the **HIGHWAYS & PLANS COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the Memorial Hall on **30 APRIL 2013**.

PRESENT

Cllr Graeme Smith, Chairman
 Cllrs Gary Adams, David Barnes, Susan Cowsill, Tony Holloway, KD Johnson, Dave Mitchell and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Susan Davies, Pat Francis, Sue Gretton, Don Wallace (R)

498.13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

499.13 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 19 March and 16 April 2013, having been circulated, were taken as read confirmed and signed.

500.13 MATTERS ARISING

453.13 Speeding – Lonnen Road Cllr Warren asked that his name be withdrawn from being a volunteer.

501.13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

PA NO	DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED
3/13/0223/HOU	9 The Vineries Single storey front extension. No objection.
3/13/0244/HOU	4 Park Homer Road Convert garage and car port into bedroom and bathroom. No objection.
3/13/0275/FUL	Stocks Corner, 1 Smugglers Lane Variation of Condition 3 of Planning Permission 3/92/0473/FUL to allow use of granny annexe as a holiday let. No objection.

3/13/0327/HOU	Woodland House, Northleigh Lane Alterations to existing garage roof to construct new pool room at first floor level. No objection.
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502.13 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following applications had been APPROVED by EDDC:

PA NO	DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED
3/13/0177/HOU	19 Freemans Lane Erect front porch.
3/13/0076/HOU	2 Glynville Road Single storey side extension to include integral garage.
3/13/0024/HOU	1 Four Wells Road Erect shed (retrospective).
3/13/0056/HOU	54 The Vineries Retain boundary fence and gates.

NOTED.

**503.13 TREE MATTERS
PERMISSIONS FOR TREE WORK**

EDDC had granted permission for tree surgery work as follows:

ORDER	DETAILS
CO/12	Grant consent to fell Cherry at 6 Pine Tree Close.
CO/16	Grant consent to fell 9 Sycamores and 2 Ash and crown reduce 1 English Oak at Dumpton School.
CO/18	Grant consent to tree work on Scots Pine at Hazelbank, Leigh Lane.
CO/101	Grant consent to raise the crowns on 38 Oaks at land east of Willow, Colehill.

NOTED.

**504.13 PA 3/12/1106/FUL DUMPTON SCHOOL
Variation of Condition 5 of planning permission 3/11/0685/FUL to allow approved floodlights to operate on up to 5 days per week (excluding Saturdays and Sundays)**

Cllr David Packer would be representing the Parish Council at EDDC's Planning Committee on 30 April. The Parish Council had objected to the application believing that EDDC should stand by its original decision to restrict the floodlighting to 3 nights per week only.

NOTED.

505.13 PART-NIGHT STREET LIGHTING

DCC had advised that the Colehill street lights would be switched off in early June, apart from the lights at the Co-op crossroads and the chicanes in Middlehill Road.

NOTED.

506.13 PARKING PROBLEMS

DCC's Parking Services Group Manager had advised that the traffic wardens would include the area outside the Colehill Co-op when they were mobile around the Wimborne area.

Regarding the problem of parents causing obstruction to the traffic movement around St Michael's and Beaucroft Schools during drop-off and collection times, the Group Manager had advised that the area had been patrolled and with the restrictions that were currently in place, there was little the traffic wardens could do to help. The only on-street restrictions supported by Traffic Regulation Orders were the ones in the immediate vicinity of the junction between Colehill Lane and Wimborne Road and at the times the traffic wardens were there, the only drivers to stop upon these lines were blue badge holders.

The Group Manager said that the main problem was the usual sudden influx of cars stopping upon the road to drop-off or collect children, thereby causing tailbacks. At the locations where cars were stopping, there were no restrictions so there was nothing the traffic warden could do.

The Group Manager had asked the Senior Technician from the Traffic Engineering Team to have a look at the area to see what measures could be introduced to manage the situation. However, the Group Manager had said that parents would need to stop somewhere, and even if there were double yellow lines, because of the itinerant nature of the school run, chances were the presence of a traffic warden would have minimal effect.

NOTED.

507.13 COPSE BETWEEN MALLARD ROAD AND GLYNVILLE CLOSE

Flooding

EDDC had advised that DCC was the lead Local Flood Authority and was responsible for investigating flooding problems. The Clerk had advised DCC of the concerns that the new development at Glynville had altered the water table and was awaiting a response.

