

COUNCIL MEETING – 18 SEPTEMBER 2009

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At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **18 SEPTEMBER 2009**.

**PRESENT**

Cllr KD Johnson, Chairman  
Cllr Dave Mitchell, Vice-Chairman  
Cllrs Keith Baker, Susan Davies, Coirin Duff, Pat Francis, John Gooch,  
Tony Holloway, Joe Kingsmill, David Packer, Don Wallace, John Warren.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Mike Bartlett, John Bell and Janet Dover.

Cllr Pat Francis left the meeting at Minute 161.09.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Approximately 45 people attended the meeting to comment on and listen to the Council's plans for allotments.

Mrs Annette Brooke MP

**158.09      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**159.09      CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman reported that he had attended the opening event of the Spring in the Tale and a story-telling event at the Ancient Technology Centre. He also reported that he was meeting with play equipment companies to obtain quotations for the new multiplay unit at Oliver's Park.

**160.09      ALLOTMENTS**

Cllr Baker, Chairman of the Allotment Sub-Committee, introduced the Sub-Committee's proposal for allotments. He explained the steps taken to find land, the costs involved and how the Sub-Committee hoped to proceed with providing allotments at Bytheway.

The Chairman invited members of the public to comment on the proposal for allotments:

Liz Wilson considered that the site was unsuitable for allotments due to the diverse species inhabiting it. She advised that houses backed onto the land and that children played in the area.

Julie Camsooksai was concerned that travellers would access the field again. She advised on the problems encountered the last time travellers accessed the field and considered that the clear up costs would have to be met by the tax payer.

Mr Case said that most Councils ran allotments. He was concerned that no toilet facilities would be provided and advised that he would not be interested in looking into the windows of the nearby houses.

Shelia Bourton of Keep Wimborne Green supported the idea of allotments, but advised that the ecological surveys for the land in question should not be ignored.

Mrs Bridges advised that she had lived in her property for 23 years. She was concerned that the extra activity on the land would upset her dog and did not think that allotment holders should be allowed to use radios. Mrs Bridges was also concerned that the parking area would be insufficient, encouraging allotment holders to park in the roads.

Diana Green, Simon Scott-Douglas and Mrs O'Hara advised that they had helped on allotments and that none of the issues mentioned had arisen. Mrs O'Hara said that there was no record of travellers using allotment land.

Mr Bridges advised that he did not want allotments on Bytheway and wanted to know how the ditches would be maintained.

Sarah Campbell advised that she was a dog walker and walked the field regularly. She considered that the soil was poor and waterlogged and that the allotment holders would not get a good return for their efforts. Ms Campbell explained that travellers would not be interested in pitching on the allotments, but that they would attempt to access the field through the allotments. She was very concerned that residents would suffer from the mess created by travellers should they gain access.

Cllr Gooch advised that the 1908 Act stated that Councils should provide allotments if there was a demand. However, he also advised that Councils must take account of taxpayers' money.

In his response to the comments made, Cllr Baker advised that as part of the agreement to lease the land East Dorset District Council had stipulated what measures must be taken to prevent access from travellers. He advised that stock proof fencing would be provided, but that it would not stop badgers or deer. He also advised that the ditches would be maintained and that this would help with drainage.

Cllr Mitchell advised that the land had been farmed in the past and that it was good land. The soil test results showed that the soil was perfectly viable.

Cllr Baker proposed, seconded by Cllr Davies, that the submission of a planning application for allotments be approved. 7:4 (1 abstention).

RESOLVED that the submission of a planning application for allotments be approved.

**161.09 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 July 2009 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

**162.09 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

**163.09 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 11 August 2009

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

127.09 Dog Fouling Patrols Cllr Warren requested that this item be discussed at a future Highways and Plans Committee.

133.09 (e) Highway Matters for Report DCC be thanked for the excellent work on the lay by in Wimborne Road.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(b) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 1 September 2009

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(c) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 1 September 2009

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

**164.09 ALLOTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**

The report of the meeting held on 9 September 2009 was submitted and appears at Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

**165.09**     **PRESS PROTOCOL**

RESOLVED that Cllr Davies be made the Council's press officer.

**166.09**     **GIVE OR TAKE DAY**

Information had been received on the Give or Take Days that EDDC regularly organised. These days provided residents with an opportunity to dispose of their unwanted items and take home other residents' unwanted items if they wished.

Cllr Warren suggested that prior to considering whether a similar day should be organised in Colehill, it would be beneficial to delay the decision until after he had attended a Give or Take Day at Alderholt.

RESOLVED that this item be discussed at a future meeting.

**167.09**     **BOURNEMOUTH AIRPORT - DRAFT NOISE ACTION PLAN**

Bournemouth Airport had requested comments on the draft Noise Action Plan.

Members considered that the noise levels in Colehill should actually be measured rather than just theoretically. Cllr Warren requested that Sally Windsor be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting to update Members on Bournemouth Airport's plans.

RESOLVED that Cllrs Baker and Mitchell would prepare a response to the draft Noise Action Plan and that Sally Windsor be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting.

**168.09**     **DATE CHANGE OF COUNCIL MEETING**

The Council meeting on 27 October would now be held on 20 October.

NOTED.

**169.09**     **REPORTS**

Following the Chairman's invitation to speak, Mrs Annette Brooke MP commented on Bournemouth Airport's expansion plans.

**EDDC**

Cllr Wallace reported that planning applications had decreased from approximately 25 each week to 4 or 5 each week.

Cllr Packer reported that EDDC were due to approve funding a £200,000 loan for the Reef re-build on 21 September. He also advised that the Secretary of State's report on the RSS had been delayed.

**WIMBORNE CEMETERY JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr Kingsmill reported that the road had been built, that the safety improvements had been made and that the machinery had been disposed of.

Cllr Johnson reported that the new part-time apprentice had commenced employment.

**THE REEF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

No report.

**COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr Baker advised that quotations were being obtained to upgrade the heating system and it was hoped that the money could be reclaimed from the previous contractor.

**PACT**

No report.

**DAPTC**

No report.

**RIGHTS OF WAY LIAISON OFFICER**

No report.

**COLEHILL LIBRARY**

Cllr Johnson reported that he had attended a recent meeting, as had Cllrs Gooch and Packer.

**BMX TRAIL**

Cllr Davies requested some more inspection forms.

**ANCIENT MONUMENTS**

Cllr Gooch advised that during the week commencing 12 October Wimborne Square would be dug up and it was thought that the plague victims might be unearthed.

**STING IN THE TALE**

This event had been held at Colehill Memorial Hall on 24 August 2009. The Chairman asked the Clerk to enquire as to whether it had been well attended.

**EDITORIAL BOARD**

Cllr Davies advised that she was arranging articles and quotations for the October newsletter.

**170.09     ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

The Meeting ended at 21.00 hrs.

CHAIRMAN