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At the Special Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **18 NOVEMBER 2014**.

PRESENT

Cllr Graeme Smith, Chairman

Cllr Susan Cowsill, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs Gary Adams, Susan Davies, Janet Dover, Sue Gretton, Mike Huntriss, KD Johnson, Dave Mitchell, David Packer, Peter Scriven, Emma Urquhart and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Tony Holloway and Barry Roberts.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Paine – Clerk.

256.14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

257.14 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW WORKING PARTY NOTES

The notes of the CGR working party meetings held on 4 November, 21 October, 7 October, 30 September, 23 September and 9 September were submitted and appear as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

258.14 RESPONSE TO EDDC'S COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Members discussed the response that had been produced by the Council's CGR Working Party and submitted to EDDC on 6 November. During discussion Members said that the response should have been approved by Council rather than the Working Party. Other comments were that the working party size of nine Members was too large, although it was argued that a smaller working party would not have been able to cope with the amount of work the consultation had created.

The Chairman read through each paragraph of the response. At paragraph 9 Members raised concerns about the wording and also whether paragraph 9 should be included at all. Cllr Packer proposed, seconded by Cllr Scriven, that at paragraph 9 "may be a desire" be altered to "is a desire". This was altered again to "is a desire by EDDC".

Members voted on altering the wording to "is a desire by EDDC". 7:2 (4 abstentions).

For: Cllrs Davies, Huntriss, Mitchell, Packer, Scriven, Urquhart and Warren.

Against: Cllrs Adams and Gretton. Cllr Adams said that he had no confidence in the response and requested that his comments be noted in the Minutes.

Abstentions: Cllrs Cowsill, Dover, Johnson and Smith.

RESOLVED that the Council's response be altered at paragraph 9, replacing "may be a desire" with "is a desire by EDDC" and that EDDC be advised of the Council's new submission, a copy of which appears as Appendix 2 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

259.14 MEETING WITH EDDC'S COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW TASK AND FINISH GROUP

Cllr Johnson proposed, seconded by Cllr Scriven, that Cllrs Smith and Davies attend the meeting. 10:0 (3 abstentions).

RESOLVED that Cllrs Smith and Davies, and the Clerk, attend the meeting on the 19 November to be advised of EDDC's recommendations.

260.14 EDDC PROPOSAL TO CHANGE FROM A COMMITTEE STYLE GOVERNANCE TO A CABINET MODEL

RESOLVED that EDDC be informed that the Council had never experienced a problem with the pace of decision making from EDDC and did not see any reason to change to a cabinet model.

261.14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION – ELECTORAL REVIEW OF DORSET

The LGBC had not provided any examples of where it considered the boundaries should be and had advised that as this was the first stage of the consultation, it wanted to hear what boundary changes organisations thought should be made, if any.

Cllr Mitchell said that the Council would have a better idea after the EDDC meeting tomorrow as to whether Colehill East and Colehill West would stay together, which would help determine what the boundary should be. Cllr Dover said that the County Division should not be changed as it worked well with Stapehill and had community cohesion.

Members AGREED that the Chairman and Clerk would prepare a response in time for the 1 December deadline.

262.14 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.

263.14 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Cllr Davies asked that the Firework event be discussed at the next appropriate meeting.

The Meeting ended at 21:10 hrs.

CHAIRMAN