

At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **7 JULY 2015** at **7.30pm**

PRESENT

Cllr Susan Cowsill, Chairman
Cllr Barry Roberts, Vice-Chairman
Cllrs Gary Adams, Ian Dickins, Tony Holloway, KD Johnson, Stephen King, David Mitchell, David Packer, Peter Scriven, Emma Urquhart and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Janet Dover (who was chairing the Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee at EDDC) and Georgina O'Hagan.
PCSO Huw Evans.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Paine – Clerk
Mr Rob Jeffs attended to observe the meeting.

77.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Roberts advised that his planning appeal was mentioned in the Minutes of Highways and Plans (Minute 65.15).

78.15 CHRISTCHURCH AND EAST DORSET COUNCILS' COMMUNITY AND RECREATION TEAM

Members NOTED that Mr Wilbert Smith, Community and Recreation Officer, had advised that he was unable to attend the meeting.

79.15 CLLR GARY ADAMS

The Chairman advised that Cllr Adams had been co-opted at an informal meeting of the Council on 23 June 2015. Cllr Adams had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and completed a Register of Pecuniary Interest form. He agreed to be a Member of the Highways and Plans Committee. Cllr Adams advised that he wished to receive agendas by email and that he would inspect the grit bin at Park Homer Drive.

NOTED.

80.15 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman thanked the Members for choosing her to be Chairman and said that this was her first meeting since the election. She advised that Cllr Roberts had attended the AGM of the East Dorset Scouts on her behalf and that she had attended the Ferndown Civic Ceremony.

81.15 COLEHILL AND WIMBORNE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE WORKING GROUP

RESOLVED that Cllr John Warren be appointed to represent the Parish Council on the Colehill and Wimborne Youth and Community Centre Working Group for the ensuing year.

82.15 DISPENSATIONS

RESOLVED that the Council grant dispensations to all Councillors to enable them to participate in discussions and decisions relating to the budget, the precept, funding for Colehill Memorial Hall and, in the case of Cllr Warren, funding for the Colehill and Wimborne Youth and Community Centre.

83.15 VACANCIES

Members NOTED that there were two Councillor vacancies. The vacancies would be advertised on the Council's website and notice boards.

84.15 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 19 May were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

85.15 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

10.15 (a) Sir Roger Palin had moved out of the area and had therefore decided to leave the New Neighbourhood Working Group. A letter of thanks would be sent to him. Mr Keith Mallett, Solicitor at EDDC, had confirmed that it was acceptable for representatives of the New Neighbourhood Working Group to speak on behalf of the Council.

86.15 COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 2 June
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

38.15, 451.15, 417.15 Cllr Warren said that following DCC's decision to make no amendments to the chicanes, Colehill PC should have no further discussion on the matter. Members agreed with this.

47.15 The Play Inspection Company would inspect Oliver's Park in July. The Council was not paying £25 to accompany the inspector so had not been advised of the date. The Clerk and the lead BMX rider would accompany the inspector at the BMX site. This inspection would be in August. The Clerk would advise Members when the date and time were known.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(b) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 2 June
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

56.15 To date the debit card had not been issued.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

- (c) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 23 June
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

69.15 The following paragraph would be added after the paragraph ending “7 July”:

“Members were concerned about costs of the new IT connection as well as the security and procurement of IT Equipment. Several Members raised personal concerns about their ability to physically be able to consider online plans due to sight impairment problems. Cllr Cowsill suggested that EDDC be asked whether an equality impact assessment had been conducted before the decision to go paperless had been made.”

and the paragraphs: “Cllr Dover said that she did not agree with EDDC no longer providing paper copies and said that she thought the decision had been made without consultation and without taking account of the impact on residents and councillors. Cllr Dover said that she would like to discuss the matter with the Chief Executive if Members were in agreement. The majority of Members said that they would like her to do this and Cllr Cowsill suggested that EDDC be asked whether an equality impact assessment had been conducted before the decision to go paperless had been made. Cllr Cowsill said that she would also investigate EDDC’s planning system policy.

RESOLVED that Cllr Dover discuss the proposals with EDDC’s Chief Executive and report back to a future meeting.”

be replaced with: “Cllr Dover said that she did not agree with EDDC no longer providing paper copies and said that she thought the decision had been made without consultation and without taking account of the impact on residents and councillors. Cllr Dover said that she would like to put Members’ concerns to the EDDC Chief Executive on behalf of the Parish Council before the situation was finalised if Members were in agreement. The majority of Members said that they would like her to do this. Cllr Cowsill said that she would investigate EDDC’s planning system policy.

RESOLVED that Cllr Dover discuss the proposals and Members’ concerns with EDDC’s Chief Executive and report back to a future meeting.”

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

87.15 LAND AT CUTLERS PLACE

An officer from EDDC’s Tree Section had visited the site and had advised that the trees that were recently reported as dying were not the same trees that residents thought could have been damaged by the contractors clearing the vegetation. The tree officer advised that the trees reported as dying had been dying long before the land was cleared and that they were not old enough to be protected by the TPO. EDDC had reported the dead trees to DCC because they were overhanging the highway.

The Council's solicitor had advised that she had found no owner on the Land Registry searches. She had spoken to the person who had fenced the area who advised that he had recently registered a notice at HM Land Registry in respect of an adverse possession claim. If no one else claimed rightful possession he would do so after 12 years.

