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At the Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **4 DECEMBER 2007**.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr Janet Dover and District Cllr Morgan.

IN ATTENDANCE

Inspector E Henley, East Dorset Section Commander, attended the meeting to talk about policing in Colehill.

Mr D Henderson, Chairman of Friends of Colehill Library, attended the meeting to listen to the discussions regarding the items on the Dorset Library Service and the Library Opening Hours Consultation.

278.07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

279.07 PRESENTATION BY INSP HENLEY ON POLICING IN COLEHILL

Insp Henley informed Council that he had been responsible for policing in East Dorset since early 2007. He reported that Steve Brett had recently been appointed as Colehill's Community Beat Officer, he was an experienced officer, who had previously worked as a CBO in Ferndown. CBO Brett was supported by PCSO Matt Johnson.

Insp Henley discussed anti social behaviour in Colehill and said that the CCTV at the Co-op had displaced some youths, but on the whole it was a good deterrent. Cllr Davies reported that anti social persistent late night speeding was occurring in Smugglers Lane. Insp Henley advised her to inform the Police at the time, with a registration number if possible, and the Police could issue the driver with a Section 59 warning notice. Should the driver commit another offence within 12 months the Police would be able to seize the car.

Insp Henley reported that regular speed checks would be arranged at known speeding areas in Colehill using a new speed laser. Council Members could attend the speed checks if they wished. The Police could also provide data on the number of monthly prosecutions in Colehill which the Council could display on the notice boards.

Insp Henley explained that drivers who park their vehicles on the pavements could be dealt with initially by the CBO or PCSO speaking to the driver, however if the vehicle continued to be parked on the pavement a ticket could be issued. DCC issue parking tickets to vehicles parked on yellow lines, the Police are only involved if required to deal with safety issues or any confrontations.

The Chairman thanked Insp Henley for informing Council on these matters and for attending the meeting.

280.07 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman reported that he and several Councillors had visited Wimborne Police Station to view the CCTV in operation. The Chairman had attended the Remembrance Day parade and had been present at the switching on of the Christmas lights in Wimborne. He had also attended the WRVS Luncheon Club's Christmas party.

281.07 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 October were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

282.07 MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES OF 23 OCTOBER

229.07 Allotments The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk would be attending a meeting on 11 December, with Mr Farmer and Ms Knott from EDDC to discuss an allotment provision in Colehill.

283.07 COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) HIGHWAYS AND PLANS – 30 OCTOBER

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(b) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 30 OCTOBER

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

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

Minute 255.07 Draft Budget 2008/09 The sentence "Cllr Johnson proposed that the precept for the Cemetery Committee be raised to £2500 and that a 3 year business plan be completed, seconded by Cllr Baker. All in favour." be amended to: "Cllr Johnson proposed that the precept for the Cemetery Committee be raised to £2500, seconded by Cllr Finney. All in favour. Cllr Gooch proposed that the Cemetery Committee complete a 3 year business plan, seconded by Cllr Baker. Voting: 9-1."

Appendix 2 Estimated Balances 2007/08 The words "Income" and "Expenditure" be replaced with "Receipts" and "Payments".

(c) HIGHWAYS AND PLANS – 20 NOVEMBER

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

A quorum had not been obtained for this meeting. Cllr Gooch requested that a proposal be put forward to Council on 15 January to amend Standing Orders to reduce the number of Councillors needed for a quorum.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted and that this proposal be put forward to Council on 15 January 2008.

284.07 PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 October was distributed for information.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be NOTED.

285.07 PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP

Cllr Packer updated Council on the progress made to date on the Plan. It was intended that a draft Plan would be ready by the end of January 2008. At this time members of the Group would consult with interested parties and the Parish Council.

Cllr Packer confirmed that the Parish Council would have an opportunity to comment on the Plan and accept the Plan prior to a public meeting, after which the Plan would be delivered to every household in Colehill.

It was expected that the Plan would be completed in time to be of use to the Local Development Framework. It was also expected that the Plan would be a working document which would be modified in the future.

NOTED.

286.07 PRECEPT 2008/09

Further to Minute 255.07, EDDC had advised that the Colehill Parish Tax Base for 2008-2009 was £2997.

Members reviewed the Revised Draft Estimates and Budget and Estimated Balances which are attached at Appendix 1.

Cllr Gooch proposed a Parish Council Tax Levy of £20.00, seconded by Cllr Johnson.

VOTING: For 11 Against 2 Abstention 1

RESOLVED that a precept of £59,940 be levied on the District Council. This gave an equivalent Parish Council Tax Levy of £20, a 17.6% increase on that for 2007/08. The budget for 2008/09 of £63130.00 be APPROVED. Therefore, with predicted interest payments and Access Licence fees of £2200, £990 would need to be drawn down from balances.

287.07 DORSET LIBRARY SERVICE

The Chairman attended a meeting on 23 November with Mr Leivers and Ms Long from DCC, together with Cllrs Dover, Gooch and Johnson and the Clerk.

