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At a Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **13 JANUARY 2004**.

PRESENT

Cllr Janet Dover, Chairman  
Cllr John Gooch, Vice-Chairman  
Cllrs John Bell, Jeffrey Greenwood, Tony Holloway, KD Johnson, David Packer, Ted Phillips, David Topping, Don Wallace, John Warren

IN ATTENDANCE

District Cllrs David Morgan

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Jo Burn, Gwen Divall, Elena Pujol, Shirley Jones  
Community Beat Officer - PC 1122 Gary Miller

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three members of Furzehill Local Action for a Safer Hamlet (*FLASH*) Group attended to present the Group's village plan to mitigate residents' concerns about increased traffic, speed and noise levels through Furzehill. The plan was presented to the Parish Council for information. The Council's approval was invited prior to submission of the plan to the Wimborne Local Action Group (LAG) meeting on 11 February.

The Chairman of Friends of Colehill Library Group expressed his grave concern that the future of Colehill Library was again under review as part of DCC cost cutting review. He sought the Parish Council's support for the Library.

**318 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The following declarations were made:

Minute 337 (SE DORSET PRIMARY CARE TRUST)

Cllr John Gooch and Cllr Janet Dover.

Cllr Mrs Dover withdrew from the meeting when this item was discussed.

Minute 326 (COLEHILL LIBRARY)

Cllrs John Gooch, John Bell and David Packer

Minute 335 (ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT)

Cllr John Warren - Cheque No. 644 (Colehill Memorial Hall)

Cllr KD Johnson - Cheque No. 646 (Colehill Computer Associates)

**319 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman referred to the very good news that BT would allow the telephone boxes at Middlehill Road and Sandy Lane to remain for the time being.

She thanked the Members who had attended the Christmas visit to Howell House.

**320 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 December, having been circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed, subject to amendment in line one of

Minute 281 (LEIGH LANE - ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING) to read 'eleven properties' not 'fifteen properties' as stated.

**321 MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES OF 6 DECEMBER**

Further to the departure of Community Beat Officer PC David Fröhlich, an introductory message from his replacement, PC Gary Miller, was read including a note of crime reports covering the Christmas period.

**322 OLIVERS PARK PLAY AREA  
MINUTE 277**

A letter was read from Neil Farmer, Head of Leisure and Tourism EDDC, offering to the Council an alternative item of multi-play equipment to replace the Log Cabin at Olivers Park. This incorporated two slides and a hanging frame and could be made available at £1,412, the same price as the free standing hanging frame originally proposed.

RESOLVED that the offer of the multi-play item be gratefully accepted.

**323 LEIGH LANE - ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING**

Further to Minute 281, the Clerk reported that a second consultation letter had been sent to the eleven addresses in the unlit section of Leigh Lane. Nine replies had been received, six indicating in favour and three against.

RESOLVED that DCC be requested to proceed with installation of three bracket lamps in Leigh Lane.

**324 EDDC - CONSULTATION ON COUNCIL TAX 2004/05  
MINUTE 232**

EDDC were holding a final consultation meeting on 26 January. Four Members and the Clerk were invited to attend.

RESOLVED that EDDC be advised that Cllrs John Bell, John Gooch, KD Johnson and John Warren represent this Council at the meeting.

**325 FURZEHILL FLASH GROUP - VILLAGE PLAN**

All Members had received a copy of the *FLASH* village plan with their Agenda. The Group wanted the Council to be aware of their suggestions for traffic calming measures prior to submission of the village plan to the Wimborne LAG on 11 February. The Furzehill *FLASH* Group hoped that the plan might proceed with the Parish Council's approval and support.

Further to the discussion with and questions posed to the *FLASH* Group during Public Participation, some Members felt that they wished to consider the plan in more detail and it was RESOLVED that :-

- (a) The *FLASH* Group be thanked for their village plan.
- (b) The plan be referred to Highways & Plans Committee Meeting (27 January) for discussion.

VOTING: For 6      Against 4      Abstained 1

**326 COLEHILL LIBRARY**

Cllr Don Wallace referred to the comments made by the Chairman of the Friends of Colehill Library Group under 'Public Participation' that the future of Colehill Library was uncertain and to Press coverage of this item which had been based on an article in DCC *NEWS*. The matter would be discussed at DCC Corporate Services Overview & Policy Development Committee on 27 January.

Following discussion, it was RESOLVED that a letter be sent to DCC in support of the Library stressing the improved performance, increased usage and borrowing figures and that it serves the Wimborne hinterland in addition to Colehill residents.

**327 COLEHILL & WIMBORNE  
TRAFFIC MATTERS**

MINUTE 271 & 276

Cllr Janet Dover and Ted Phillips reported on an informal meeting they had attended on 7 January with representatives of Wimborne Minster Town Council. The Meeting had been facilitated by Cllr David Packer to discuss various traffic matters affecting the boundaries between the two Councils and a protocol for future action.

RESOLVED that :-

- (a) The reports be noted.
- (b) Those outstanding traffic matters that had been deferred pending the meeting be included on the Agenda for Highways & Plans Committee 27 January.

**328 COMPOSTING CHAMPIONS/COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS**

MINUTE 230

The Chairman welcomed Gemma Coles, EDDC Recycling and Composting Promotions Officer and Marten Gregory, DCC Waste Management Division. They informed the Council about the joint initiative being taken to meet the Government's mandatory targets for reduction in domestic waste which goes to landfill sites. They were seeking to identify and support 'composting champions', people who were willing to act as a local point of contact for help and advice on composting.

