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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of
COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the MEMORIAL HALL on **25 JULY 2006**.

PRESENT

Cllrs Keith Baker, Gwen Divall, John Gooch, Jeffrey Greenwood, KD Johnson,
Ted Phillips, John Warren, David Topping (R)

APOLOGIES

Cllrs David Packer and Scott Miller

96.06 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations

97.06 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 June, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

98.06 PARISH PLAN PUBLICITY

Cllr John Gooch mentioned the public meeting which was to be held in the autumn to gauge public interest for a Parish Plan. He wished to raise the profile and local public attendance of the meeting by involving Susan Davies, a marketing consultant, to assist with publicity.

RESOLVED that Cllr. K D Johnson invite Mrs Davies to the Parish Plan Sub-Committee to be held at 7.30 p.m. on 1 August.

99.06 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

100.06 LAND MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The report of the meeting held on 4 July was submitted. (Appendix 2 to these Minutes). Cllr. Gwen Divall did not accept the emphasis placed on the subject matter discussed under item 3(a) and wished to discuss this at the next Land Management Sub-Committee meeting.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted subject to Cllr Gwen Divall's comments above.

101.06 RISK ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that a meeting of the Sub-Committee be held on Monday, 31 July at 9.30 a.m. in the Betty Webster Committee Room.

102.06 LAND AT SMUGGLERS LANE

TREE HAZARD REPORT

Further to Minute 46.06 three quotations had now been received from 3 contractors to carry out the work listed in the Tree Hazard Report prepared

by Scott Tree Services as follows:

Paul Hanwell	£1950
Scott Tree Services	£3280
Banyards	£5250

Banyards had been asked to submit a quotation as the Clerk had not received a quotation from Gale & Hall despite reminders. Cllr John Warren proposed that the quotation from Paul Hanwell be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr David Topping. The expertise of Paul Hanwell was queried, since this firm had not been employed by the Parish Council to carry out the Hazard Tree Survey, but accepted the price difference was large.

RESOLVED that the Clerk accept the quotation from Paul Hanwell in the sum of £1950 and request that the work commence during the summer holidays if possible. Cllr. KD Johnson to liaise with Paul Hanwell to ensure the work is carried out correctly.

103.06 APPOINTMENT OF BANKERS

Following the appointment of the new Clerk it was necessary to up-date the Parish's Council mandate forms with Barclays Bank and the National Savings Bank.

RESOLVED that it be confirmed that:

- (a) the Clerk be authorised to sign cheques together with the existing signatories (Cllrs John Bell, John Gooch, KD Johnson and Gwen Divall) on the Barclays Bank Account.
- (b) the Clerk be authorised to operate the NSB account together with the existing signatories (Cllrs John Gooch, Jeffrey Greenwood and KD Johnson).

104.06 FAREWELL PARTY FOR JANET STOKES

Cllr John Gooch reported that unfortunately Janet was not well enough to attend the planned farewell lunch on Wednesday 26 July. Various suggestions were made as to when the function might be held and the best format. It was envisaged that approximately 22 people would attend.

RESOLVED that a decision be made at the next Council meeting on the following two options:

- (a) A lunchtime meal at either the Blue Fig Restaurant or Walford Mill Bistro. The Clerk to make enquiries regarding the cost. If this option was agreed, the members would pay for their own meals.
- (b) A function at a venue to be decided with outside caterers providing the food. A budget would need to be agreed for this option.

**105.06 CRANBORNE CHASE & WEST WILTS DOWNS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY**

The Clerk referred to a letter she had received requesting information from parishes to contribute towards a pictorial map of the AONB.

RESOLVED that the Clerk reply informing them that the Parish Council felt it was not appropriate to Colehill: as the area covered was Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs.

106.06 HEAT DORSET

The Clerk had received an e-mail from the Affordable Warmth Technician requesting information on local residents who would qualify for help with their fuel bills.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should reply to the e-mail stating that Parish Council does not have such information and suggest they contact the Citizens Advice Bureau.

107.06 NALC LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS NOMINATIONS

The Clerk brought to the attention of members a request from DAPTC for nominations for members elected via postal elections and sessions for Larger Local Councils at National Conference to the NALC Larger Local Councils Committee for 2007. Nomination forms were available.

NOTED

The Meeting ended at 20.40 hrs.

CHAIRMAN