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At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **3 MARCH 2009**.

PRESENT

Cllr Keith Baker, Chairman

Cllr KD Johnson, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs John Bell, Susan Davies, Janet Dover, Coirin Duff, Tony Holloway, John Gooch, Joe Kingsmill, Dave Mitchell, David Packer and Don Wallace.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Mike Bartlett, Ted Phillips, John Warren and District Councillor Morgan.

366.09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

367.09 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman and the Clerk had attended an informal meeting of EDDC's Community and Culture Scrutiny and Policy Development Sub-Committee to discuss which local community facilities were funded by the Parish Council.

The Chairman had attended a meeting at EDDC regarding the Regional Spatial Strategy. He reported that the Secretary of State would make her decision on the RSS in September 2009. He advised that EDDC was preparing for an influx of planning applications and would be surveying the areas mentioned in the RSS to incorporate them into the Local Development Framework or not, depending on the decision of the Secretary of State.

368.09 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 January were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

369.09 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

Cllr Dover advised that the graffiti, reported by Mr and Mrs Wright of Ashmeads Way, had been removed by EDDC.

318.09 298.08 Speed Indicator Device - The position of the Speed Indicator Device would be reviewed at the completion of the traffic calming scheme and repositioned if necessary.

370.09 COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 3 FEBRUARY

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

339.09 (b) – The finger post would be repaired within six months.

339.09 (c) – The trenches had been refilled.

339.09 (d) –The Lacy Close sign would be replaced as soon as possible.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(b) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 24 FEBRUARY

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

345.09 Record of Dog Fouling Patrol - Cllr Dover queried whether EDDC was permitted to patrol Forestry Commission land. The Clerk was waiting for a response from the Dog Warden about this.

347.09 Grit Boxes - Cllr Johnson reported that Glynville Road residents had requested a grit box. This item to be discussed at the next Highways and Plans Committee.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(c) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 24 FEBRUARY

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

358.09 Equipment for CCTV Volunteers – Cllr Holloway reiterated his offer of providing the CCTV volunteers with a brand new office chair. If it proved suitable the Council would be able to pay less towards the equipment. The Chairman thanked Cllr Holloway for offering the chair and asked him to contact Sgt Setchell to arrange for the CCTV volunteers to view the chair.

359.09 Best Community Village Competition 2009 - On further investigation the Parish Council was not eligible to enter the Best Community Village Competition as the parish population was over 5,000.

354.09 (7) Oliver's Park Play Area Inspection Report - Cllr Dover reported that DCC, through EDDC, had allocated £20,000 to the Parish Council for play equipment at Oliver's Park. The Youth Development Officer had mentioned this to the Clerk, but had not yet confirmed the details.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

371.09 WINDOW ON COLEHILL

The Chairman and Clerk had met with Canon John Goodall to discuss the Window on Colehill event, to be held on 27 June, at St Michael's Church Hall.

Through the Parish Plan, Canon Goodall had noticed that residents were unaware of the clubs available in Colehill. Consequently, he had invited all of the clubs to attend the event to showcase their details to residents.

Cllr Davies had agreed to design the posters for the publicity and the Parish Council would have a stand at the event. Volunteers would be required on the day.

NOTED.

372.09 COMMUNITY BARBECUE

Cllr Davies advised that the Parish Plan had highlighted that residents would like to attend a community event in the parish. She had therefore investigated venues and ideas for a community barbecue and asked Council to agree the date of when it should be held.

It was agreed that the date would be the 16 August.

Cllrs Johnson, Mitchell and Packer agreed to assist Cllr Davies with investigating the costs involved and these would be reported at Finance and General Purposes Committee on 14 April 2009.

NOTED.

373.09 ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported that EDDC had estimated that the cost of setting up allotments at By-the-Way would be £42,200. The estimate and drawings were distributed to Councillors at the meeting.

The Chairman advised that Council needed to decide whether to proceed with the allotments given the expenditure involved.

It was considered that the Allotment Sub-Committee should meet to evaluate the costs and determine whether this amount could be raised.

Cllr Baker proposed that the Council agree, in principle, to continue with the plans to provide allotments and that the Allotment Sub-Committee evaluate the costs and report back to Council, seconded by Cllr Johnson. (11:0) 1 abstention.

RESOLVED that the Council agree, in principle, to continue with the plans to provide allotments and that the Allotment Sub-Committee evaluate the costs and report back to Council.

374.09 STREET LIGHTS (Minute 356.09 refers)

DCC had provided a quotation for the adoption of 23 Parish lights at a cost of £18,853 + VAT. However 28 lights were owned by the Parish Council and DCC had been asked to provide a quotation for the 28 lights, including the extra unit in Leigh Lane where DCC had advised a significant gap in the lighting existed. The updated quotation would be discussed at a future meeting of Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Cllr Johnson asked the Clerk to determine where the location of the extra light was needed.

