

At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **23 JANUARY 2018**, at **7.30pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr Barry Roberts, Chairman
Cllrs Susan Cowsill, Charlotte Greening, Tony Holloway, Stephen King, Helen Lawrence, David Mitchell, David Packer and Jeff Webb.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Gary Adams, Ian Dickins, Linda Dickins, Janet Dover (chairs the EDDC Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee), KD Johnson, Peter Scriven, Emma Urquhart and County Cllr Shane Bartlett (attending the EDDC Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee).

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Paine – Clerk.

342.18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

343.18 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman advised on his plans to attend the meetings of other parish and town councils to see how other councils compared to Colehill PC. He also advised that Cllr Urquhart would be deputising for him at the Holocaust Memorial event on 27th January and he reminded Members that the Co-Mad pantomime was taking place in February.

344.18 DORSET COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

RESOLVED that the expenditure of £5,200 (budget heading 115/5) for 2018/19 be approved for the service 88 bus service to continue for one day per week.

345.18 EXTRA DCC SERVICES IN 2018/19

RESOLVED that the expenditure of £5,000 (budget heading 140/6) in 2018/19 be approved in order that the Council would be in a position to make provision for any extra DCC services that could be required.

346.18 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

RESOLVED that the Council would purchase a community Christmas tree for 2018 and that it be installed at St Michael's and All Angels Church.

347.18 CHAIRMAN'S RECEPTION

The Members reviewed the Chairman's Reception held in 2017 and AGREED that a Chairman's Reception would be held on 16 November 2018.

Cllr Webb said that he had received comments from a number of people who had all enjoyed the evening. It was thought that the entertainment for this year's event could be a jazz band or similar small group. Cllr Greening said that she would like to help with the organisation of this year's Reception and the Clerk said that she would appreciate her help.

348.18 PRECEPT 2018/19

Finance and General Purposes Committee had recommended a Parish Council Tax Levy of £35.50.

East Dorset District Council had advised that the Tax Base for 2018/19 was 3082.

The Members considered the receipts and payments for 2017/18, the estimated balances for 2018/19, the budget for 2018/19 and the earmarked reserves for 2018/19. Cllr Roberts queried whether it was correct for the Council to take on the funds of £1,134.48 from the recently defunct Colehill Allotment Association. The Clerk said she would check with the auditor and report the answer at a future meeting.

Cllr King advised that the £3,000 budget (135/1) would likely be enough for two defibrillators and he suggested that a further defibrillator be installed at the Reef. The Members agreed with this suggestion.

Cllr King proposed a Parish Council Tax Levy of £35.50, seconded by Cllr Mitchell. With a budget of £139,659.18 and a predicted income of £13,100.00, this would mean that £17,148.18 would need to be drawn down from reserves. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that

- (a) a precept of £109,411.00 be levied on the District Council. This gave an equivalent Parish Council Tax Levy of £35.50, a 2.9% increase on that for 2017/18 (£34.50);
- (b) the budget for 2018/2019 of £139,659.18 and the earmarked reserves be approved.

Background Papers: CPC Budget File.

349.18 ST MICHAEL'S DIRT (Minute 276.17 refers)

The Chairman advised that he was arranging to meet with the lead rider and the Clerk to discuss the changes that were taking place at the track. He said that he would welcome any councillors who wished to join the site meeting.

Cllrs Johnson and Lawrence volunteered to attend the meeting.

NOTED.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted it was likely that if a member of the public were present during the following time there would be a disclosure of 'Confidential Information' involving the Council's response to the Community Governance Review and they be therefore excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

350.18 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Cllr Packer updated the Members on the recommendations of the EDDC Task and Finish Group. He said that the CGR Working Party would advise Council of any new information in due course.

The Chairman thanked the CGR Working Party members for their work and advised that the meeting was now open to the press and public.

351.18 MEETING DATES 2018-2019

RESOLVED that the meeting dates for 2018 to 2019, shown as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book, be approved.

352.18 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 December 2017 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

353.18 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

273.17 An acknowledgement letter had been received from the Police and Crime Commissioner's office.

279.17 The Council would be holding its Great British Spring Clean on 7 April rather than on the 2-4 March.

288.17 A response from EDDC had not been received regarding the choice of street names for the new development. The Clerk would chase this matter up.

354.18 COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 12 December

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

298.18 The barriers would take approximately 8 weeks as they needed to be custom-made. The Clerk would chase up the "No cycling" signs from DCC.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(b) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 12 December

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(c) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 16 January

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(b) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 16 January

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

355.18 TRAINING

The Members NOTED the training sessions that were being held. Cllrs Lawrence and Greening said that they would be interested in attending training on planning matters. The Clerk said that she would look out for this type of training.

356.18 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.

357.18 REPORTS

Members NOTED the following information:

- (a) The Colehill and Stour PACT Panel Notes, 7 December – Cllr Dover
- (b) A report on the East Dorset Environment Partnership, 14 January – Cllr Mitchell
- (c) A report on the Wimborne & Colehill Fairtrade Community, 8 January – Cllr Cowsill
- (d) A report on the Colehill Memorial Hall, 22 January – Cllr I Dickins
- (e) A report on DCC matters from Cllr Bartlett.
- (f) Cllr Cowsill reported on matters relating to Wimborne Cemetery.

The written reports appear as Appendix 3 to these minutes in the minute book.

358.18 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- (a) The following matters would be discussed at Finance and General Purposes Committee on 27 February:
 - The 2018 Remembrance Day road closure(s)
 - Appointment of a Fairtrade representative deputy.
- (b) Cllr Mitchell reminded Members of the protocols in relation to publicity or communications with the media.
- (c) The Clerk advised that a resident of Kyrchil Lane had contacted her to express his concerns about the high trees on the Council's woodland at Kyrchil Wood, specifically branches falling out of the trees during the high winds and possibly damaging the vehicles parked in Kyrchil Lane. The Clerk said that she had explained the Council's procedure for assessing the trees annually and confirmed that the latest assessment report did not highlight any concerns with the trees at Kyrchil Lane. The Clerk said that the resident had asked that his enquiry be noted in case he needed to report any damage from the trees in the future.

The Meeting ended at 8.35pm.

CHAIRMAN