The meeting was held to discuss the possibility of the Council taking over the library buildings. Mr Leivers confirmed that the library was safe from closure regardless of whether the Council was involved and although DCC had not spent any money on the buildings, it was now in a position to do so. The Chairman explained that the Council would expect the library buildings to be in very good condition should it be decided to take over the buildings.

A date had not yet been arranged, but it was envisaged that discussions would continue with DCC in the New Year.

NOTED.

288.07 LIBRARY OPENING HOURS CONSULTATION

The Chairman reported on DCC's proposal to reduce the opening hours of the library from 23 to 20. Mr Henderson, Chairman of Friends of Colehill Library, had discussed the opening hours with the library staff and members of Friends and had written to DCC requesting that their comments and suggestions to the proposed core opening hours be considered.

RESOLVED that the Council write to DCC asking that the Friends of Colehill Library's views be considered.

289.07 CONNECTING DORSET

DAPTC had confirmed that the hardware and IT involved with Connecting Dorset would provide the Council with the same level of service but at a reduced rate from the Council's current internet provider.

RESOLVED that DAPTC be informed of the Council's decision to take part in Connecting Dorset.

290.07 PARISH COUNCIL RECEPTION

Members reviewed the arrangements for the Reception. The Chairman had received a number of letters from guests expressing their thanks and appreciation for this year's event.

It was RESOLVED that a Reception be held in 2008 as it remains an important means of communicating with organisations within the Parish.

291.07 APPLICATION FOR A DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER

DCC's Rights of Way Committee had recently upgraded Footpaths 24 and 25 to bridleways. DCC had confirmed that although the Council owns the land, DCC is responsible for maintaining the surface.

NOTED.

292.07 DAPTC AGM

Cllr Duff had attended the DAPTC Annual General Meeting held on 3 November 2007 and reported on the following items:

- (a) There would be a 3% increase in the annual subscription.
- (b) Portland Town Council was concerned about the centralisation of the planning process and wished to campaign for the reassertion of parish and town councils as planning authorities. This resolution was passed, although Cllr Duff voted against this resolution.
- (c) Purbeck Area Meeting was concerned about the Audit Commission's proposal that final accounts should be approved by councils no later than 30 June from 2009 and called on the Audit Commission to reinstate the 30 September deadline or keep the present deadline of 30 August. This resolution was passed unanimously.

- (d) West Moors Parish Council requested that the NALC urges the government to make it mandatory for contractors carrying out road works to inform town and parish councils at least two weeks before work commences and that fines be imposed for works overrun. This resolution was passed, although Cllr Duff voted against this resolution.

Printed copies of the main presentations were made available at the meeting. Electronic copies were requested by Cllrs Baker, Bartlett, Finney, Johnson and Packer.

NOTED.

293.07 REPORTS

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

DCC

No report.

EDDC

Cllr Packer reported that Policy and Resources Committee would be discussing the withdrawal of the black refuse sacks that are delivered to all households, resulting in a saving of approximately £100,000 which would be used to expand the recycling scheme.

Cllr Wallace reported that the planning application for 8 dwellings at 33 Park Homer Drive had been withdrawn. Cllr Packer reported that complaints had been received from Park Homer Drive residents regarding the Developer's conduct.

Cllr Wallace reported that a site visit of the cricket pitch for the Waitrose planning application was planned in January.

COLEHILL COUNTY FIRST SCHOOL

No report.

ST CATHERINE'S RC SCHOOL

No report.

HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported that he had attended the AGM on 3 December. Exceptional costs included £3000 for curtains and £1100 for the PA system. It was planned to increase the hall booking rates.

WIMBORNE CEMETERY JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

No report.

FRIENDS OF COLEHILL LIBRARY

No report.

THE REEF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

No report.

DAPTC

Cllr Warren reported that Cllr Diane March had been appointed as the new Chairman for the Eastern Area Committee of DAPTC.

The Committee discussed concerns regarding UKIP's use of parish polls as a way of carrying out local referendums, as happened in East Stoke.

DAPTC - TOWN AND LARGER COUNCILS

Cllr Warren requested that DAPTC be reminded that he and Cllr Bell were the representatives for this Committee.

Cllr Warren had attended a meeting on 30 November and had requested that two agenda items, affordable housing and youth, be added to the next meeting's agenda.

RIGHTS OF WAY LIAISON OFFICER

Cllr Gooch reported that the far wet area at Cannon Hill Plantation appeared to be blocked. Cllr Johnson volunteered to investigate before contacting the Forestry Commission.

COLEHILL COMMUNITY WEBSITE

No report.

PARISH ANCIENT MOMUMENTS LIAISON OFFICER

No report.

294.07 PRIEST'S HOUSE MUSEUM

Cllr Bartlett reported on the presentation of the proposed extension at the Priest's House Museum. The extension will enhance the Museum and add to the character of Wimborne. The Museum Trust was applying for funding and had requested letters of support from parish and town councils.

RESOLVED that a letter of support be sent to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

295.07 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

296.07 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

The data figures for the SID were made available at the meeting.

NOTED.

The Meeting ended at 21.35 hrs.

CHAIRMAN