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At a Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at
COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **23 JANUARY 2007**

PRESENT

Cllr John Gooch, Chairman
Cllr Ted Phillips, Vice-Chairman
Cllrs Keith Baker, John Bell, Gwen Divall, Janet Dover, Tony Holloway,
KD Johnson, Andrew Marsh, David Packer, Don Wallace and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Scott Miller and David Topping.
District Cllr David Morgan.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Derek Henderson, Chairman, Friends of Colehill Library and two members of the
Friends of Colehill Library.
Mrs Sheila Bourton, Chairperson, Keep Wimborne Green.

327.07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr John Gooch declared his interest in Agenda Item No 8, Committee
Reports on the Memorial Hall, due to proximity of property.

**328.07 PRESENTATION BY DEREK HENDERSON, CHAIRMAN, FRIENDS
OF COLEHILL LIBRARY**

Minute 291.06 refers

Derek Henderson informed the Council that Dorset County Council had suggested two solutions for the local running of the library; the first involved using the local schools and the second was having a Community Trust. Although the local Head Teachers are very supportive of the library, it was felt that the Community Trust solution was the way forward. The Friends of Colehill Library are working on a feasibility study and business plan, but there is a requirement for lots of volunteers. Derek mentioned the age and condition of the building and said that in the longer term a new building will be required. Derek said that a community orientated leadership by the Parish Council is vital and the Friends of Colehill Library feel that the future of the library is in the Parish Council's hands.

The Chairman thanked Mr Henderson and the Friends of Colehill Library for their work in preparing proposals for a way forward for Colehill Library and for attending the meeting.

329.07 LIBRARY SUBMISSION

The Chairman advised the Council that the first stage was to accept that something had to be done to retain the library. He proposed that an action group be set up called Colehill Library Action Group (CLAG).

It was unanimously AGREED to form the Colehill Library Action Group in order to secure the future of Colehill Library.

The following Councillors agreed to be in the Group: Cllrs Janet Dover,

John Gooch, David Packer and Don Wallace.

The following members of Friends of Colehill Library agreed to be in the Group: Jock Dunlop and Derek Henderson. Mr Henderson advised that there would possibly be one more member interested in joining the Group.

The Group will meet on Friday 26 January 2007, at 2.00 pm in the Betty Webster Committee Room, Colehill Memorial Hall.

Cllr John Gooch reported that Stalbridge Town Council had written requesting that parish councils get together to make a concerted effort to oppose the library closures.

AGREED that the Clerk respond to the letter informing Stalbridge Town Council of our support towards opposing library closures.

330.07 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

- (a) The Chairman reported that Andrew Berry, (DCC Management Engineer), had advised that his proposed presentation on the traffic calming measures in Middlehill Road had been postponed to the next Council meeting on 6th March. Cllr Janet Dover reported that Andrew Berry had informed her that he had obtained substantially increased funding to extend the traffic calming measures down to Canford Bottom.
- (b) The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Mrs Sheila Bourton, Chairperson, Keep Wimborne Green, concerning the assessment of the population, housing and economic characteristics on the Poole/Bournemouth conurbation which he had acknowledged.
- (c) A letter had been received from the Colehill Parish Plan Steering Group concerning Colehill Library to which he had replied.
- (d) A leaflet on the Sustainable Community Strategy for Dorset was available in the Library.
- (e) The SW Regional Spatial Strategy had considered our appeal to be included in the list of participants, however the Panel concluded that it had a broad range of participants and did not need Colehill Parish Council.

331.07 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 December, having been circulated, be approved and signed subject to the following amendments:

- (a) M303.06 b) The date for the Ferndown Mayor's Charity Ball is to be held on 10 March at Oakdene Forest Park, St Leonards.
- (b) M304.06 Change the paragraph to include traffic signs and to include Dorset County Council as a contact for reporting damaged signs to.

332.07 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 9 JANUARY
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted, subject to amendment of Minute 317.07 Request for TPO – Woodland Adjoining Wimborne Road. Delete (Mrs P Hymers, D Morgan and

Mrs M Osner) and replace with (Cllrs Janet Dover, David Packer and Don Wallace).

- (b) **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES – 9 JANUARY**
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

333.07 PARISH PLAN

Cllr David Packer reported that it was the intention of the Parish Plan Steering Group to make sure the Parish Council receives copies of the Minutes for every meeting.

334.07 CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Cllr John Warren reported that East Dorset District Council had collected Christmas trees for recycling, but only from certain areas in Colehill. He advised Council that there seemed to be very little publicity from EDDC regarding the collection.

Cllr Janet Dover AGREED to discuss the concerns with East Dorset District Council and report back to the next meeting.

335.07 PUBLIC SEAT

Minute 321.07 refers

Cllr KD Johnson outlined the background to this item. In March 2002 it was agreed that the public seat, situated on land owned by the residents at 38 Pilford Heath Road, be abandoned and removed by the residents at No 38 at their own expense. The owners removed the seat in December 2006 and two telephone complaints were received stating that elderly residents used the seat.

Cllr KD Johnson proposed that another public seat be purchased and placed on the grass verge opposite where the original seat was. The seat could be used to commemorate the late Cllr Jeffrey Greenwood.

It was unanimously AGREED that a seat be purchased and installed on the grass verge. Cllr John Gooch will contact the Greenwood family to obtain their permission on commemorating Cllr Jeffrey Greenwood in this way.

