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At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **16 AUGUST 2011**.

PRESENT

Cllr Dave Mitchell, Chairman
Cllr Susan Davies, Vice-Chairman
Cllrs David Barnes, Susan Cowsill, Janet Dover, Pat Francis, Tony Holloway, KD Johnson, Maggie Lawson, David Packer, Graeme Smith and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Sue Gretton and Don Wallace.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Annette Brooke MP.

District Cllr David Morgan.

Mr John Gooch attended to speak to Council regarding Colehill Library.

Five members of the public attended to listen to the discussion on Colehill Library.

Mr Gooch addressed Council explaining why he wished them to reverse their decision made at Council on 24 May and support the running of a community library. He considered that the maintenance costs would be approximately £8,000 and this would mean a 10% increase on the Council Tax.

158.11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Dover declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 14(i) Police bicycle funding and left the meeting prior to discussion.

159.11 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman reported that the Verwood residents living close to Blue Haze and Purple Haze areas were very concerned about the application for 30 years of gravel and sand extraction.

He also advised that he had complained to the Manager of Woodland Burial Ground regarding their plans to invite the Ferndown Town Mayor to open their country fair. The Manager had apologised and the Ferndown Town Mayor had declined the invitation.

The Chairman had assisted the allotment holders in setting up the Colehill Community Allotment Association (CCAA) and he and Members of the CCAA would be meeting with Martin Stewart on the 26 August to discuss the lease.

160.11 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 July were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

161.11 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

95.11 Mrs Brooke advised that she had met with officers from the Dorset Police Authority and been informed that there were no plans to not have an operational base in Wimborne although discussions were ongoing as to how savings could be made on counter services, perhaps by working with other public sectors.

98.11 Big Bike Ride Cllr Davies reported that £2000 had been raised to date.

108.11 Cllr Dover had given DCC officers a copy of the school crossing patrol article from the Colehill Clarion.

162.11 COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 19 July

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

122.11 Verge Maintenance – Park Homer Drive EDDC had cut back the shrubs. DCC were being asked to meet with the resident to discuss the bank.

123.11 Speeding Vehicles – Lonnen Road/Sandy Lane the gas works should be finished by 19 August.

127.11 (c) EDDC would be assessing the trees at Fryers Copse to determine whether they required cutting back.

128.11 (a) Cllr Dover advised that from 2012-13 DCC would be classing the grit bins as either strategic or community. This would have a bearing on whether they would be re-filled.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(b) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 19 July

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

131.11 Scouting Association Cllr Davies had met with Helen Lynch and an article would go in the next newsletter. The posters had been received and would be displayed and the information would be posted onto the website.

135.11 Police Bicycles Cllr Dover confirmed that there was no specific funding for bicycles.

139.11 Bournemouth Airport Cllr Mitchell advised that the drop off charges would be stopped.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(c) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 9 August

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

146.11 Cllr Dover thought that Cllr Davies had given an excellent presentation at EDDC's Planning Committee, informing Committee about the neighbours' objections to the prayer garden at St Catherine's School. Cllr Dover highlighted a complaint that Ferndown Town Council had made regarding the procedures of the same Planning Committee and she wondered whether this was something the Parish Council might consider doing. This would be discussed at the next Highways and Plans Committee.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

163.11 COLEHILL LIBRARY ACTION GROUP

The report of the meeting held on 5 August 2011 was submitted and appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

164.11 COLEHILL LIBRARY (Minute 60.11 refers)

In light of Dorset County Council's decision to close Colehill Library and with the receipt of a new breakdown of predicted expenditure in running the library, Cllrs Davies, Dover, Gretton, Smith and Warren had requested that that the Council re-consider whether to contribute towards the running of a community library. (*Standing Order 11 Rescission of Previous Resolutions applied*).

Cllr Packer welcomed the discussion. He said that the CLAG group should prepare a business plan showing the expenditure involved and a public meeting be held so that the public could decide what level of service they would be prepared to pay for.

Cllr Smith considered that the Council would not have to pay the costs. He advised that the library could register as a charity and raise funds through grant aid. However, the Council would need to commit to underwriting any costs if required.

Cllr Davies advised that if a public meeting was held it should be widely advertised so that the attendance was a true representation of Colehill. The autumn newsletter should be posted to all households advising of the meeting and the newsletter would contain a survey for residents to complete. This information should also be added to the website.

Cllr Packer proposed, seconded by Cllr Dover, that a public meeting be held, with the expenditure on display so that the public could decide what level of service they would be prepared to pay for. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that a public meeting be held with the expenditure on display so that the public could decide what level of service they would be prepared to pay for.

165.11 **VACANCY**

No election had been demanded and co-option notices had been displayed.

One application had been received to date and it was planned that interviews would be held on 30 August prior to Highways and Plans Committee.

RESOLVED that Cllrs Francis and Johnson ask the questions at the interview, together with the Chairman.

166.11 **AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS**
YEAR END MARCH 2011

The Annual Return had been completed by the Auditor on 26 July. There was one issue arising on the level of fidelity guarantee.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the Annual Return be approved and accepted;
- (b) the level of fidelity guarantee be discussed at the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee and reported on at Finance and General Purposes Committee.

