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At a Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at  
COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **6 MARCH 2007**

**PRESENT**

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

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs John Bell, David Packer and David Topping  
District Cllr David Morgan

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Nine members of the public attended to listen to the presentation on traffic calming measures at Smugglers Lane and Middlehill Road.

Mr John Shave, Chair of the East Dorset Community Safety Action Group, attended to remind the members of the proposal for the use, jointly with Holt Parish Council, of a Speed Indicator Device and to ask the Council to ratify the proposal in order that he may apply for funding.

**366.07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr John Gooch declared his personal interest in Agenda Item 11a relating to Colehill Memorial Hall.

**367.07 PRESENTATION BY ANDREW BERRY, MANAGEMENT ENGINEER, DCC, ON TRAFFIC CALMING AT SMUGGLERS LANE/MIDDLEHILL ROAD**

**Minute 242.06 refers**

Mr Berry informed Council of his success in obtaining additional funding for the Scheme and how he had booked for the work to commence by the end of October 2007. Plans were distributed to Councillors and Mr Berry explained his ideas for traffic calming, which included:

- (i) installing gateway features at either end of the village;
- (ii) narrowing the road at the shops which will force drivers to give way to each other;
- (iii) using psychological traffic calming measures along certain parts of the road;
- (iv) a possible zebra crossing/courtesy crossing at the shops;
- (v) using a different surface colour at the junction of Colehill Lane/Smugglers Lane, with a vehicle activated sign or a speed sign, and possibly the give way signs being brought out further into the road.

Mr Berry is arranging for some temporary traffic calming measures to be installed which he hopes will verify and provide evidence that the measures will work.

Cllr Wallace asked how much funding had been obtained. Mr Berry replied that £75,000 had been obtained for 2007/08 and £75,000 for 2008/09.

The Chairman asked Mr Berry to post more copies of the plan to the Clerk for her to distribute to the Councillors.

Mr Berry requested that he return to a future Council meeting and conduct a presentation when the plans have been finalised.

Cllr Dover thanked the members of the public for attending. The Chairman asked the Clerk to take their telephone numbers and contact them when a date has been arranged for Mr Berry's presentation.

**368.07 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID)**

Mr John Shave, Chair of East Dorset Community Safety Action Group, outlined the background of Speed Indicator Devices. Dorset County Council has agreed that it will support local councils purchasing and operating locally owned SIDs.

Councillors asked what the lifespan of a SID was likely to be and were informed that it was approximately four years. Training would be provided to volunteers who would be able to move the SID to identified areas where speeding occurs.

Mr Shave advised that the costs could be covered by funding from EDCP Traffic and Transport TAG, however in order to apply for the funding, he had to provide evidence that Holt and Colehill Parish Councils supported the proposal and each agreed to contribute £300 pa. Holt Parish Council already supports the proposal.

Cllr Johnson proposed that the Council support the proposal and contribute £300 pa. Cllr Wallace seconded.

It was unanimously AGREED that the proposal be supported and a sum of £300 be contributed.

**369.07 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

- (a) Attended the Wimborne Minster Town Mayor's charity night on 23 February.
- (b) The Commission of Rural Communities had written requesting a telephone survey of views on rural issues but they have not done so yet.
- (c) The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) has sent an invitation for a Member to attend a Seminar on Parish Problems on 8 May. Cllr Johnson will attend. The Clerk to inform the CPRE.
- (d) The Chairman suggested that in future years the Chairman and Chairman of Finances and General Purposes Committee should discuss the budget with the Clerk before it is reviewed by the F & GP Committee.

- (e) The Chairman has invited Mr Ken Lannon, Chair of the Parish Plan Steering Group, to be the speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting on 17 April.

**370.07 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January, having been circulated, be approved and signed subject to the following amendments:

- (a) M342.07 Colehill First School delete Cllr John Warren and replace with Cllr KD Johnson.

**371.07 MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES OF 23 JANUARY**

- (a) M330.07 (b) The Chairman reported that he had received a copy of a letter from Mrs Sheila Bourton, Chairperson, Keep Wimborne Green, which had been sent to Mr Wallace at East Dorset District Council requesting that the District Council support the urban extension to the west of Wimborne only.
- (b) M331.07(a) The Ferndown Mayor's Charity Ball on 10 March had been cancelled.
- (c) M334.07 Information from East Dorset District Council had been received regarding Christmas tree recycling and the lack of publicity towards it. A trial Christmas tree recycling collection service for residents in the Wimborne area was carried out and indications are that the service may be expanded to other areas this year. Considerable efforts had been made to publicise the collection, however not all newspapers had covered the story. The Communications Officer at East Dorset is hoping to increase publicity this year.
- (d) M335.07 The Chairman confirmed that the Greenwood family permit the Council to commemorate Cllr Jeffrey Greenwood by installing a public seat.
- (e) M338.07 Cllrs Baker, Johnson and Warren, and the Clerk attended the meeting.

**372.07 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- (a) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 30 JANUARY  
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

Minute 351.07 Cllr Johnson informed Council that East Dorset Housing Association is converting the bedsits into flats over a timescale of 2 years. The residents will be rehoused during the redevelopment.

Minute 355.07 Cllr Dover will not be attending the meeting on the 9 March due to her only being permitted to speak at one venue regarding this matter. Cllr Dover had chosen to speak at the DCC meeting (date to be arranged). Cllrs Divall, Johnson and Gooch are attending. Cllr Divall will speak on behalf of the Council.