Cllr Bell advised that he had used the lightsonindorset website to determine the dates of the street light replacement work in Colehill; however, it did not show the dates of when the work was taking place in specific roads.

The Clerk to contact Don Mumford of SEC to request a list showing the dates of when the roads in Colehill were due for replacement.

NOTED.

375.09 MEETING DATES

The Chairman asked Council to agree to the changes of the following meeting dates:

- (a) Highways and Plans on 19 May would be held on 12 May.
- (b) Finance and General Purposes on 19 May would be held on 12 May.
- (c) Annual Council on 26 May would be held on 19 May.
- (d) Highways and Plans on 9 June would be held on 2 June.

RESOLVED that the changes be agreed and an updated list be issued.

376.09 REPORTS
DCC

Cllr Dover reported that Bournemouth Borough, Borough of Poole and Dorset County Councils would be meeting to discuss the mineral extraction proposal. She would receive an Agenda for this meeting and would report the details at a future Council meeting. Cllr Dover also reported that the budget had been passed at 3.5%.

EDDC

Cllr Wallace reported that Planning Committee had refused permission for Flight Refuelling to demolish their offices and buildings and erect 217 flats and 51 houses on land by the riverside. He also reported that Policy and Resources Committee had agreed to convert a £65,000 loan, made to The Hub in Verwood, to a grant, with an additional grant of £65,000 being made.

Cllr Packer reported that Policy and Resources had passed the budget at 4.49%, an increase of £8 per year on a Band D property. He also reported that the Child Protection Policy had been agreed for young people up to 19 years old and vulnerable adults up to 25 years old.

WIMBORNE CEMETERY JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Johnson had recently attended the Inspection Committee.

Cllr Duff reported that she and the Clerk to the Cemetery had visited the site on 25 and 27 February.

Cllr Kingsmill reported that he had recently met with local funeral directors, who considered that Colehill residents were unaware that Wimborne Cemetery was available to them.

THE REEF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

No report.

Cllr Davies advised that, through her membership with the Yorkshire Building Society, she had nominated The Reef as an organisation requiring a grant.

COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Gooch reported that the electrician/plumber would be checking the heating system.

DAPTC

No report.

RIGHTS OF WAY LIAISON OFFICER

Cllr Johnson reported that he would be meeting with John Williamson, DCC's Countryside Access Officer, to discuss the condition of the footpath at Northleigh Lane.

Cllr Packer advised that the speed limit on Northleigh Lane, from the railway line to Leigh Road, was 60mph. If a footpath existed on this part of the road it might be possible to have the speed limit reduced to 30 mph, bringing the speed limit in line with the surrounding roads.

This matter to be discussed at Highways and Plans Committee.

PARISH ANCIENT MONUMENTS LIAISON OFFICER

No report.

COLEHILL LIBRARY

No report.

377.09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

378.09 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

(a) Middlehill Road Traffic Calming Scheme

The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Dover had met with DCC's Jody Foy and Tony Carter to discuss the Scheme at Middlehill Road.

Mr Foy had reached a compromise with a resident at Canford Bottom who had concerns that the work impinged on her driveway. Mr Foy had also had discussions with a resident at Bridleway to try to allay his fears regarding the emission of a cycle route though the chicanes.

The Chairman reported that Mr Foy had acknowledged a problem with the pinch points, where it was too narrow for double buggies or mobility scooters to pass, and he would endeavour to resolve this problem.

Cllr Dover reported that Mr Foy had agreed to install priority signs at the chicanes and had advised that, if travelling at the correct speed, buses should be able to get through the chicanes without any problems. Mr Foy intended to contact the bus companies to ensure that the drivers were aware of this.

The Chairman reported that trees would be cut back at the completion of the civil works to make the give way sign visible. He also advised that a safety audit would be conducted at the conclusion of the Scheme. This might not be made public, but a copy could be obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. The Chairman would contact PC Brett to update him on the changes to the Scheme and to ask him to monitor the vehicles driving through the chicanes.

(b) East Dorset Forest Design

Cllr Kingsmill reported that the Forestry Commission had reviewed the Forest Plan and had invited two representatives to attend a consultation at The Hub, Verwood, on 2 April 09. He and Cllr Gooch would attend.

(c) Centenary Sign and Oliver's Park

Cllr Johnson reported that the Clerk was arranging for Oddjob to clean the Centenary Sign and for Continental Landscapes to repaint the swings and fireman's pole at Oliver's Park.

(d) Sudden Oak Death

Cllr Davies had heard reports that Oak trees were dying from Sudden Oak Death. Cllr Kingsmill explained that native Oaks were more resistant to the disease and that it was more likely to affect rhododendron in the UK. He and Cllr Johnson were working on eradicating the rhododendron growing on the Council's land.

The Meeting ended at 21.30 hrs.

CHAIRMAN