The Council's solicitor advised that Scottish & Southern Energy had confirmed that there was no Wayleave Agreement in place as they owned the freehold of the land on which the sub-station sits.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the solicitor be asked whether the Council could make a contra claim on the land and what steps and costs would be involved to do this.
- (b) EDDC Tree Section be asked to review the blanket TPO on the site with a view to protecting the younger trees.

88.15 EDDC'S IT PLANNING SYSTEM

Cllr Mitchell proposed, seconded by Cllr Warren, that Cllr Dover be asked to continue her discussions with the Chief Executive of EDDC regarding the proposals to introduce a new IT Planning System. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that Cllr Dover be advised that the Council supported her actions in asking the Chief Executive of EDDC to reconsider the proposals to introduce a new IT Planning System.

89.15 COLEHILL AND WIMBORNE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr Warren proposed, seconded by Cllr Packer, that £2500 be granted to the Colehill and Wimborne Youth and Community Centre. 10:0 (2 abstentions).

RESOLVED that:

- (a) a grant of £2500 be made to the Colehill and Wimborne Youth and Community Centre and that the sum be taken from reserves.
- (b) the 2015/16 budget be increased to £105,314.75.

90.15 ST MICHAEL'S SUMMER FAYRE – 11 JULY 4-7PM

Members NOTED that the Parish Council was running an information stand at this event.

91.15 VJ Day

The Royal British Legion Remembrance Co-ordinator had advised that VJ Day would be on 15 August. The Clerk had asked Rev Pattle whether St Michael's Church was planning to commemorate this day and had been advised that the anniversary would be reflected in their prayers on the Sunday.

RESOLVED that St Michael's Church be advised that councillors would attend if they do planned to hold a special event.

92.15 GROUP PHOTOGRAPH OF COUNCILLORS

Members NOTED that the group photograph would be taken on Friday, 25 September, at 6.30pm, at Colehill Memorial Hall.

93.15 LOCAL COUNCIL ADVISORY SERVICE

Zurich was holding its annual LCAS seminar on 21 July, at Blandford (9.30-1.30), at a cost of £30 per delegate. Topics for discussion included accident and claims review, business continuity planning and defect identification and prioritisation.

RESOLVED that Cllr Urquhart attend the seminar with Cllr Scriven being a reserve candidate if required.

94.15 COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Three councillors had recently attended the new councillors' training.

95.15 REPORTS

DCC

Cllr Dover had provided the following information prior to the meeting:

The LATC or Trycuro project for elderly care at DCC had now had the approval of the Cabinet at DCC to go live this month.

DWP continued to make progress in its efforts to address its financial problems. The interim Director was addressing the meeting that Cllr Dover was chairing this evening to update EDDC members on this issue.

Members were advised that copies of the 2015-2018 DCC Corporate Plan were available at the meeting.

EDDC

Cllr Johnson had attended the cabinet meeting and the special Planning meeting. He had also attended some induction training and had attended some safeguarding training and awareness training regarding Prevent (counter terrorism – Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP) - preventing people from becoming involved in terrorism).

Cllr Packer reported on the special Planning meeting that had been held on 16 June. He thought that the speakers did extremely well and he had been able to confirm that the speakers representing Colehill and Wimborne should be permitted to speak. He said that he thought the Committee had not considered that traffic would turn right at the Horns Inn T-junction to Wimborne Road and drive down St John's Hill. He also thought that the £12m spent on the 106 Agreements could have been spent in a way that would alleviate some of the planning concerns.

Cllr Packer advised on the possible increase in the ward budgets from £2000 to £4000, this was due to an underspend from last year.

Cemetery Management Committee

Cllr Urquhart advised that the committee had welcomed the new Superintendent (Steve Corkhill). She advised that people involved in the Steam Fair were using the water at the Cemetery. It was planned to take water meter readings to determine how big the problem was.

The gates would possibly need replacing in 2016.

The Reef Management Committee

Cllr Roberts would be attending the next meeting on 9 July.

Hall Management Committee

Cllr Dickins would be attending the next meeting on 13 July.

Rights Of Way Liaison Officer

DCC had been advised that the footpath from Green Bottom to Lapwing Road and the footpath from Glynville Road, via Mallard Road, to Sandy Lane were badly overgrown.

Historic Environment Liaison Officer

An archaeological dig was being carried out on the land at Stapehill Farm where the solar park was proposed.

DAPTC

Hilary Trevorah, Clerk to Chickerell Town Council, had been appointed the new Chief Executive.

East Dorset Environmental Partnership

Cllr Mitchell said that EDDC had accepted 6 of the 9 recommendations that had made on the outline planning application for the development at Cranborne Road and Burts Hill.

Editorial Board, Council Land, Meeting Delegates

Cllr Mitchell said that he had submitted a press release on Cllr O'Hagan to the Stour and Avon magazine.

Cllr Johnson said that Rev Pattle had asked him to publicise the one minute silence being held at St Michael's Church in respect of the people who had died in the Tunisian terrorist attack.

96.15 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED that the accounts listed in Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

97.15 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- (a) Cllr Dover had inspected the grit bin on the corner of Jessopp Road and Cutlers Place and had reported that everything was in order, apart from the lock. The Clerk advised that the lock was no longer required as the antisocial behaviour that had occurred had now stopped.
- (b) Cllr Johnson advised that he had reported some fly tipping at Northleigh Lane to DCC. He had also reported a broken tree branch that was hanging across the road at Beaucroft Lane.
- (c) The Chairman advised that she had been invited to be an invigilator at Colehill Community Library on Saturday 11 July.

The Meeting ended at 8.49pm

CHAIRMAN