- (b) **HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 20 FEBRUARY**  
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

Minute 362.07 Mrs B Elliott had acknowledged our letter, but to date no response had been received regarding the trees at Beacroft School.

Minute 365.07(d) Cllr Johnson explained that a resident at Kyrchil Way had informed the Clerk that a breeze block structure, which looked like a homemade compost bin, had been left on the common land. It was no longer on site when Cllr Johnson and the Clerk visited although there was a rectangular indentation on the ground where the breeze blocks had been. At the time of their visit they witnessed a lorry driving across the common land to deliver a skip to No 9 Kyrchil Way. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr and Mrs Maude reminding them to request permission for heavier vehicles to access the common.

**373.07 PARISH PLAN**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 24 January and 14 February were distributed for information.

The Minutes were Noted.

**374.07 COLEHILL LIBRARY ACTION GROUP**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 26 January and 9 February were distributed for information.

The Minutes were Noted.

**375.07 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT POST OFFICE CROSSROADS  
CCTV CAMERA**

Cllr Baker reported that XAct's cherry picker had broken down, preventing them from installing the camera earlier. The company was seeking a replacement and hoped to visit the site by Friday 9 March. Once installed the camera will have a recording function. When Broadband is connected volunteers will be able to monitor the area.

**376.07 REPORTS**

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

**DCC**

Cllr Dover reported that DCC had set the Council Tax increase at 4.9%. A proposal by the opposition party to reinstate money from the care budget had not been supported by the Administration; therefore the cuts will continue to take place.

### **EDDC**

Cllr Dover reported that Policy and Resources Committee had agreed the Street Scene Enforcement Strategy.

Cllr Dover reported on the Department of Trade and Industry's consultation of the proposed closure of more than one third of post offices. East Dorset District Council had voted unanimously to not support any closure of post offices in East Dorset. (Colehill has two post offices).

Cllr Wallace informed Council of the 2007/08 Council Tax figures (Band D) as follows:

DCC	£1048.95
EDDC	£169.94
Dorset Police	£156.51
Dorset Fire and Rescue	£53.19
Colehill Parish Council	£17.00
Total	£1445.59

Cllr Wallace reported that some Members were concerned about the spending of over £200,000 on consultancy fees during the year. He reported on the new planning procedure which requires applicants to provide much more detail and he also reported that he had spoken to Guy Beresford, Highways Agency, regarding Canford Bottom roundabout and was informed that further road signs will be installed.

### **COLEHILL FIRST SCHOOL**

Cllr Miller advised that he will be attending a meeting at the School on 7 March.

### **HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Chairman advised that the Committee is not going ahead with the disabled access. The curtains were being replaced at a cost of £3,300 The Committee has applied for a grant from Dorset Community Action

A Fire Safety Risk Assessment had been carried out. Hirers must ensure that one person knows how to use a fire extinguisher.

Cllr John Warren asked to whom he should direct service companies with regard to the Hall. The Chairman said that they should speak to him.

### **WIMBORNE CEMETERY JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr KD Johnson had attended a meeting on 5 March. There was nothing significant to report. The Committee plan to purchase a hedge trimmer.

### **FRIENDS OF COLEHILL LIBRARY**

The Chairman reported on the retirement of the Librarian, Pauline Aston. Dorset County Council has employed another Librarian to replace her. The redecoration is finished and the number of Friends to Colehill Library has increased.

The Chairman advised that a meeting has been arranged on 9 May in which Colehill Library Action Group would meet with Officers and Members of East Dorset District Council and Dorset County Council.

**COLEHILL COMMUNITY WEBSITE**

Cllr Johnson advised that he has updated The Reef programme for March and updated the CV's of some Colehill Parish Councillors.

Publicity for the Memorial Hall was mentioned and Cllr Johnson advised that if the Memorial Hall provides the information he will be able to put the details onto the website.

**COUNCIL LAND**

An informal meeting had been arranged at the BMX site on 24 February, however the representatives of the BMX users had not attended.

Cllr Divall reported on the conservation day on the 24 February. Work had been carried out on the Triangle and BMX trail by volunteers.

**377.07 POLICY FOR INTERVIEWING AND APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Cllr Divall outlined the Policy, which appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes. At present the Council does not have a procedure to ensure that all candidates for co-option are treated equally. The Policy aims to correct this.

Cllr Divall proposed that the Policy be adopted. Cllr Johnson seconded.

It was unanimously AGREED to adopt the Policy for interviewing and appointment of candidates for co-option to the Parish Council.

**378.07 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED that the accounts listed in Appendix 2 be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

**379.07 MY PLACE GOVERNMENT FUNDED SCHEME**

The Chairman distributed leaflets on affordable homes for information.

**380.07 ROAD OBSTRUCTION AND VERGE DESTRUCTION AT CAMELLIAS, LITTLE LONNEN**

Cllr Johnson reported that he had contacted DCC Highways and Wimborne Police regarding the building materials on the verge at Camellias and the vehicles parked on the verge opposite.

The Police had attended the site and the drivers will desist from parking on the verge in the future.

**381.07 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – DOGDEAN, WIMBORNE**

The Clerk informed the Members of the temporary road closure at Dogdean, which will take place on 8 March 2007.

**382.07 SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL – WIMBORNE ROAD**

The Clerk informed Members that she had spoken to the Head Teacher of St Michael's School who had said that the trial school crossing patrol would take place on Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 March on Wimborne Road between Beaucroft School and Northleigh Lane.

Noted.

The Meeting ended at 21:20hrs.

CHAIRMAN