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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of
COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the MEMORIAL HALL on **7 March 2006**.

PRESENT

Cllr KD Johnson, Chairman
Cllr Andrew Marsh, Vice-Chairman
Cllrs John Bell, Gwen Divall, John Gooch, Jeffrey Greenwood, Scott Miller,
Ted Phillips, John Warren, Keith Baker (R)

APOLOGY

Cllr David Packer

379.05 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations

380.05 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 January, having been circulated,
were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

381.05 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

382.05 LAND MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The report of the meeting held on 14 February was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report (Appendix 2) be approved and adopted.

383.05 BMX TRAILS

Further to Minute 382.05(3), following erection of the closure notice
the Clerk had received two enquiries from the riders regarding the future
of the Trails.

It was agreed that for the trails to be opened again there would have to
be

- Satisfactory representation from a senior member of the riders
group to oversee use of the site and correspond with the Council.
- The approved site layout must be adhered to with maintenance
works only.
- Monthly reports to be supplied by riders re site conditions.
- Permits to ride are required.
- Adequate safety equipment to be worn.
- No building materials to be introduced on site e.g. metal bars,
concrete.
- Riders to respect the Byelaws and to maintain the site in a tidy
fashion.

RESOLVED that the riders be invited to a meeting to be held on

14 March at the Memorial Hall to discuss the future of the trails and to ascertain whether the above conditions could be met.

384.05 **OLIVERS PARK PLAY AREA**

(a) **VANDALISM DURING HALF-TERM**

Some vandalism had occurred during half term week. Damaged equipment had been repaired, the litter bin replaced and the area made safe.

NOTED

(b) **MAINTENANCE COSTS – 2005/06**

EDDC advised that maintenance costs to date amounted to £3,090. The Equipment Replacement Fund now stood at £800 following major refurbishment of the play equipment.

NOTED

(c) **REPLACEMENT ‘SPRINGER’ PLAY ITEM**

Further to Minute 325.05, EDDC had advised that, due to design changes, a new base plate for the ‘Hippo’ springer was no longer obtainable. A replacement play item was required, purchase price £600, plus installation and associated costs.

RESOLVED that :-

- (i) EDDC be requested to proceed with purchase and installation of an ‘Elk’ springer.
- (ii) A supplementary estimate of £1,000 be approved.

385.05 **COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL**

(a) **REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION**

Further to Minute 302.12.03 application had been made to EDDC Standards Committee for grant of dispensation to Cllrs Keith Baker, Andrew Marsh and Scott Miller in their capacity as Custodian Trustees of Colehill Memorial Hall. This was approved by Standards Committee on 6 March.

(b) **COMMITTEE ROOM – REPAIR OF CLOCK**

Members expressed their thanks to Cllrs KD Johnson and John Warren for arranging for repair of the Joe Williams memorial clock in the Betty Webster Committee Room.

386.05 **PARISH COUNCIL – OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH**

Further to Minute 328.05, Richard Pink had quoted £240 for supply of 16 copies of a board mounted photograph of Parish Council Members in similar format to previous editions. It was agreed that the photo montage displayed in the notice boards met current needs and it was

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) No further action be taken for the time being regarding an official photograph.
- (b) The matter be reviewed after the next Election.

387.05 **CONSULTATION - ED CONSULTATIVE SOCIAL INCLUSION DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY STRATEGY**

Cllr Gwen Divall reported on her consideration of these consultation documents and drew Members' attention to the various policies by which EDDC monitored their duties under legislation relating to social inclusion, diversity and equality. At present the Parish Council had no clear policy with regard to their responsibilities in this regard.

It was therefore RECOMMENDED to Council Meeting that consideration be given to setting-up a small Sub-Committee to prepare guidelines to assist Members when conducting interviews for staff or applicants for co-option to the Council.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Divall for her full report.

388.05 **TRAINING FOR MEMBERS**

Notification of the following seminars was received.

It was RESOLVED as follows:-

- (a) **DORSET CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND.**
Seminar – “How to understand and respond to the new Local Framework Plans” - 9 May.
Cllr John Gooch be authorised to attend.
- (b) **DORSET COUNTY TRAINING PARTNERSHIP**
 - (i) Chairman's Seminar – 13 March
Cllr KD Johnson be authorised to attend.
 - (ii) Councillors' Update Seminar - 25 April
Any Member wishing to attend was asked to notify the Clerk.

389.05 **ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS**

- (a) **DAPTC NEWSLETTER**
Cllr John Bell referred to articles in the February Newsletter relating to the Big Lottery Fund, community planning and the new DEFRA website 'Community Halls for Rural People'
- (b) **PARISH PLAN SUB COMMITTEE**
Cllr Keith Baker enquired about progress with arranging a revised meeting date. (Minute 327.05 refers)
- (c) **LAND FOR VILLAGE GREENS**
Cllr Gwen Divall reported that under the Commons Bill it would be possible for a landowner simply to dedicate land for a Village Green. Under previous legislation it had been necessary for the

Parish Council to obtain registration of the land at Colehill
Triangle as a Village Green.

The Meeting ended at 21.05 hrs.

CHAIRMAN