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At the Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **4 MARCH 2008**.

PRESENT

Cllr Keith Baker, Chairman

Cllr KD Johnson, Vice Chairman

Cllrs Mike Bartlett, John Bell, Coirin Duff, Janet Dover, John Gooch, Tony Holloway, Joe Kingsmill, Ted Phillips, Don Wallace, John Warren.

IN ATTENDANCE

Wimborne Minster Town Mayor Cllr Anthony Oliver MBE.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Susan Davies, Peter Finney, David Packer and District Cllr David Morgan.

388.08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

389.08 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Oliver. The Chairman explained that he and the Clerk had attended a Council meeting at WMTC on 5 February and, consequently, Councillor Oliver had been invited to attend this Council meeting.

The Chairman reported that he, Cllr Gooch and Cllr Johnson had attended a meeting with DCC on 29 January to discuss the possible purchase of the library building. Further discussions were planned for April.

The Chairman reported that he, the Clerk and Cllr Gooch had attended a meeting with EDDC's Chief Executive and Council Leader. Discussions included an allotment provision for Colehill and the funding of the library building.

The Chairman reported that he, Cllr Johnson and Cllr Warren had met with the Co-op Managers to discuss parking and litter problems. It had been agreed that Co-op staff would litter pick the area opposite the Co-op and lorries would deliver goods between 6.30-7.00 am. The Manager would also organise for a parking space to be painted onto the car park for the delivery lorries.

The Chairman reported that over 100 people had attended the public consultation to discuss traffic calming at Middlehill Road on 27 February. He explained that Andrew Berry would attend a future meeting to inform Council of the proposals.

The Chairman advised that discussions regarding the Canford Bridge closure were ongoing.

390.08 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 15 January and 26 February were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

391.08 MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES OF 15 JANUARY AND 26 FEBRUARY

There were no matters arising.

392.08 COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) HIGHWAYS AND PLANS – 29 JANUARY

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

354.08 Planning Training Cllr Holloway had attended the training session. DCTP had been informed that an evening session would be beneficial.

355.08 Parish Maintenance The bolt had been removed from the gate; it was not known who had installed the bolt.

357.08 RSS for South West No response had been received from EDDC's Head of Policy Planning.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(b) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 29 JANUARY

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

366.08 EDDC Consultation Council Tax Cllr Johnson advised that only he had attended the consultation.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(c) HIGHWAYS AND PLANS – 19 FEBRUARY

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

393.08 PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP

The Minutes of the meetings held on 9 January, 16 January and 30 January were distributed for information.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be NOTED.

394.08 AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

Cllr Gooch proposed and Cllr Baker seconded that Standing Orders at 1.1 and 2.1, page 19 of Appendix 1, be amended by replacing number 10 with number 8 in the sentence "A minimum of 10 Members appointed at the Annual Meeting plus 1 Rota Member" and that Standing Order 29.3, page 14, "the quorum of a Committee or Sub-Committee shall be one half of its Members" be amended 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 approved and adopted. Unanimous.

395.08 ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported that EDDC could not provide an allotment provision at By the Way until the Regional Spatial Strategy and Local Development Framework were in place. EDDC considered that an allotment provision could

possibly be provided should any development in this area occur, but did not expect this to happen in the near future.

Cllr Dover had spoken to DCC's Senior Land Agent who had advised that the County Farms Liaison Panel would be discussing the future use of the land at Holt in April. If this Council wished to rent some or all of the land then a formal request should be made to the Panel.

Cllr Dover explained that a decision should be made on the amount of land required, for example Blandford Town Council had .4 of an acre, which was large enough to provide 10 allotment gardens.

The land at Holt consisted of 13 acres and it was considered that one acre would be sufficient. Cllr Johnson suggested that the Council should consider managing all 13 acres.

RESOLVED that one acre be requested, but information be sought on the implications of renting the whole 13 acres. (Voting 7-4).

396.08 FLYER TO TACKLE NUISANCE VEHICLES (Minute 380.08 refers)

The Chairman informed Council of PC Brett's response to altering the wording on the flyer.

RESOLVED that the Chairman contact PC Brett to discuss the Council's concerns regarding the wording and report back to a future Highways and Plans Committee.

397.08 PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The Chairman informed Council of the recommendation from Finance and General Purposes Committee that this item be discussed.