An initial 'brown box' scheme to encourage composting of house and garden waste had been launched in Verwood, phased introduction of the scheme to other Parishes would follow. Local Councils would be informed of progress with the composting scheme and were asked to assist with its publicity.

The Chairman thanked Gemma and Marten for their attendance and for the information distributed.

**329 WIMBORNE CEMETERY JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Further to Minute 286, a vacancy existed on the Management Committee following the resignation of Cllr Shirley Jones.

RESOLVED that Cllr Jo Burn be invited to represent the Parish Council on this Committee.

**330** **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a) **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES - 16 DECEMBER**

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

**M 305 (e) PARKING IN COLEHILL LANE**

Colehill Lane had been inspected on 10 January. The verge was damaged and, in places, the edge of the carriageway was breaking-up

RESOLVED that

- (i) The report be approved and adopted.
- (ii) Parking in Colehill Lane be referred to Highways & Plans Committee Meeting (27 January) for consideration.

(b) **HIGHWAYS & PLANS - 16 DECEMBER**

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(c) **HIGHWAYS & PLANS - 6 JANUARY**

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

**M314 - PARKING IN BEAUCROFT ROAD**

The Clerk advised that, following Highways & Plans Committee on 6 January and a discussion with Eastern Area Highways, this matter had also been referred to DCC for investigation.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

**331** **GAS PRESSURE REGULATOR**

**JUNCTION PILFORD HEATH ROAD & MIDDLEHILL ROAD**

Further to Minute 315, Cllr Janet Dover referred to press coverage arising from the installation of the Gas Pressure Regulator and receipt of information from International Gas Apparatus Ltd about underground housing for gas governors.

The siting had been agreed between Transco and DCC following a site meeting. Members voiced their strong objection, and that of many residents, to the installation of this piece of equipment in such a prominent position on the visibility splay.

RESOLVED that DCC be informed of this Council's very strong objections to the siting of this gas pressure regulator, particularly in view of the alternative underground housings which were available.

**332** **REPORTS**

Report was given by Representatives of the Council on the following Bodies: -

**DCC**

DCC were consulting on setting of Council Tax. In addition to County, District Police and Parish element, a separate item for Dorset Fire & Rescue

was included this year.

**EDDC**

Cllr David Packer reported EDDC were in process of setting the Council Tax. Following an initial report, the Officers had been asked to look for savings. The District Council had amended their Constitution to enable the operation of the new High Hedges legislation as set out in Part 8 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003.

Cllr David Morgan (Wimborne Minster District Cllr) referred to changes in Licensing Legislation and responsibilities for EDDC, payment of Council Tax on second homes, the successful sex education programme run in conjunction with The Planet Youth Centre and the introduction of CCTV in Wimborne.

**ST CATHERINE'S RC SCHOOL**

Building works at the School were now complete.

In view of the length of the Agenda, the following reports were deferred:-

REPRESENTATIVES ON THE FOLLOWING BODIES

Colehill First School

Hayeswood First School

Wimborne Cemetery Joint Management Committee

Memorial Hall Management Committee

DAPTC

The Reef Management Committee

COLEHILL COMMUNITY WEBSITE

**333 ED COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

**(a) 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 5 FEBRUARY**

Notification of this Conference was received. The Parish Council was invited to appoint a Representative. Cllr David Packer indicated that he would be attending and offered to report to Colehill on the outcome.

**(b) WIMBORNE LOCAL ACTION GROUP (LAG)**

The Wimborne LAG would meet on Wednesday 11 February at Allendale Centre. Cllr John Warren indicated he would attend.

NOTED

**334 ACCOUNTS - YEAR END MARCH 2003**

**AMENDMENT TO ANNUAL RETURN**

MINUTE 235

Following submission of the Council's Annual Return, the Auditor had requested an amendment to the entry regarding Risk Assessment. As the Council's Risk Assessment Policy was not in place at the end of the Financial Year 2003, the Council's entry on the Return should be changed to 'NO' in line with the Internal Auditor's Report.

RESOLVED that approval be given to this alteration being made to the Council's Annual Return.

**335 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED that the accounts listed in Appendix 1 be passed for payment and cheques drawn therefor.

**336 ACCESS AT KYRCHIL CORNER**

The Chairman read a letter from Mr V Coda, 5 Kyrchil Way, expressing his displeasure at action taken by the Parish Council and DCC Rights of Way Officer including the erection of wooden posts which prevented vehicular access onto FP 21.

Cllr KD Johnson stated that he had met Mr Coda, the Clerk and the County Rights of Way Officer on 6 January and again with other Members present on 10 January when the letter had been handed to the Clerk. A verbal explanation had been given to Mr Coda and some of his queries had been addressed.

Following a preliminary discussion, it was RESOLVED that the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman formulate a letter of explanation to Mr Coda.

**337 SE DORSET PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

Having declared a personal and prejudicial Interest, Cllrs Mrs Dover left the Meeting. Cllr John Gooch, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

Parish Council had received notification of the Consultation by SE Dorset Primary Care Trust on the future of Minor Injuries Service in East Dorset.

Following a preliminary discussion, it was RESOLVED that the Consultation Document be circulated to all Members and a response considered at the next meeting of the Council. (24 February).

The Meeting ended at 21.45hrs.

CHAIRMAN