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At a Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at  
COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **17 APRIL 2007**

**PRESENT**

Cllr John Gooch, Chairman  
Cllr Ted Phillips, Vice-Chairman  
Cllrs Keith Baker, John Bell, Janet Dover, KD Johnson, Andrew Marsh,  
Scott Miller, David Topping, Don Wallace and John Warren

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Gwen Divall, Tony Holloway and David Packer

**418.07 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr John Gooch declared his personal interest in Agenda Item 6 relating to Colehill Memorial Hall.

**419.07 SUSPEND STANDING ORDER 13.1**

The Chairman asked Council to suspend Standing Order 13.1 to enable him to discuss the Clerk's probationary period at the end of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr John Gooch, seconded by Cllr KD Johnson.

RESOLVED that Standing Order 13.1 be suspended.

**420.07 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

- (a) Attended East Dorset District Scouts presentation evening.
- (b) Attended the Verwood Hub.
- (c) Will be attending the Civic Thanksgiving Service at Wimborne Minster.
- (d) A response to the DTi consultation on Post Offices had been sent.

Cllr Janet Dover explained that she had contributed to the DTi consultation on behalf of Colehill residents as a District Councillor.

**421.07 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 March, having been circulated, be approved and signed subject to the following amendments:

- (a) M69.07 (e) The words "Mrs Helen Howell" are deleted and replaced with "Mr Ken Lannon".
- (b) M376.07 The sentence "Hirers must ensure one person is competent in using a fire extinguisher" be replaced with "Hirers must ensure that one person knows how to use a fire extinguisher".

**422.07 MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES OF 6 MARCH**

- (a) M375.07 Cllr KD Johnson reported that the broadband connection was due to be set up, subject to survey, within two weeks.

**423.07 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- (a) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 13 MARCH  
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

Minute 388.07 The Clerk explained that DCC's Andrew Randell was investigating the problem of vehicles parking on the grass verge in Wimborne Road. Cllr John Warren asked the Clerk to arrange a site meeting with him and Andrew Randell.

Minute 393.07 The seat had been installed and the Clerk was instructed to purchase a plaque with the following wording "In memory of Jeffrey Greenwood, Colehill Parish Councillor, 1965 to 2006. The Clerk to contact Jeffrey's daughter, Christine Chuck, to confirm the wording.

- (b) FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES – 13 MARCH  
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted subject to the following amendment:

Minute 398.07 and 398.07 (3) The sentence be altered to "Cllr KD Johnson reported that John Williamson of DCC had confirmed that there were no guidelines as to the width of the access to a bridleway and suggested that 1.5 m was adequate, unless legal records held indicated otherwise."

Minute 398.07(4) Cllr John Warren had inspected the BMX site and had noticed that there had been a large fire in the area. He asked the Clerk to write to Mrs S Brocklebank and Mr W Healey requesting they visit the BMX site at the weekends and be vigilant in an effort to deter this kind of behaviour.

- (c) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 3 APRIL  
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

**424.07 PARISH PLAN**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 28 February, 14 March and 28 March were distributed for information.

The Minutes were Noted.

**425.07 AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS**

The Chairman explained that the 10 candidates nominated for election would be automatically returned to the Council, leaving a shortfall of 5 Councillors. An amendment to Standing Orders would reduce the minimum number appointed to the two principal sub-committees from the existing 11 (10 plus 1 Rota Member) to 7 (6 plus 1 Rota Member).

The proposal is that Standing Orders be amended at 1.1 and 2.1 of Appendix 1 by substituting the number 6 for the number 10 after the words “A minimum of” and before the word “Members”. Seconded by Cllr Keith Baker.

The motion was tabled for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.

**426.07 CCTV VIEWING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Chairman said some Councillors wished to see the arrangements at Wimborne police station to view the CCTV transmission.

