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At the Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **15 JANUARY 2008**.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cllrs John Bell, Janet Dover, Tony Holloway and District Cllr Morgan.

332.08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

333.08 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman updated Members on his and the Clerk's meeting with EDDC's Head of Community Services to discuss a possible allotment provision. The Council was told to prepare a proposal and then arrange a meeting with the Chief Executive and Council Leader.

The Chairman reported that he would be attending a meeting with DCC's Head of Cultural Services on 29 January, together with Cllrs Dover, Gooch and Johnson, and the other two Councils interested in taking over library buildings.

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk would be attending a Council meeting at Wimborne Minster Town Council on 5 February to observe proceedings, and that Mr Andrew Berry, DCC's Management Engineer, would be holding a public consultation on the Middlehill Road traffic calming scheme at the Memorial Hall on 27 February, from 5.30 pm onwards.

334.08 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 December were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

335.08 MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES OF 4 DECEMBER

293.07 Rights of Way Liaison Officer – the flooded area at Cannon Hill Plantation was now clear.

336.08 COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) HIGHWAYS AND PLANS – 11 DECEMBER

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

308.07 Liaison with Forestry Commission Andrew Norris had agreed to speak at the Council's Annual Parish Meeting on 8 April 2008.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(b) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 11 DECEMBER

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

314.07 (5) Triangle Wood Stock Map Cllr Kingsmill reported that he had started working on the Stock Map.

316.07 Oliver's Park Play Area Cllr Johnson reported that the bark at the play area had recently been "fluffed up" by the contractor.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted, subject to Cllr Janet Dover being added to the list of Councillors present at the meeting.

(c) HIGHWAYS AND PLANS – 8 JANUARY

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

337.08 PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP

The Minutes of the meetings held on 24 October and 28 November were distributed for information.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be NOTED.

338.08 AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

A proposal was put forward by Cllr Gooch, seconded by Cllr Baker, to amend Standing Orders at 1.1 and 2.1, page 19 of Appendix 1, by amending number 10 to number 8 in the sentence "A minimum of 10 Members appointed at the Annual Meeting plus 1 Rota Member" and to amend Standing Order 29.3, page 14, "the quorum of a Committee or Sub-Committee shall be one half of its Members" to "the quorum of a Committee shall be 5 and the quorum of a Sub-Committee shall be one half of its Members".

RESOLVED that this proposal be discussed at the Council meeting on 26 February 2008.

339.08 PROPOSED REVIEW OF GENERAL RESERVE AND FINANCIAL PROCESS

Cllr Gooch presented a report which had been distributed to Members prior to the meeting and appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

Cllr Gooch proposed and Cllr Packer seconded that:

- (a) the Council request Finance and General Purposes Committee to review both specific and general reserves with a view to the reflection of such proposals in the accounts to 31 March 2008;
- (b) the Clerk provide a comparison of actual outturn against budget for review when the annual accounts are presented.

Cllr Packer considered that Finance and General Purposes Committee should receive quarterly accounts and provide Council with an indication of the recommended precept.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) Finance and General Purposes Committee be requested to review both specific and general reserves with a view to the reflection of such proposals in the accounts to 31 March 2008;
- (b) the Clerk provide a comparison of actual outturn against budget for review when the annual accounts are presented;
- (c) Finances and General Purposes Committee receive quarterly accounts;
- (d) Finances and General Purposes Committee provide Council with an indication of the recommended precept.

340.08 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cllr Davies had requested a leave of absence from the Council.

RESOLVED that a leave of absence be granted to Cllr Davies.

341.08 MEETING DATES

RESOLVED that the meeting dates listed in Appendix 2 be accepted.

342.08 DISPENSATION – COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL

An application had been made to EDDC Standards Committee for grant of dispensation to Cllr Duff in her capacity as Custodian Trustee of Colehill Memorial Hall. This was approved by the Standards Committee on 10 December 2007.

NOTED.

343.08 REPORTS

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

DCC

No report.

EDDC

Cllr Wallace reported on the recently published Regional Spatial Strategy which recommended that 600 dwellings be built in the Burts Hill area, with 2800 more dwellings in the surrounding area and a further 4000 dwellings within existing built up areas.

Cllr Packer reported that the distribution of black sacks would cease from February 2008. He also reported on the Pathfinder proposal where EDDC and Christchurch would be working closer together.

COLEHILL COUNTY FIRST SCHOOL

Cllr Johnson reported on the traffic congestion outside the school gate. Cllr Wallace had contacted the Head Teacher who said that the traffic was due to the school gate not being opened on time and that he considered this a one-off incident.

ST CATHERINE'S RC SCHOOL

Cllr Phillips reported that the Head Teacher, Mrs Halina Richards, had retired.

HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Baker had attended a meeting on 14 January.

WIMBORNE CEMETERY JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

No report.

FRIENDS OF COLEHILL LIBRARY

Cllr Gooch would be attending the AGM on 19 January.

THE REEF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

No report.

DAPTC

Cllr Warren would be attending a meeting on 16 January.

DAPTC - TOWN AND LARGER COUNCILS

No report.

RIGHTS OF WAY LIAISON OFFICER

No report.

COLEHILL COMMUNITY WEBSITE

Cllr Johnson explained that consideration should be given to using a company to create and run the Council's website. Cllr Davies volunteered to contact a suitable company.

PARISH ANCIENT MOMUMENTS LIAISON OFFICER

No report.

344.08 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED that the accounts listed in Appendix 3 be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

345.08 POST OFFICES

Cllr Gooch reported that the list of post office closures for Dorset was scheduled for July 2008.

NOTED.

The Meeting ended at 20.40 hrs.

CHAIRMAN