167.11 **PARISH COUNCIL RECEPTION ON 18 NOVEMBER**

The invitation list to the Reception had been distributed and Members were asked to consider whether any changes should be made.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) any changes be discussed at the next Council meeting;
- (b) the WI be asked to advise of the costings before the next Council meeting.

168.11 **ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL POOL ACTION GROUP**

Cllr Davies advised that she had attended the last meeting. She advised that the pool was widely used and she would be writing an article about the pool in the next Council newsletter.

Cllr Davies agreed to attend the next meeting, but could not commit to attending future meetings of the Pool Action Group.

NOTED.

169.11 MEMBERS' BADGES

Cllr Johnson advised that when he had attended the LCAS seminar he had seen an attendee wearing a metal badge. He thought that the badges cost approximately £6.00 each, but would last longer than the laminated badges and would look more professional.

RESOLVED that the Clerk find out the exact price of the badges and report back to Finance and General Purposes Committee.

170.11 POLICE BICYCLE FUNDING

Finance and General Purposes Committee had approved, in principle, to contribute £300 for a police bicycle, however Members requested further information on why this funding was necessary.

Cllr Dover advised that Chief Superintendent Hiles had confirmed that there was no specific budget for bicycles and that Parish councils, local businesses and other partnerships had supported SNTs with various modes of transport previously and that the Police were most grateful for this support.

PC Brett had also confirmed that he and PCSO Johnson would not be required to make up the shortfall themselves. The extra money required would come from a budget stream allocated to the East Dorset section. PC Brett said that he was grateful for the continued support of the Parish Council.

Cllr Johnson proposed, seconded by Cllr Warren, that the funding be approved and a virement be approved. 6:5 (The Chairman used his casting vote).

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the £300 funding be approved (Local Government and Rating Act 1997 S.31)
- (b) a virement be approved with the money being taken from the Elections Budget (£2500).

171.11 OVERHANGING TREES AT TRIANGLE WOOD

DCC had highlighted that trees at Triangle Wood were overhanging the highway and in contravention of the Section 154 Highways Act 1980. DCC had ordered that these trees be cut back.

Dorset Works Organisation had provided a quotation for the work to be done and Members had been advised of the amount.

Cllr Cowsill considered that two other companies should be asked to provide quotations. Concerns were raised about the hazardous aspect of this work and whether a company other than DWO would have the experience and equipment to do the job.

Cllr Packer proposed, seconded by Cllr Johnson, that a virement be approved, that two further quotations be obtained and that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Council decide which company to use.
Unanimous.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) a virement be approved with the money being taken from the Allotments Budget (£4000);
- (b) two further quotations be obtained;
- (c) the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Council decide which company to award the work to.

172.11 PARISH PLAN ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

This item was deferred until the New Year.

NOTED.

173.11 DISPENSATION – COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL

EDDC's Standards Committee had granted a dispensation to Cllrs Barnes, Cowsill, Davies, Dover, Francis, Gretton, Holloway, Johnson, Lawson, Mitchell, Packer, Smith, Wallace and Warren up to 1 May 2015 to enable them to take part in discussions connected with Colehill Memorial Hall as custodian trustees.

NOTED.

174.11 REPORTS

DCC

Nothing further to report.

EDDC

Cllr Packer reported that P&R had been working on the conditions of employment to ensure they were the same for East Dorset and Christchurch Councils. He also advised that avenues were being explored as to whether all 7 boroughs and districts could share insurance or whether East Dorset should just share with Christchurch.

WIMBORNE CEMETERY JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

THE REEF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Barnes reported that it was hoped more money could be raised so that the doors on both sides of the Hall could be replaced in one year. The Clerk advised that she had forwarded Council's request that advice be sought from the Fire Service if it was decided to replace some of the doors with windows.

Cllr Mitchell advised that a request would be made to Finance and General Purposes Committee to agree to cover legal fees. Cllr Warren requested that a member of the Management Committee attend the meeting so that they could advise.

DAPTC

Cllr Warren had attended two meetings, discussions included gypsy sites.

RIGHTS OF WAY LIAISON OFFICER

Cllr Warren complained that the two posts had still not been re-erected despite promises from John Williamson that he would look into the matter. The Clerk would contact him again.

COLEHILL LIBRARY

Nothing to report.

BMX TRAIL

Cllr Mitchell had visited the site and noted that the jumps were cracking. Cllr Davies advised that she had contacted the Police regarding some very drunk young adults gathering in the wood and having a firework display. The Police did not arrive.

LOCAL COUNCIL ADVISORY SERVICE

Cllrs Cowsill and Johnson and the Clerk had attended this training seminar and had found it very useful.

175.11 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

176.11 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- (a) Cllr Cowsill reminded Members that there was a conservation workday on 20 August.
- (b) Cllr Davies requested that Members forward any newsletter articles to her.

The Meeting ended at 21.30 hrs.

CHAIRMAN