

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 23 NOVEMBER 2010

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At the Special Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **23 NOVEMBER 2010**.

PRESENT

Cllr KD Johnson, Chairman
Cllr Dave Mitchell, Vice-Chairman
Cllrs Keith Baker, Susan Davies, Coirin Duff, Pat Francis, Sue Gretton,
Tony Holloway, Don Wallace and John Warren.

Cllrs Duff and Gretton arrived late and did not participate in the selection of the new co-opted Councillor.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Mike Bartlett, John Bell, Janet Dover, David Packer.

277.10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

278.10 CO-OPTION INTERVIEWS

The Questions were posed by Cllrs Johnson, Mitchell and Wallace.

Graeme Smith and John Gooch attended. Graeme Smith was elected by secret ballot 6/2 in favour. Cllr Johnson to inform both candidates of the outcome and to invite Graeme Smith to join the Parish Council.

279.10 CHRISTCHURCH AND EAST DORSET CORE STRATEGY

Cllr Mitchell stated that it was important to concentrate on the housing issue and to consider Colehill and Wimborne as a whole when expressing the views of the Parish Council. We have a duty to make constructive suggestions, not to reject the scheme as outlined in the consultative document.

Cllr Warren expressed concern over the possibility of some of the housing being built in areas that could be vulnerable to flooding and would like to see some guarantee by the developers against this happening. Cllr Duff stated that it was impossible for any developer to give such a guarantee.

The whole scheme is broadly welcomed, particularly the degree of consultation, and each area has been considered and mostly agreed, with the provisos as detailed below.

WMC1: Proposed development acceptable but concerns were expressed about the housing at St Margaret's. Consensus was that this part of the development should be conserved for possible expansion of the cemetery.

WMC2: Proposed development acceptable but concern was expressed about the loss of open space in what is already an area of some social deprivation.

WMC3: Consideration should be given to improving this area for commercial use, to increase local employment opportunities.

WMC4: Concern that this proposed development is entirely on Green Belt land. A large development and whilst provision of a new First School is being considered, no provision has been made to expand the Middle School facility which is already under severe strain. The proposed development on this land does not appear to have taken into consideration that this is a valuable flood plain and if developed, there will be little ability for natural run-off with up to 550 homes built on this site. Another major concern is the increased flow of traffic that this volume of housing will generate and the impact on already congested roads through both Colehill and Wimborne.

WMC5: Residents in the Parmiter area have expressed concern about the access through Brookside Road to the proposed sports provision, which will include the relocation of both the Rugby Club and the Football Club. Opportunity should be taken to investigate sound and light pollution as a result of the sports facilities. The sports facilities should be sited at the southern-most end of the site to mitigate the possible disturbance to residents. The provision of allotments on this site is welcomed by Colehill Parish Council.

WMC9/10: No justification at all in the proposal to relocate EDDC and the Market to the Allenview area.

280.10 PARISH PLAN REVIEW

This item was deferred to a later meeting.

The Meeting ended at 21.05 hrs.

CHAIRMAN