336.07 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT POST OFFICE CROSSROADS
CCTV CAMERA

Cllr John Warren reported that a Give Way sign had been left on the Post Office wall in Lonnen Road, and that a shopping trolley had been abandoned in the area. A Traffic Warden had been observed booking a red van which was parked on double yellow lines.

The Clerk reported that the electrician will be providing an electricity supply to the CCTV Camera sometime during the week commencing 29 January. Cllr Keith Baker advised that the CCTV equipment had been ordered and would be set up as soon as the electricity supply was installed.

337.07 KEEP WIMBORNE GREEN

The Chairman advised that he had received a request from Mrs Sheila Bourton, Chairperson, Keep Wimborne Green, suggesting that Colehill Parish Councillors may wish to attend some of Keep Wimborne Green's committee meetings.

It was AGREED that the Parish Council send a representative to the committee meetings. Cllr John Gooch agreed to be the representative.

338.07 EDDC CONSULTATION COUNCIL TAX 2007/08

The Chairman advised that EDDC had invited four Councillors and the Clerk to attend a consultation Council Tax meeting on 1 February 2007 at 7.30 pm.

It was AGREED that Cllrs Keith Baker, John Warren and KD Johnson, and the Clerk attend. The Clerk to inform the CE's secretary before 26 January.

339.07 EDDC PROTOCOL FOR MEMBERS RELATING TO PERSONAL GUARANTEES AND SURETIES

The Chairman advised that EDDC had introduced a new protocol into its constitution. The protocol will offer a line of advice to any member who seeks to become involved in a personal guarantee/surety for a community activity or project and offers a way of dealing with that involvement.

Cllr Don Wallace proposed that Colehill Parish Council adopt the protocol, seconded by Cllr Janet Dover.

It was unanimously AGREED that the protocol be adopted and the Clerk inform EDDC of the decision.

340.07 EDDC STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND GUIDANCE

A copy of EDDC's letter regarding the Standards Board for England Guidance was distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

The contents of the letter were Noted.

341.07 FORESTRY COMMISSION WORK IN CANNON HILL AND BEDBOROUGH PLANTATIONS

The Forestry Commission issued the details of the proposed work taking place in Cannon Hill and Bedborough Plantations in February 2007. Councillors received the information prior to the meeting.

Noted.

342.07 REPORTS

Reports were given by Representatives of the Council on the following Bodies:

DCC

Cllr Janet Dover reported on the Dorset Pathfinder Proposal. DCC supports a Pathfinder bid as opposed to becoming a Unitary Authority. It will result in County, District and Parish/Town Councils working closer together, and

will provide opportunities to work closer with local people. More services may be provided at a local level.

EDDC

Cllr David Packer advised that the Pathfinder option will involve reviewing the services over a period of years. A cross party Improvement Plan Working Party had been established to oversee this work.

Cllr Don Wallace advised on the public speaking procedures at Planning Committee. He further advised that no planning application had been received from Waitrose. However, there had been an application regarding the new cricket pitch.

HAYESWOOD FIRST SCHOOL

Cllr John Bell reported that all was well at the School.

COLEHILL FIRST SCHOOL

Cllr KD Johnson reported that a Year 1 teacher had retired and a replacement was being sought.

ST CATHERINE'S RC SCHOOL

Cllr Ted Phillips advised that the School received "highly commended" at their last Ofsted inspection.

HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr John Gooch advised that the Committee are prioritising their expenditure. The main priorities were the replacement of the heating system and curtains.

THE REEF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Janet Dover advised that the next meeting is on 1 February at The Planet. The Committee is advertising for a new Youth Leader to replace Mark Lawson. At present the vacancy is being covered by a rota of qualified helpers.

Cllr KD Johnson has a spring programme of events for The Reef and will put this on the Website.

WIMBORNE CEMETERY JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr KD Johnson reported that the data inputting was progressing well. Extra overtime has been agreed for the Clerk. Recent significant expenditure included the provision of new roadways, allowing hearses onto the extension land. Arrangements had been made for a contact to ferret the area, at no charge, to deal with the increasing rabbit population.

DAPTC

Cllr John Bell reported that he had attended a meeting of the DAPTC and that David Jenkins, CE DCC, had also attended.

FOOTPATH LIAISON OFFICER

Cllr KD Johnson reported on the Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Dorset and on a forthcoming Rights of Way Liaison Officer training day.

FRIENDS OF COLEHILL LIBRARY

Cllr John Gooch advised that Friends of Colehill Library had 103 members.

COLEHILL COMMUNITY WEBSITE

Cllr KD Johnson had advised the Clerk how to search for previous Minutes on the Website.

EAST DORSET COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Meeting had been rescheduled to 13 February, at 7.00 pm, at the Waterside Suite, Allendale Community Centre, Wimborne.

COUNCIL LAND

Cllr John Gooch asked if the BMX trail had been inspected in December and enquired as to the location of the inspection book. Cllr KD Johnson replied that he had the book and had recently cleaned up the area. There was no indication of activity from BMX riders. Cllr Warren agreed to conduct the February inspection.

343.07 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

344.07 DEMOCRACY PACK – DAPTC

This was made available at the Meeting for information.

Cllr Don Wallace advised that EDDC are running sessions to encourage prospective candidates to stand for election.

Noted.

The Meeting ended at 20:50hrs.

CHAIRMAN