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At the Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **11 SEPTEMBER 2007**.

PRESENT

Cllr Keith Baker, Chairman
Cllr KD Johnson, Vice Chairman
Cllrs John Bell, Susan Davies, Janet Dover, Coirin Duff, Peter Finney, John Gooch, Tony Holloway, Joe Kingsmill, Ted Phillips, John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Mike Bartlett, David Packer, Don Wallace and District Cllr Morgan.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Andrew Berry, Management Engineer, Dorset County Council
Mr Derek Henderson, Chairman, Friends of Colehill Library
PCSO Matt Johnson (Colehill, Holt & Furzehill)
PCSO Nick Torrick (Rural Patch)
Fifteen members of the public attended the meeting to listen to Mr Berry's presentation and to ask questions relating to the traffic calming measures for Middlehill Road.

175.07 PRESENTATION BY MR ANDREW BERRY, MANAGEMENT ENGINEER, DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr Andrew Berry updated Members on the traffic calming measures at Middlehill Road, Colehill. The maps provided highlighted the locations of the measures. At either end of Middlehill Road there would be a brick gateway with 30mph marked on the road. Other measures would include the narrowing of certain junctions, courtesy crossings forcing drivers to give way, 30mph signs, speed camera signs and chicanes. Outside Howell House there would be a dropped kerb and an elderly people crossing sign. A vehicle activated sign by Merrifield Heights will warn drivers of the approaching crossroads. All road signs and street light positions would be reviewed.

It is planned to commence some of the work by the end of March 2008 with the remaining work commencing in the summer. Mr Berry confirmed that the funds were available to continue with this scheme.

Cllr Holloway questioned why the hedge belonging to St Michael's Church had not been removed to allow better visibility on the crossroads. Mr Berry agreed to contact the Church to seek permission to increase visibility on this corner.

176.07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Duff declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8 and 10 (Colehill Library Action Group and Dorset Library Service) due to her employment with a DCC Group that maintains libraries.

177.07 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman informed Members that the speed indicator device would be shared monthly with Holt Parish Council and that it had recently been installed at Middlehill Road. DCC would be installing poles at Furzehill and Lonnen Road.

178.07 CLLR COIRIN DUFF

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Duff to the Council. Cllr Duff had been co-opted at an informal meeting held on 30 August 2007, the notes of which appear at Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

Cllr Finney proposed that Cllr Duff be appointed to serve on Highways and Plans Committee and Finance and General Purposes Committee, seconded by Cllr Gooch. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that Cllr Duff be appointed to serve on Highways and Plans Committee and Finance and General Purposes Committee.

179.07 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 July were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

180.07 MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES OF 17 JULY

124.07 Vacancy Due to unforeseen circumstances, changes to the proposed interviewing panel had to be made. Cllr Johnson replaced Cllr Baker and Cllr Gooch replaced Cllr Wallace. They joined Cllr Packer in asking the questions at the informal meeting on 30 August 2007.

126.07 Consultation on Draft Revised Statement of Licensing Policy Cllr Johnson had read the Statement of Licensing Policy as requested by East Dorset District Council and had no comments to add to the Policy.

127.07 Reports The Reef Management Committee Cllr Johnson had posted the programme of events onto the website.

181.07 COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) HIGHWAYS AND PLANS – 24 JULY

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

Minute 133.07 - 3/07/0702/OUT Cllr Johnson had attended EDDC's Planning Committee to speak about the Parish Council's decision to not object to the planning application, which breached the Green Belt boundary. Cllr Dover confirmed that it was EDDC policy to protect the Green Belt. EDDC Planning Committee had refused the application.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted subject to Minute 138.07 Access to Common Land being amended to Access Across Common Land.

(b) HIGHWAYS AND PLANS – 21 AUGUST

The report of the Meeting was submitted

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

- (i) To add that the venue for the meeting had been in the main hall.

- (ii) To add an asterisk at the end of 3/07/0374/FUL (Minute 143.07) to show that EDDC's decision was not in accordance with Parish Council comments.

(c) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 21 AUGUST

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

Minute 155.07 – Oliver's Park Play Area Cllrs Dover and Johnson met EDDC's Children and Young People's Development Officer at Olivers Park. The outstanding issues were now being dealt with. One large item of play equipment was due for replacement and the Officer had agreed to advise on the most appropriate equipment and also complete the funding application forms. RoSPA had inspected the play area and the BMX trail and the reports had been received. Cllr Johnson will copy the reports to Cllrs Baker and Duff.

Minute 156.07 – Traffic Accidents An accident at Middlehill Road had occurred on 8 September involving a motorcyclist and a car. Dorset Air Ambulance was involved. The Road had been closed for 7 hours whilst the Police attended the scene.

Minute 157.07 – Ward Maps Cllr Johnson mentioned he was going to get 2 maps (150m x 2.2m) from DCC. These would be provided free of charge. It is hoped that one of the maps could be displayed on the committee room wall. Cllr Finney had ordered the ward maps for Councillors' use from EDDC.

Minute 158.07 – Risk Assessment Sub-Committee This meeting was due to be held on 4 September, but had been deferred.

Minute 162.07 – Cannon Hill Plantation Cllr Kingsmill offered to provide more detail about this at the close of the meeting to interested Councillors.

