

CCL2009.12.08

At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **8 DECEMBER 2009**.

**PRESENT**

Cllr KD Johnson, Chairman  
Cllr Dave Mitchell, Vice-Chairman  
Cllrs Keith Baker, Mike Bartlett, John Bell, Susan Davies, Janet Dover, Coirín Duff, Pat Francis, John Gooch, Tony Holloway, Don Wallace and John Warren.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Joe Kingsmill and David Packer.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

District Councillor David Morgan.

**264.09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Dover declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute 271.09 Loan Approval for the Colehill and Wimborne Youth and Community Centre and left the room during discussion.

Cllr Gooch declared a personal interest in Minute 277.09 Colehill Memorial Hall Management Committee.

**265.09 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman had attended the Dorset Waste Forum and the Receptions at Verwood Town Council and East Dorset District Council. He had also attended the funeral of Rifleman Phil Allen in Wimborne.

The Chairman reported that DAPTC had advised that the recent exchange of emails regarding the precept did not breach any regulations. In future, to avoid any possibility of predetermination and bias, agenda items should not be discussed prior to the meeting.

**266.09 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 October were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

**267.09 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

224.09 Oliver's Park Play Area Two storage containers would be in the car park from 10 December for approximately 10 working days. The work would need to be completed by 24 December to allow Continental Landscapes to replenish the play park. Cllr Johnson advised that he had arranged that the second invoice would be paid when the work was completed.

225.09 Colehill Library The sentence be altered to "The Dorset Library Service Manager had advised that DCC would not be able to provide any funding support for the relocation of the library within an expanded Memorial Hall".

229.09 Cllr Warren asked that the spare bench, which was stored at Mr Andrew Marsh's property, be discussed at Finance and General Purposes Committee.

**268.09**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 3 November 2009  
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

231.09 Access Licence The bollards had been removed and the access licence issued.

233.09 and 173.09 Richard Rider was no longer employed by Sustrans and Dorset County Council and Stephen Howard would be taking over the work on the cycle paths.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(b) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 10 November 2009  
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

244.09 The balances be amended to £109898.02 and £48014.63.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(c) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 24 November 2009  
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

**269.09**

**STREET LIGHTING EXPENDITURE** (Minutes 68.09 and 248.09 refer)  
Cllr Gooch proposed, seconded by Cllr Baker that the expenditure should not be a breach of the Council's financial regulations. All in favour.

Cllr Gooch proposed, seconded by Cllr Baker, that the Council approve the expenditure on the street lighting. All in favour.

RESOLVED that the Council approve the expenditure on the street lighting.

**270.09**     **PRECEPT 2010/11**

The voting that took place was as follows:

Cllr Gooch proposed a precept of £24.00, seconded by Cllr Mitchell (4:8)  
Cllr Wallace proposed a precept of £23.00, seconded by Cllr Johnson (6:5  
1 abstention).

Cllr Baker proposed a precept of £21.70, seconded by Cllr Warren (6:4 2  
abstentions).

The proposal of £21.70 was made the substantive motion, proposed by  
Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Holloway (6:5 1 abstention).

*On 11 December East Dorset District Council's Monitoring Officer advised  
that the voting at this meeting could be called into question and agreed  
with the decision to call a special Council meeting to vote again.*

**271.09**     **LOAN APPROVAL FOR COLEHILL AND WIMBORNE YOUTH AND  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG)  
continued to consider whether to provide the loan approval.

Assuming that the loan approval would be given, Cllr Bell proposed,  
seconded by Cllr Gooch, that the Council apply for an annuity rate rather  
than an Eip rate. All in favour.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) an annuity rate be applied for;
- (b) a solicitor be asked to comment on the legal agreement EDDC had  
provided;
- (c) the Reef's Fundraising Committee members be asked to attend  
Finance and General Purposes Committee on 12 January to advise  
on the funding that had been committed to date.

**272.09**     **PARISH COUNCIL RECEPTION – THE FUTURE**

Members reviewed the arrangements for the Reception.

Cllr Johnson proposed, seconded by Cllr Mitchell, that booking  
arrangements commence for a reception be held in 2010 (9:0 3  
abstentions).

RESOLVED that the booking arrangements commence for a reception to  
be held on 19 November 2010.

**273.09 GIVE OR TAKE DAY**

The Give or Take Day would be held on 3 April at Colehill Memorial Hall (9.00 am to 12.30 pm).

NOTED.

**274.09 AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS  
HALF-YEAR TO SEPTEMBER 2009**

Jane King had completed the half-year Internal Audit. The report letter to the Chairman of Council had been circulated to all Members.

The report was NOTED by Members.

**275.09 MEETING DATES**

RESOLVED that the meeting dates listed in Appendix 1 be accepted.

**276.09 ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

Canon John Goodall had sought the Council's agreement to alter the Act of Remembrance ceremony.

The three changes would be that everyone should join in the first prayer, that the Chairman of the Parish Council should read out the names on the War Memorial rather than the Church Warden and that the second verse of the national anthem be replaced with an alternative verse.

RESOLVED that the changes be agreed.

**277.09 REPORTS  
DCC**

Cllr Dover reported that Jody Foy would attend Highways and Plans Committee on 12 January 2010 and informed Council that Stephen Howard had taken over the cycle path work as Richard Rider was no longer employed by Dorset County Council.

Cllr Dover also reported that she had arranged for Hayeswood Road and Churchmoor Road to be included in the resurfacing work that was taking place at Cutlers Place.

**EDDC**

Cllr Wallace reported on the Pathfinder scheme, which would split the Dorset councils into clusters. East Dorset would be working with Christchurch and North Dorset.

**HOUSING MEETING**

Cllr Gooch reported that he had attended an EDHA meeting held to inform residents about the proposed development at Glynville Court.

**WIMBORNE CEMETERY JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

No report.

**THE REEF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

No report.

**COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr Baker reported that the Hall facilities were fully booked and that rents would increase to cover the cleaning and booking clerk fees. Items of expenditure included new chairs, replacement hand dryers and additional lights in the cloakroom.

**DAPTC**

Cllr Warren reported on the recently held Annual General Meeting.

**PACT**

Cllr Warren advised that the meeting had discussed concerns regarding money lending.

**RIGHTS OF WAY LIAISON OFFICER**

Cllr Johnson advised that he had informed DCC's John Williamson that a fence had been knocked down on the Leigh Lane to Park Homer footpath.

**COLEHILL LIBRARY**

No report.

**BMX TRAIL**

No report.

**278.09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

**279.09 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

The Chairman reported that Cllr Kingsmill would be preparing a schedule of tree work that could be dealt with by volunteers. He asked for volunteers to help at the conservation work day on 9 January 2010, at 10.30 am.

The Meeting ended at 21.30 hrs.

CHAIRMAN