After discussion, it was Agreed to defer this item to a later Council meeting to allow for new Councillors to participate in the viewing. In the meantime, the Clerk was instructed to contact Joe West, leader of the volunteers who man the CCTV viewing, to determine the number of visitors they can cope with at any one visit.

**427.07 RETIREMENT OF PC GARY MILLER**

The Chairman informed Council of PC Gary Miller’s impending retirement in June.

It was Agreed that the Clerk write a letter of thanks to PC Gary Miller.

**428.07 SUBSCRIPTION TO DORSET ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS**

The Clerk informed Council that the annual subscription of £692.86 was due by 1 July 2007.

It was Agreed that membership of the DAPTC be continued and the subscription paid.

**429.07 LOCAL COUNCIL ADVISORY SERVICE ANNUAL HEALTH AND SAFETY SEMINAR**

The Clerk informed Council of an invitation to the Health and Safety Seminar on 7 June at Blandford Forum. As part of the Council’s LCAS membership one free place was available.

It was Agreed that the Clerk should attend the seminar.

**430.07 REPORTS**

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

**DCC**

Cllr Dover reported that DCC had streamlined their Committees. Every County Councillor had had an input in the new Committee structure.

**EDDC**

Cllr Dover reported that Policy and Resources Committee had established the Verwood ‘Hub’ Community Centre Consultative Group, approved the governance model of the Dorset Heathlands Interim Planning Framework

2006-2009 and had adopted the Council's Gender Equality Scheme.

Cllr Wallace reported that the old Colehill County First School site was still owned by the original developer and had not been sold to "Dave Wells Development" as stated on the board displayed at the site. Cllr Wallace also mentioned that the planning application for the new cricket pitch in Wimborne had been deferred.

#### **COLEHILL FIRST SCHOOL**

Cllr Topping advised that the First School were having a school meals audit.

#### **HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr Miller said that the Committee were grateful for the grant recently issued.

#### **YOUTH CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr Topping updated Council on the planning application for The Reef. Some of the trees and shrubs had TPO's and St Michael's School would like paths installed at the back of The Reef which would provide a safer route for the school children.

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

Cllr David Topping had inspected the cemetery recently. The rabbit population was still high; the ferret man is due to attend shortly.

#### **DAPTC**

Cllr Bell advised that in the near future computers will be provided to every parish and town council enabling planning applications to be viewed on line. He mentioned that declarations of interest are changing; Members will only need to leave the room if the interest is pecuniary.

#### **FRIENDS OF COLEHILL LIBRARY**

The Chairman reported that a motion by DCC Cllr Clare Sutton will be presented to DCC cabinet on 18 April and then to full Council on 26 April.

#### **COLEHILL COMMUNITY WEBSITE**

Cllr Johnson said that recent Minutes had been added to the website.

#### **FOOTPATHS**

Cllr Johnson had not received a response from John Williamson, DCC, to his email regarding horse riders using the footpath from Leigh Lane to Park Homer Road. Cllr Johnson mentioned that the application for a definitive map modification order east of Leigh Lane, Colehill had not yet gone to Committee at DCC.

#### **431.07 SOCIAL HOUSING**

The Chairman reported that he had received a proposal from a property developer to organise a community led development for affordable housing. The document had been forwarded to Mr William Wallace, Head of Policy Planning at EDDC.

**432.07 EAST DORSET HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

The Chairman received a letter from EDHA enquiring whether the Council wished to identify sites in the parish which could provide affordable homes for local people in housing need. The item to be put on the next Council agenda.

**433.07 LITTER BIN**

Cllr Johnson reported that East Dorset District Council had agreed to install a new litter bin adjacent to the bench at Hayes Lane.

**434.07 THE CLERK'S PROBATIONARY PERIOD**

The Clerk left the room for this item.

The Chairman informed Council that the Clerk had completed the 13 week probationary service.

It was Agreed that the Clerk's appointment be confirmed as the probationary period had been completed satisfactorily.

The Meeting ended at 21:00hrs.

CHAIRMAN