Litter

EDDC was investigating who was responsible for clearing the litter in the copse.

Overgrown Vegetation

The Clerk had advised DCC's Rights of Way Officer that a resident had complained about the overgrown vegetation by the footpath. The Rights of Way Officer had said that he hoped to see if the path could be improved, however he could not guarantee it. If there were sufficient funds work could take place later in the summer.

NOTED.

508.13 CYCLE PATH, TRIANGLE WOOD

The Clerk met with two officers from DCC to discuss a resident's concerns that the cycle path exits were incorrectly laid out. The officers inspected the two areas at Triangle Wood and the two areas at Kyrchil Corner. They considered that all four areas were correctly laid out.

DCC did advise that they would tidy the areas by removing some vegetation. They also advised that they could increase the length of fencing at Triangle Wood on the Wimborne Road side in order that cyclists used the correct entrance, rather than cutting across the vegetation. The costs would have to be shared between both councils.

RESOLVED that DCC be asked to provide a quotation of the costs and that Finance and General Purposes discuss whether to agree to the fence being increased.

509.13 FINGER POSTS

DCC had advised that the repairing of the village's finger posts could only be done when funds were available. DCC also advised that requests for such repairs were done in the order they had been received and that they had over 150 requests on their system.

The Members discussed whether St Michael's School would allow their pupils to make new signs in their woodwork classes. Members thought that as well as St Michael's School, the Clerk should investigate costs with the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs AONB Team and also Ottokampf.

RESOLVED that the costs for repairing/replacing the signs be investigated and the findings be reported to Finance and General Purposes Committee.

510.13 SKATEBOARDING

Young people were regularly skateboarding in the roads, particularly Pilford Heath Road, Sandy Lane and Lonnen Road, and Members were concerned for the skateboarders' safety.

Members agreed that there was nothing the Parish Council could do to stop this and that it was a police matter.

It was agreed that the Clerk should advise PC Brett that young people were skateboarding in the roads and ask that if he witnessed this happening he would remind the young people of the risks they were taking.

NOTED.

511.13 PUBLIC BENCHES

The cast iron support at one end of the bench on the corner of Glynville Road and Cannon Hill Road had split. Cllr Warren proposed, seconded by Cllr Barnes that it be removed 5:1 (2 abstentions). Finance and General Purposes would discuss whether it should be replaced.

There were no faults to report on the other benches.

RESOLVED that the bench located on the corner of Glynville Road and Cannon Hill Road be removed.

512.13 WIMBORNE ROAD: BUS STOP AND WAR MEMORIAL

There were no faults to report.

NOTED.

513.13 OLIVER'S PARK PLAY AREA

The Clerk reported some vandalism at the play area where five or six support logs had been removed from the area close to the chute. Continental Landscapes would be asked to replace them.

NOTED.

514.13 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

The SID had been installed at Grange. The latest data sheets were distributed.

NOTED.

515.13 HIGHWAY MATTERS FOR REPORT

- (a) DCC be advised that the road surface on Middlehill Road close to the chicanes was in a terrible condition. It was hoped that the surface could be repaired when they undertook planned works by the chicane.
- (b) DCC be advised that an estate agent was continuing to erect their boards on public land.
- (c) DCC be advised that builders' trucks were causing a hazard by parking on the bend at Leigh Road opposite Tops Nursery.
- (d) Cllr Warren would investigate whether the grass verge on Lonnen Road, opposite Rotary Close was owned by a local householder.

516.13 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR FUTURE AGENDA

- (a) Trees for Dorset had advised that they would be inspecting the Copper Beech tree. They also suggested that a top mulch be added and that any weeds be removed.
- (b) EDDC be asked to increase the emptying of the dog bins at Bytheway as they were very well utilised and overflowing.
- (c) The contractor conducting the road works at Cannon Hill Road had temporarily moved the dog bin making it difficult to get to. The Forestry Commission be asked when the road works were due to finish and whether the dog bin could be put in a more accessible place.
- (d) DCC Rights of Way had advised that the stones that remained by a householder's boundary in Cannon Hill Road were not considered to be causing an obstruction.
- (e) DAPTC had arranged a training session on Planning Issues for Members and the Clerk.
- (f) Cllr Smith advised that he had an electronic copy of the Bloor Homes development on the Cranborne Road. He would send it to the Clerk for distribution.

The Meeting ended at 20:30 hrs

CHAIRMAN