

At the Annual Parish Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **12 APRIL 2016**.

PRESENT

Cllr Susan Cowsill, Chairman
Cllr Barry Roberts, Vice-Chairman
Cllrs Gary Adams, Ian Dickins, Linda Dickins, Janet Dover, Tony Holloway, Stephen King, Helen Lawrence, David Mitchell, Georgina O'Hagan, Peter Scriven, Emma Urquhart and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllr David Packer, Cllr KD Johnson (representing the Council at a DAPTC meeting), Cllr Steven Lugg, (EDDC Chairman), Mrs Hilary Chittenden (East Dorset Environment Partnership), Mr John Gooch (Colehill Community Library) and Mr David Topping (Colehill and Wimborne Youth and Community Centre).

IN ATTENDANCE

PSCO Huw Evans and PCSO Roz Fricker, Terry Munson and Jim Priest (Colehill Memorial Hall), Brian Kinge (Citizens' Advice Bureau), Mary Redman (Colehill Community Library), Celia Stout (Colehill District Rangers) and Mrs T Paine – Clerk.

490.16 WELCOME

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Susan Cowsill, welcomed the Members and guests present.

491.16 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 April 2015, having been circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

492.16 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Reviewing items dealt with during a very busy year, Cllr Cowsill made particular reference to the following matters:

- (a) Colehill Community Library – The library was celebrating its 3rd anniversary in volunteer hands. The library would have been lost had it not been for the dedication of the volunteers who had created a well-loved community asset.
- (b) The Reef – Thanks to David Topping's tenacity and willingness to keep going with this project it was expected that it would open very soon. Two councillors, Gary Adams and Steve King, were also providing valuable assistance towards the project.

- (c) Reception – The evening was attended by local dignitaries and by the many volunteers who work tirelessly to make Colehill a community. Thanks to those people who contributed to make the evening so successful, including the Colehill Evening WI and the Girl Guides who collected money for Children in Need. Entertainment was provided by Jane Oakland and the Colehill and Ferndown Community Choir, both were amiably introduced by Chris Brown, the Wimborne Minster Town Crier.
- (d) Colehill Memorial Hall - Colehill Memorial Hall continued to be a very well used facility thanks to the sterling efforts of the volunteers from the Management Committee.

The Chairman concluded her report by advising that the devolution of services from DCC and EDDC to parish and town councils was a future possibility. She didn't know what these services would be, but she was confident that the Council would make the correct decisions. The Chairman thanked her fellow councillors and the clerk for their support during her term as Chairman.

Cllr Roberts thanked the Chairman, on behalf of the other Members, for her commitment and hard work.

493.16 **PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS**
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

Copies of the audited Annual Return and External Auditor's Certificate and Opinion for the year ended 31 March 2015 had been circulated and a Receipts and Payments summary of the Accounts at 31 March 2016 was available for information.

RESOLVED that the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 be received and noted.

494.16 **GRANT AID TO ORGANISATIONS**

ED Citizens' Advice Bureau	£1,000.00
Sting in the Tale	£200.00
East Dorset Environment Partnership	£300.00
Colehill District Rangers	£200.00
Life Education Wessex	£300.00
Colehill Community Library (payable in two payments)	£11,000.00
Colehill Memorial Hall	£6,500.00
Wimborne History Festival	£100.00
Colehill & Wimborne Youth and Community Centre (<i>up to £30,000</i>)	£30,000.00

The Chairman distributed the grants to the organisations, thanking them for attending the meeting. The recipients thanked the Council for the grants and for the continued support.

The Chairman advised that the organisations that had been unable to attend (Sting in the Tale, Life Education Wessex and Wimborne History Festival) would receive their grants by post.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:15hrs.

CHAIRMAN