

At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **14 March 2017**, at **7.30pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr Susan Cowsill, Chairman
 Cllr Barry Roberts, Vice-Chairman
 Cllrs Ian Dickins, Linda Dickins, Janet Dover, Tony Holloway, KD Johnson, Stephen King, David Mitchell and Peter Scriven.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Gary Adams, Helen Lawrence, David Packer and Emma Urquhart.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Paine – Clerk.

400.17	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.</p>
401.17	<p>MR JOHN BELL A silent tribute was held in memory of the late John Bell, who had represented Colehill East from 1995 to 2011 and been Chairman of the Council from 2001-2003.</p> <p>The Chairman invited Cllrs Dover, Holloway and Johnson to share their memories of John with the Members.</p>
402.17	<p>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS The Chairman advised of her sadness that Cllr John Warren had resigned. John had been Chairman of this Council from 1999-2001 and had represented the Council on many organisations.</p> <p>The Chairman reported on the success of the Great British Clean Up event and advised that she had also attended the Commonwealth Day in Wimborne.</p>
403.17	<p>COUNCILLOR VACANCY Members NOTED that a vacancy had arisen due to Cllr Warren's resignation. A notice had been displayed advising that residents could demand a poll. If no election was called then co-option notices would be displayed week commencing 3 April.</p> <p>The Council now had two vacancies. As previously agreed, Cllrs Linda Dickins and Peter Scriven would join the Chairman in asking the questions when informal interviews were required.</p>
404.17	<p>TRIANGLE WOOD The Head Teacher of St Michael's School had advised of his concerns that children were congregating at the pond at Triangle Wood, encouraging each other to complete dares.</p>

	<p>The Clerk had sought advice from the Council’s insurance broker and also from East Dorset District Council’s Countryside Management.</p> <p>The insurance broker had advised that if the Council considered that the pond presented a drowning hazard, then signs should be erected to warn people of this risk. Provision of life saving equipment was not an insurance requirement and this was only recommended if there was a low risk of it being stolen or vandalised. The insurance company also said that given the current behaviour of the school children, it could be beneficial to engage the school in issuing some form of communication, either via the school or the parish council’s website/social media, reminding the children that the pond was a hazardous area and play near it should be avoided.</p> <p>EDDC’s Countryside Management had advised that they did not put any precautions in place where there was clearly a difference between the water and the land. EDDC also did not provide any buoyancy aids as these tended to be made of hard plastic and someone throwing one of these can hit the person on the head and make the situation worse, plus the aids would need to be checked daily. Finally, EDDC advised that they did not erect fencing around water areas as people can climb over fences and if all open water was fenced, would this have to include ditches and rivers also?</p> <p>Cllr Johnson advised the Members that there were a number of similar natural open ponds in other areas of woodland at Colehill. He advised that the water levels of these ponds fluctuated depending on the weather.</p> <p>Members AGREED that there was a clear distinction between the land and the water at Triangle Wood and that the area was of low risk in terms of general danger, or drowning and RESOLVED that the Head Teacher should be advised to continue to inform the pupils of the danger and responsibility to themselves and fellow pupils when choosing to play near water.</p>
<p>405.17</p>	<p>THE HANHAM CENTRE</p> <p>The Members NOTED the correspondence from the DCC Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Independence. Cllr Janet Dover advised that a petition panel, originally to be held in Dorchester, would now be held in Wimborne on 21 March, this would enable the petition organiser to attend the meeting. Cllr Dover would also be attending the meeting. Cllr Dover advised that she had asked DCC for the background information on the change of use on the building.</p>
<p>406.17</p>	<p>THE GREAT GET TOGETHER – 17-18 JUNE</p> <p>The Members considered a letter from Michael Tomlinson MP asking the Council to host an event or encourage local organisations to take part in the Great Get Together in honour of Jo Cox, former MP for Bately and Spen.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council would advertise that local organisations could apply to receive up to £200 if they wished to hold a Great Get Together event in Colehill.</p>

<p>407.17</p>	<p>TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL COMPLAINTS (<i>Minute 396.17 refers</i>) East Dorset District Council was drafting a new procedure to deal with complaints about town and parish councils and had asked for any comments or suggestions to assist with the drafting up of this document.</p> <p>The Members AGREED that clarification was required on what EDDC was proposing. The Clerk would contact the Monitoring Officer to seek further information and the matter would be discussed at the next Council meeting.</p>
<p>408.17</p>	<p>MINUTES The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 January were submitted.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.</p>
<p>409.17</p>	<p>MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES <u>351.17 (a) 302.16</u> The email from DCC regarding parking at Beaucroft School to be forwarded to Cllr Dover.</p>
<p>410.17</p>	<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS</p> <p>(a) <u>HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 7 February</u> The report of the Meeting was submitted.</p> <p><u>363.17</u> DCC had advised that the new boundary signs would be installed by the end of March.</p> <p><u>364.17 (b)</u> DCC to be asked to provide an update on the assessment for a pedestrian dropped kerb x2 close to Hayeswood School.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.</p> <p>(b) <u>HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 28 February</u> The report of the Meeting was submitted.</p> <p><u>376.17</u> Cllr Dover said that she was very pleased that the resurfacing works on Dales Drive and the surrounding roads would soon take place.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.</p> <p>(c) <u>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 28 February</u> The report of the Meeting was submitted.</p> <p><u>388.17</u> Cllr David Morgan had thanked the Council for the donation and had advised that he would be attending the Annual Parish Meeting on 4 April.</p> <p><u>390.17</u> The map would need to be redrawn as copies of the original map were no longer available. A discussion on whether to have an up-to-date map or a map from the year 2000 would be held at the next F&GP meeting.</p> <p><u>393.17</u> The work at Oliver’s Park would commence on 27 March.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.</p>

411.17	<p>TRAINING The Clerk advised on the latest training courses being held.</p>
412.17	<p>REPORTS Members NOTED the following reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the minutes of the Towns and Larger Parishes Committee, held on 27 January – submitted by Cllr Johnson. (b) a report on the Dorset Community Safety Partnership, dated 16 February – submitted by Cllr Johnson. (c) a report on the DAPTC Executive Meeting held on 4 March – submitted by Cllr Johnson. (d) a report on the Memorial Hall Management Committee held on 13 March – submitted by Cllr Ian Dickins. (e) Cllr Dover advised that she would be attending a PACT panel on 16 March and would be reporting on an increase in anti-social behaviour. (f) Cllr Linda Dickins advised that the Cheese, Chocolate and Wine evening, organised the Reef Committee, had raised £500. (g) Cllr King advised that he had attended a quarterly meeting of the Reef. The hall hiring was on track with the business plan and approximately 200 young people attended the Reef each week. <p>These reports are shown as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.</p>
413.17	<p>ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT RESOLVED that the accounts listed in Appendix 2 to these Minutes in the Minute Book be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.</p>
414.17	<p>ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND FORTHCOMING AGENDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Cllrs Johnson and Scriven would attend DAPTC’s annual conference on 23 March at a cost of £60 each. (b) Cllr King requested that litter bin provision be discussed at the next meeting of Highways and Plans. (c) Cllr Johnson updated Members on the polytunnel that had been installed at Beaucroft Foundation School.

The Meeting ended at 8.55pm.

CHAIRMAN