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At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **21 APRIL 2009**.

PRESENT

Cllr Keith Baker, Chairman

Cllr KD Johnson, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs John Bell, Mike Bartlett, Susan Davies, Janet Dover, Coirin Duff, Tony Holloway, John Gooch, Joe Kingsmill, Dave Mitchell, Don Wallace and John Warren. Cllr David Packer arrived at 19.50 hrs at Minute No 429.09 - Country Fair.

APOLOGIES

District Cllrs Mrs Pat Hymers and David Morgan.

IN ATTENDANCE

PC Steve Brett.

423.09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

424.09 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman reminded Members that nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Council needed to be made by 29 April 2009.

425.09 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 March were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

426.09 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

370.09 (a) 339.09 (b) – DCC had advised that the repairing of the finger posts was being treated as non-urgent work.

370.09 (c) 358.09 Equipment for CCTV Volunteers – The volunteers had accepted the office chair with thanks.

378.09 (a) Middlehill Road Traffic Calming Scheme – Cllr Dover reported that the vegetation had been cut back along the pavements and signs. However, residents continued to be concerned about the width of the pavements. Cllr Dover, Andrew Berry and a resident had walked the length of Middlehill Road and noted the narrow areas and other details about the Scheme. Andrew Berry would discuss the findings with Jody Foy and both would contact the Council to explain what can be done. The safety audit would be completed 5 weeks after completion. It was hoped that Council would receive a copy of the report and that Jody Foy would attend a meeting to explain the findings.

427.09 COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 17 MARCH

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

388.09 Canford Bottom Roundabout – The Highways Agency should be contacted and not DCC.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(b) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 7 APRIL

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(c) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 14 APRIL

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

410.09 (c) Holt United Football Club – the Chairman of the Club had confirmed that Sir Richard Glynn had allowed football to be played on the land since 1966. Sir Richard Glynn had not specified a timescale; however the land had been inherited on the condition it would be made available for parishioners to play football on it. It was agreed that the £500 donation be paid.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

428.09 ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman updated Council on the meeting with the Chief Executive and Leader of Council.

The Report of the meeting of the Allotment Sub-Committee held on 16 March was submitted and is attached at Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

RESOLVED that the Report be approved and adopted.

429.09 COUNTRY FAIR (Minutes 372.09 and 412.09 refer)

Cllr Davies updated Council on the Country Fair plans. The costs of holding the event had not yet been calculated; however Cllr Davies considered that she would be able to report on the costs at a future meeting.

The Councillors were keen for the Country Fair to go ahead and offered their resounding support.

RESOLVED that the Council support all of the plans for the Country Fair.

430.09 AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS – FINANCIAL REGULATIONS
(Minute 413.09 refers)

A proposal was put forward by Cllr Gooch, seconded by Cllr Johnson, to amend Financial Regulation 11.1 (h) of the Standing Orders “where the value of the works is below £1000 and above £250 the Clerk shall strive to obtain 3 estimates” to “where the value of the works is below £1000 and above £500 the Clerk shall strive to obtain 3 estimates”.

RESOLVED that this proposal be discussed at the next Council meeting.

431.09 FORESTRY COMMISSION DESIGN PLAN – CANNON HILL AND UDDENS PLANTATION

Cllr Kingsmill updated Council on the Design Plan for Cannon Hill and Uddens Plantation. The Forestry Commission had explained that the Design Plan was made on the basis that nothing but normal activities would occur. The RSS and gravel extraction plans would overrule anything on the Design Plan.

The emphasis on recreation in Cannon Hill had been strengthened in the new concept plan. However, should the gravel extraction go ahead the opportunities for recreation would be limited.

Cllr Kingsmill explained that the Forestry Commission would accept recommendations regarding recreation use by the end of April 2009.

It was agreed that the Council supported recreational use at Cannon Hill and Uddens Plantation and the Chairman and Cllr Kingsmill would respond to the Forestry Commission.

RESOLVED that the Chairman and Cllr Kingsmill respond to the Forestry Commission.

432.09 DISPENSATION – COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL

An application had been made to EDDC Standards Committee for grant of dispensation to Cllr Mitchell in his capacity as Custodian Trustee of Colehill Memorial Hall. This was approved by the Standards Committee on 3 February 2009.

NOTED.

433.09 ST MICHAEL’S SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

The Chairman informed the Members that a Special Council meeting would be held on 5 May 2009 to receive a presentation from the Head teacher of St Michael’s Middle School.

NOTED.

434.09 REPORTS

DCC

Cllr Dover reported that she had attended the Minerals and Waste Advisory Committee on 17 March. The number of objections from residents regarding Cannon Hill and Uddens Plantations had totalled 976.

Cllr Packer reported that there was cross party support to save Cannon Hill and Uddens Plantations from gravel extraction. He volunteered to contact the local MP on behalf of the Parish Council to request his support to save the Plantations from gravel extraction.

EDDC

Cllr Dover reported that the Councillors unanimously supported the greenbelt and that the closure of the cash office had been deferred until October 2009.

Cllr Packer reported on the plans for a Leigh Park community centre. DCC would be funding £250,000 for a Sure Start building with a community centre built alongside. Wimborne Minster Town Council would take out a loan for the amount and DCC would pay the mortgage on the loan.

Cllr Wallace reported that Mr David McIntosh had been appointed as the new Chief Executive and would start work in August. The Waitrose development had been delayed until 2010.

WIMBORNE CEMETERY JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Johnson reported that five youths had been throwing lumps of tarmac at the Chapel windows. The Clerk and Registrar would be making a criminal damage complaint.

THE REEF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Dover reported that the Barn Dance had been extremely successful, as had a concert held at St Michael's Church. The Reef would be holding an open day on 16 May, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Baker reported that the heating contractor had been given written notice to fix the heating system.

DAPTC

No report.

RIGHTS OF WAY LIAISON OFFICER

Cllr Johnson reported that DCC were pursuing the adoption of the footpath on the Colehill side. It was agreed that the Council should support DCC with this adoption.

COLEHILL LIBRARY

Cllr Dover reported on the latest events organised by the Friends of Colehill Library.

DORSET WASTE FORUM

Cllr Johnson had attended the forum on 27 March 2009.

STRATEGIC HOUSING AUDIT INSPECTION

Cllr Warren had attended the meeting on 24 March 2009.

435.09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

436.09 NORTH LEIGH LANE

Cllr Packer requested that the speed limit of North Leigh Lane be added to the Agenda of the next Highways and Plans Committee.

437.09 PROJECTOR

Cllr Bell reported that DAPTC could advise on obtaining a projector. The Clerk to contact DAPTC.

The Meeting ended at 21.00 hrs.

CHAIRMAN