Page 64 – Transaction No 76 (3) Cllr Johnson asked that the Clerk contact EDDC to query the invoice received for tiles from Lappset.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(d) HIGHWAYS AND PLANS – 4 SEPTEMBER

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

182.07 COLEHILL LIBRARY ACTION GROUP

The Minutes of the meetings held on 9 May at 10.00 am, 9 May at 1.30 pm and 29 June were distributed for information.

The Minutes were NOTED.

183.07 PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP

The Minutes of the meetings held on 4 July and 25 July were distributed for information.

Cllr Gooch enquired as to whether the Parish Council would be consulted on the draft Parish Plan. The Chairman confirmed that the draft Parish Plan would be sent to interested parties when the analysis of the questionnaires had been completed.

The Minutes were NOTED.

184.07 POLICE REPRESENTATION AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS AND POLICING IN COLEHILL

This item had been placed on the agenda at the request of Cllr Johnson. PCSO Matt Johnson answered the Councillors' questions relating to speeding traffic, youths congregating at the Triangle and vehicles obstructing the pavement in Colehill.

PCSO Johnson informed Council of the proposed PACT panel being set up. It was hoped that a representative from the Parish Council would be involved.

The Council expressed disappointment that a Community Beat Officer had not been appointed to replace PC Gary Miller, who had retired in June 2007.

The Clerk is still trying to arrange for the Councillors to view the CCTV footage.

It was RESOLVED that:

- (a) the Council write to Inspector Henley requesting that a Community Beat Officer be appointed for Colehill, the letter to be copied to PCSO Matt Johnson;
- (b) The Clerk continue to make arrangements for the Councillors to view the CCTV footage at Wimborne Police Station;
- (c) The Clerk request further information regarding the proposed PACT panel and refer the item to a future meeting.

185.07 DORSET LIBRARY SERVICE

The Chairman stopped the meeting so that Mr Derek Henderson could speak to Council. Mr Henderson updated Council on the work to date of the Friends of Colehill Library. The Chairman thanked Mr Henderson and reconvened the meeting.

Cllr Gooch reported on the letter received from Mr Paul Leivers, DCC's Head of Cultural Services, which had been previously circulated to Members. Dorset County Council had asked the Council to clarify the level of support the Council was able to make towards Colehill Library.

Cllr Gooch explained the amount of expenditure involved (approximately £7,000 plus pa) if the Council decided to support Colehill Library. It was considered probable that EDDC would award a grant towards the costs.

Negotiations would need to be held with DCC before any final decisions were made and it was considered that Cllrs Baker, Finney, Gooch and Johnson should attend any meetings with DCC, together with Cllr Dover as the County Councillor for Colehill.

It was RESOLVED that:

- (a) the Council support the running of the Library in principle, but that further negotiations be discussed before a financial commitment is made;
- (b) Cllrs Baker, Dover, Finney, Gooch and Johnson be involved with the negotiations with DCC.

186.07 ALLOTMENTS (Minute 125.07 refers)

The Chairman updated Council on the progress of obtaining allotments for Colehill residents:

- (a) Holt Parish Council had written to DCC giving one year's notice on their allotments.
- (b) The Chairman had contacted EDDC to discuss the possibility of land being made available for allotments. It was hoped that an answer would be forthcoming shortly.
- (c) Cllr Kingsmill had contacted a Colehill landowner, but the landowner did not wish to have allotments on his land.

NOTED

187.07 REPORTS

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

DCC

No report.

EDDC

No report.

COLEHILL COUNTY FIRST SCHOOL

No report.

HAYESWOOD COUNTY FIRST SCHOOL

Cllr Bell reported that Mr John Bunting, Chairman of Governors, had left the School. Cllr Bell had thanked Mr Bunting on behalf of the Council for his hard work and diligence.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Mr Bunting thanking him for his service to the School.

ST CATHERINE'S RC SCHOOL

No report.

HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Gooch reported that the new PA system had been installed at a cost of £1,000.

WIMBORNE CEMETERY JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Finney reported that the rabbit population was in the early stages of myxomatosis. It was still planned for the ferret man to visit.

FRIENDS OF COLEHILL LIBRARY

There was nothing further to report other than what had already been discussed. (See Minute 185.07).

THE REEF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

No report.

DAPTC

No report.

RIGHTS OF WAY LIAISON OFFICER

Cllr Johnson reported that the British Horse Society had applied for bridleway status on Footpath 17 (Leigh Lane to Park Homer Road). Dorset County Council Rights of Way Department had advised that it may take some considerable time before the application was investigated due to a backlog of applications.

COLEHILL COMMUNITY WEBSITE

No report.

PARISH ANCIENT MOMUMENTS LIAISON OFFICER

No report

188.07 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

189.07 TREE WORKS – 3 COBBS ROAD

Notification had been received from EDDC regarding an application to fell 7 conifers, crown raise 1 pine, reduce to 4m 1 hawthorn and reduce and trim 1 conifer in a garden which is in a conservation area.

Cllrs Bartlett and Holloway had visited the site to view the trees and had determined that the trees were mostly dying and that the Council should have no objection to them being felled.

RESOLVED that the Clerk follow EDDC's instructions to write to the applicant confirming the Council's comments. The letter to be copied to EDDC.

190.07 DORSET HEALTH CARE TRUST

Cllr Gooch mentioned that he had received information from Dorset Health Care Trust. The other Members confirmed that they had also received this information.

The Meeting ended at 21.40 hrs.

CHAIRMAN