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At the Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **17 JULY 2007**.

PRESENT

Cllr Keith Baker, Chairman
Cllr KD Johnson, Vice-Chairman
Cllrs Mike Bartlett, John Bell, Susan Davies, Janet Dover, Peter Finney, John Gooch, Tony Holloway, Joe Kingsmill, David Packer, Ted Phillips, Don Wallace, John Warren.

APOLOGIES

District Cllrs Hymers, Morgan and Osner.

117.07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

118.07 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman had attended the Mayor of Wimborne Minster's Civic Day and the DCTP's New Chairman's seminar.

The Chairman, together with Cllrs Gooch, Johnson and Warren, had met with Christine Chuck to view the new bench at Lapwing Road, which had been installed in memory of her father, Cllr Jeffrey Greenwood.

The Chairman informed Council that the new Speed Indicator Device, jointly purchased with Holt Parish Council, had been ordered.

119.07 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 June were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed, subject to the following amendment:

89.07 Annual Return – Year End March 2007 The paragraph be altered to read: Investigations highlighted that VAT totalling £24.35 had been reclaimed on seven invoices, although a valid receipt had not been retained. The Internal Auditor recommended that the Council either contact suppliers to obtain a valid VAT receipt or make an adjustment of £24.35 on the next VAT return.

RESOLVED that an adjustment of £24.35 be made on the next VAT return and the report letter be noted. Also the Clerk to send a letter to Mr David Maidment, Internal Auditor, thanking him for his time.

120.07 MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES OF 19 JUNE

91.07 Reports DCC Cllr Dover updated Members on the outcome of the Cabinet meeting on 11 July. The Cabinet had agreed that the 13 libraries, plus an additional 4 libraries, should be community supported. The details of which are subject to further negotiations. Cllr Warren expressed his appreciation, on behalf of the Council, for the efforts of the Colehill Library Action Group and Friends of Colehill Library in helping to save the Library.

91.07 Reports DCC Cllr Dover confirmed that Andrew Berry, Management Engineer at DCC, would be attending the Council meeting on 11 September, at 7.00 pm, to report on the developments of the proposed traffic calming measures. Those members of the public who attended the meeting when Mr Berry last visited had been informed of his next visit. The forthcoming meeting will be advertised in the Council agenda and on the website. It was considered important that the measures be finalised at the meeting so that work can commence in the autumn.

91.07 Reports Wimborne Cemetery Joint Management Committee Cllr Johnson reported that the £7,000 funding for the extension of the roadway was for the first stage of the works. The second stage would cost a further £5,000.

94.07 BMX Site The Chairman had spoken to Mr Healey about the barbeques at the site. Mr Healey does not know whether the riders are responsible, however he has warned them that barbeques are prohibited.

121.07 COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) HIGHWAYS AND PLANS – 26 JUNE

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

Minute 106.07 Cllr Johnson reported that he had inspected the notice board at Leigh Lane and had advised the Clerk that a replacement was needed.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(b) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 26 JUNE

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

122.07 PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP

The Minutes of the meetings held on 6 June and 20 June were distributed for information. Cllr Packer reminded Members of the 23 July closing date for questionnaires.

Cllr Warren suggested that notices could be displayed thanking the people of Colehill for completing the questionnaires and requesting additional information and photographs of Colehill. Cllr Packer said he would mention this suggestion at the next meeting of the Steering Group.

The Minutes were NOTED.

123.07 REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION – COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL

Members, as custodian trustees, were required to apply for dispensation from East Dorset District Council's Standards Committee to allow them to act and make decisions relating to Colehill Memorial Hall.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact EDDC's Head of Legal Services requesting that he proceed with the application for dispensation.

124.07 **VACANCY**

No election had been demanded following declaration of the casual vacancy. Notices had been displayed inviting candidates to apply for co-option by 21 August. The candidates will be interviewed at a special evening meeting on 30 August at the Betty Webster committee room.

Two Councillors, together with the Chairman, were required to ask the questions at the interviews.

Cllr Wallace was proposed by Cllr Dover, seconded by Cllr Warren. Unanimous
Cllr Packer was proposed by Cllr Finney, seconded by Cllr Warren. Unanimous

RESOLVED that Cllrs Packer and Wallace join the Chairman in asking the questions at the interviews.

125.07 **ALLOTMENTS**

The Chairman updated Council on discussions with the Clerk at Holt Parish Council. It was clear that Holt's allotments would not be available until the end of 2008 and that negotiation to take on the allotments would have to be conducted with Dorset County Council. Cllr Dover would seek advice from Dorset County Council on this matter and report back to the Clerk. Pending these discussions, Cllr Kingsmill agreed to approach a landowner to discuss whether he would lease some land to the Council.

RESOLVED that Cllrs Dover and Kingsmill report their findings at the next meeting.

126.07 **CONSULTATION ON DRAFT REVISED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

A request had been received from East Dorset District Council for comments on the above policy before 1 October 2007.

RESOLVED that Cllr Johnson comment on the Statement of Licensing Policy by 1 October 2007.

127.07 **REPORTS**

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

DCC

Cllr Dover reported that a planning application had been submitted to transform The Reef into a multipurpose building.

EDDC

Cllr Wallace reported that the planning application for the cricket pitch at The Leaze had been approved. Sixty objections had been received. He further reported that the planning applications at 31 Park Homer Road and Dumpton School had both been approved.

Cllr Packer reported that the planning application at Glen Ashton, Rowlands Hill, had been withdrawn.

COLEHILL COUNTY FIRST SCHOOL

Cllr Warren reported that he had attended an excellent Sports Day event at the School.

Councillors were reminded that the developer, Michael Park Homes, would be attending the Highways and Plans Committee on 24 July to inform Members of the proposed development at the old School site.

HAYESWOOD COUNTY FIRST SCHOOL

No report.

ST CATHERINE'S RC SCHOOL

No report.

HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Davies reported that quotations had been obtained on the sound system. Bookings on the hall were high, apart from the month of August. New locks had been installed in the doors.

WIMBORNE CEMETERY JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Johnson reported that the cost of the roadway extension amounted to £13,000. Cllr Finney had agreed to provide a specification of the works. The weather had prevented the superintendent from being able to trim the hedges and it had been agreed to employ the superintendent's son in August to assist with general maintenance. Cllr Johnson mentioned the letters which had been published in the Community Magazine and the printed response from the Management Committee.

FRIENDS OF COLEHILL LIBRARY

There was nothing further to report other than what had already been discussed. (See Minute 120.07).

THE REEF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Dover reported that the new employee had settled in and was proving successful. When recently assessed, The Reef had received a good mark for quality. Charity Status had been gained and it was planned for fundraising to commence. A programme of events had been given to Cllr Johnson for the Council's website.

Cllr Warren asked Cllr Dover to inform The Reef's Committee that the Council would endeavour to support The Reef as much as possible.

DAPTC

Cllrs Bell and Warren would be attending a meeting in August.

RIGHTS OF WAY LIAISON OFFICER

No report

COLEHILL COMMUNITY WEBSITE

Cllr Johnson agreed to provide training for the Clerk to enable her to post the Minutes onto the website.

PARISH ANCIENT MOMUMENTS LIAISON OFFICER

No report

128.07 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

129.07 ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH FETE

Cllr Johnson had attended the fete on Saturday 14 July. He thought it would be appropriate for more Councillors to attend next year.

130.07 REV JOHN GOODALL

Council were told that Reverend John Goodall had been made a Canon.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Rev Goodall congratulating him on his appointment.

The Meeting ended at 20.55 hrs.

CHAIRMAN