The Chairman envisaged that the newsletter would be issued biannually, of A3 size folded to produce 4 sides and would cost approximately £300 to print and £300 to deliver. It was possible that future editions could coincide with the delivery of EDDC's newsletter and delivery costs shared. The Chairman advised that the Councillors could contribute ideas and articles and a draft could be circulated and edited.

The Chairman proposed that the Council produce a newsletter to be circulated to each household in Colehill, seconded by Cllr Dover.

RESOLVED that the Council produce a newsletter to be circulated to each household in Colehill. 11-0, 1 abstention.

398.08 DISSOLUTION OF COLEHILL LIBRARY ACTION GROUP

Cllr Gooch reported that the Colehill Library Action Group had been set up in February 2007 to secure the future of Colehill Library. Although discussions with the Council and Dorset County Council were ongoing, DCC had agreed that the Library would remain open. Cllr Gooch proposed that the Colehill Library Action Group be dissolved, seconded by Cllr Dover.

RESOLVED that the Colehill Library Action Group be dissolved. Unanimous.

399.08 REPORTS

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

DCC

Cllr Dover reported on the following items:

- (a) Planning permission had been obtained for the development at The Reef. Representatives had met with EDDC officers to discuss fundraising and a representative intended to address the Parish Council regarding grant aid.
- (b) Colehill First School had requested proposed waiting restrictions in Cannon Hill Road.
- (c) Cabinet would be deciding on the funding of the library building. The cost of the £1500 property survey and the CRB checks for volunteers would be provided from the £65,000 allocated.
- (d) Cabinet would be confirming the transit site.
- (e) PACT had discussed speed limit reductions on Cranborne Road.
- (f) PACT had also discussed the possibility of a cycle route through The Triangle for St Michael's School pupils, and would like to know what the Parish Council's view would be.
- (g) The public consultation on the Middlehill Road traffic calming measures had been well attended, the comments would be collated and reported back.

EDDC

Cllr Dover reported on the cost of the consultants at QELC and reported that £500,000 had been allocated to the Priest's House Museum.

Cllr Wallace informed Council of the 2008/09 Council Tax figures for a Band D dwelling, compared to the 2007/08 figures:

	2007/08	2008/09
DCC	£1048.00	£1096.00
EDDC	£169.00	£178.00
Dorset Police	£156.00	£164.00
Dorset Fire and Rescue	£53.00	£55.00
Colehill Parish Council	£17.00	£20.00
Total	£1443.00	£1513.00

COLEHILL COUNTY FIRST SCHOOL

No report.

HAYESWOOD FIRST SCHOOL

Cllr Johnson reported that Co-mad had raised £750 towards the School's play train.

ST CATHERINE'S RC SCHOOL

No report.

HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Baker reported that the heating system continued to cause problems.

WIMBORNE CEMETERY JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Johnson reported on the roadway extension. Planning permission had been refused because of the lack of visibility at the exit.

FRIENDS OF COLEHILL LIBRARY

Cllr Gooch reported that a quorum had not been reached for the AGM on 19 January and it would now be held on 6 March.

THE REEF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Dover reported that the next meeting would be held on 27 April.
Mr David Tarring planned to attend Finance and General Purposes Committee on 29 April to discuss The Reef's grant application.

DAPTC - TOWN AND LARGER COUNCILS

Cllr Warren had attended a meeting on 29 February. Discussions included the plans for Parish and Town Councils to be provided with projectors and details on District Councils stipulating that developers provide age friendly facilities in new developments.

RIGHTS OF WAY LIAISON OFFICER

No report.

COLEHILL COMMUNITY WEBSITE

No report.

PARISH ANCIENT MOMUMENTS LIAISON OFFICER

No report.

400.08 POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT)

Cllr Warren reported on the PACT meeting he had attended. Youths were congregating at Colehill Post Office again. The CCTV was still an effective deterrent and it was considered that two more signs be displayed, one by the telephone box and one by the bus shelter close to Colehill Garage.

A vehicle had skidded across the green at the crossroads, knocking out two hardwood posts. The incident was captured by CCTV and the driver's details had been received.

RESOLVED that two more signs be displayed to deter vandalism.

Before closing the meeting, the Chairman invited Cllr Oliver to speak, who thanked Council for allowing him to attend and said that he thought the two Councils had many things in common, particularly the concerns regarding the closure of Canford Bridge.

The Meeting ended at 21.22 hrs.

CHAIRMAN