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At the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **7 APRIL 2004**.

PRESENT

Cllrs John Bell, Gwen Divall, Janet Dover, John Gooch, John Hurst, KD Johnson, Andrew Marsh, Ted Phillips, Elena Pujol, David Topping, Don Wallace, John Warren.

IN ATTENDANCE

County. Cllr Marilyn Osner
Simon Thompson, Dorset Community Action

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Jeffrey Greenwood, Tony Holloway and David Packer.
PC Gary Miller, Colehill Community Beat Officer

There were no members of the public present.

457 WELCOME

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Janet Dover welcomed the Members present and thanked Simon Thompson for attending to inform the Council about The 'Vital Villages' project.

458 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 April 2003, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

459 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Reviewing items dealt with during a very busy year, Cllr Janet Dover made particular reference to the following matters:

(a) Parish Council

Changes in Membership of the Council following the Elections on 1 May 2003 and during the year.

(b) Policing

Parish Council had welcomed PC Gary Miller as the new Community Beat Officer for Colehill. Members were concerned about under-age drinking and were pursuing the possibility of an alcohol ban on the main roads through Colehill and at Olivers Park.

(c) Planning

The erection of a Reception Building at the Woodland Burial Ground had been approved on Appeal and the Council had opposed an application by Vodaphone for a 3rd telecomm mast on Cannon Hill. Visits had been made by EDDC Planning Officer and Chairman of Planning Committee to smooth the path towards dealing with planning administration.

(d) Highways

The resurfacing of Pilford Lane and Uddens had been promised and would be carried out shortly by DCC. Residents in Wimborne Road and elsewhere had expressed concerns about traffic speed. Useful

meetings had taken place with the Group Furzehill Local Action for a Safer Hamlet (*FLASH*) regarding road safety matters in Furzehill. Representations had been made to DCC about the unsightly appearance of the Gas Pressure Regulator installed at the corner of Pilford Heath and Middlehill Roads.

- (e) Transport
Parish Council had had a visit from Dialaride representatives to explain the service they provide. Residents appreciated the 'Real-Time' bus shelters installed by DCC.
- (f) Recreation
Olivers Park play area was undergoing refurbishment and a new item of equipment had been added. Unfortunately, EDDC had not been able to proceed with the anticipated provision of a neighbourhood recreation area off Bridleway estate, instead, the EDDC were considering developing their land off Leigh Road near By-the-Way.
- (g) 'Pride in Colehill'
The Chairman outlined measures taken to date to improve the environment and raise the profile of the Parish Council.
- (h) The Triangle
Byelaws for The Triangle were about to be finalised and designation of the land as a Local Nature Reserve was also under discussion. The Chairman particularly thanked all helpers who worked at The Triangle on the Conservation Workdays.
- (i) ED Community Partnership
The formation of Local Action Groups had progressed and was a reminder of the need for communities to work more closely on many issues to achieve a result. The Open Forum to be held at St. Michael's Church Hall on 12 May was one such meeting.
- (j) Public Facilities
Both the Library and two telephone kiosks had been threatened with closure and/or removal this year. Following vigorous campaigning all were retained for the time being.

The Chairman thanked the Members for their support and hard work during the year.

460 PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2003

Copies of the audited Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2003 had been circulated and a Receipts and Payments summary of the Accounts at 31 March 2004 was available for information.

RESOLVED that the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2003 be received and noted.

**461 VITAL VILLAGES - 'AN ACTION PLAN FOR THE FUTURE
DOES COLEHILL NEED ONE?'**

Vital Villages was a 4-year programme launched in July 2001 by The Countryside Agency and Dorset Community Action. It would end in June 2004.

Simon Thompson outlined the background and process for communities and local organisations working under the 'umbrella' of the Parish Council to prepare a Plan for their Parish which, once confirmed, would contribute towards the on-going Community Strategy.

A Steering Committee would need to be appointed to gather information by means of a household survey. The Plan should be wide-ranging in the subjects covered and prepared in consultation with adjoining local authorities. The process would take 12 - 14 months to complete.

If Colehill should decide to proceed with a Parish Plan, an application would need to be made no later than the end of May in order to qualify for funding.

Following a time of questions the Chairman thanked Simon Thompson for his presentation and closed the meeting at 20.50 hrs.

CHAIRMAN