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At the Special Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **5 MAY 2009**.

**PRESENT**

Cllr Keith Baker, Chairman

Cllr KD Johnson, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs John Bell, Mike Bartlett, Susan Davies, John Gooch, David Packer and John Warren.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Janet Dover, Coirin Duff, Tony Holloway, Joe Kingsmill, Dave Mitchell and Don Wallace.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr Selwyn of Colborne Avenue attended the meeting to inform Councillors of a resident's application to the High Court for vehicular access along the path which leads from Colborne Avenue to Leigh Lane. Mr Selwyn was accompanied by Mrs Selwyn and Mrs Peckham of Colborne Avenue and Mrs Nash and Mr Taylor of Leigh Lane.

Mr Selwyn was informed that the Parish Council had no powers to deal with this matter and that he should continue to liaise with Dorset County Council.

Mr Nation, Head teacher of St Michael's Middle School and Mr Cunningham, Project Manager of the St Michael's Pool Action Group (SPAG) attended the meeting to inform Council of the plans to raise funds to save the School's swimming pool.

**450.09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**451.09 ST MICHAEL'S MIDDLE SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL**

Cllr Bartlett introduced Mr Paul Nation and Mr Pete Cunningham to the meeting.

Mr Nation explained that the School's swimming pool was a key part of the community and that between £30-40K was needed to refurbish the pool and viewing gallery. The pool relied almost exclusively on parental voluntary contributions however costs had increased following a recent Health and Safety Audit from DCC. The School Association, voluntary contributions and EDDC had contributed a small amount of funds, but more was needed.

An Action Group had been formed to raise funds and to create a business plan. The 3 phases of the plan were to refurbish within 6 months, regenerate within 12-18 months and rebuild within 5-10 years. The Group had applied to many organisations for grants and had recently been turned down by the Amateur Swimming Association with a recommendation to apply next year.

A decision would be made on 2 June as to whether the swimming pool could be saved or would need to be closed.

The Councillors advised that the Group could apply for a Parish Council grant although the sums awarded were not large amounts.

The Clerk would contact Dorset Community Action to enquire as to whether the Parish Council could apply for a grant as the swimming pool was a community facility.

The Chairman thanked Mr Nation and Mr Cunningham for attending the meeting and asked them to update Council on progress.

**452.09 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman and Cllr Johnson had met with six young people at the BMX trail on 4 May. The riders had agreed to lower the jump, round off a pit and avoid digging close to the trees. The Chairman had the names and addresses of the riders and would arrange for permits to be issued.

**453.09 AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS – FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**  
**(Minute 413.09 refers)**

Cllr Gooch proposed, seconded by Cllr Johnson, that 11.1(h) of the Financial Regulations “where the value is below £1000 and above £250 the Clerk shall strive to obtain 3 estimates” should be amended to “where the value is below £1000 and above £500 the Clerk shall strive to obtain 3 estimates”. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that 11.1(h) of the Financial Regulations be amended to “where the value is below £1000 and above £500 the Clerk shall strive to obtain 3 estimates”.

**454.09 MEETING DATES**

The Council meeting on 7 July would now be held on 21 July and the provisional dates of 14 July, 11 August and 1 September were now confirmed dates.

NOTED.

**455.09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

**456.09 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- (a) Cllr Warren had litter picked Colehill Lane. The litter was mostly alcoholic containers and he wondered whether the people drinking the alcohol were also driving vehicles. The Clerk to ask PC Brett to investigate whether this was the case.
- (b) Cllr Warren reported a road traffic accident between Eastcote Farm and the Barley Mow public house on 3 May. The Clerk to ask PC Brett for the details so that the accident could be added to the Council's road traffic accident register.
- (c) The Chairman advised that the Forestry Commission had arranged a guided walk of Cannon Hill Plantation on 16 May.

- (d) The Chairman advised that the Council held a graffiti cleaning kit for residents' use.
- (e) The Chairman advised that PCSO Johnson had requested ideas for a community event that his football team could participate in. Cllr Warren suggested the team raise money towards St Michael's Swimming Pool.

**457.09 CLERK TO THE COUNCIL**  
**SALARY REVIEW**

The meeting approved the Clerk's salary effective from 1 April 09.

The Meeting ended at 21.00 hrs.

CHAIRMAN