

CCL2015.03.10

At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **10 MARCH 2015**.

PRESENT

Cllr Graeme Smith, Chairman
Cllr Susan Cowsill, Vice-Chairman
Cllrs Susan Davies, Sue Gretton, Tony Holloway, KD Johnson, Dave Mitchell, David Packer and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Gary Adams, Janet Dover, Mike Huntriss, Barry Roberts, Peter Scriven and Emma Urquhart.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Paine – Clerk.

Mr C Mogg, a resident of Middlehill Road, attended to speak about his concerns regarding the chicanes at Middlehill Road. At the conclusion of Mr Mogg's speech the Chairman advised that the matter would be discussed at Highways and Plans Committee on 7 April.

380.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

381.15 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman reminded Members of the information morning arranged for Saturday 14 March and advised that those who wished to stand for election needed to submit their application forms to EDDC by 9 April.

The Chairman also advised Members that PCSOs Natalie Shaw and Matt Brennan would be leaving Colehill to train as PCs. The Chairman wished them much success in their careers. It was not known whether their PCSO posts would be replaced.

382.15 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 January were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

383.15 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

334.15 Community Governance Review Cllr Packer advised of his investigations into whether the Council should write to the Boundary Commission. He had seen a letter, dated 20 January, stating that EDDC did not need to contact the BC about the changes. This was different to what EDDC had originally advised as they had said that the CGR had to be voted upon as a package or the BC might object to it. Members did not think that there was any mileage in complaining about this. The vast majority of residents considered that the integrity of the Parish had been maintained and, under the circumstances, had got the best outcome.

339.15 PACT One possible reason for the Age Concern Luncheon Club no longer running was that the rental charge on the venue had increased. The Clerk had written to the Club organiser advising that the Reef building could be a suitable venue and that the PC could possibly help financially if the Club had ceased due to rental fees. The Clerk would report any response from the organiser at a future meeting.

384.15 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 3 FEBRUARY

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(b) HIGHWAYS & PLANS – 24 FEBRUARY

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

365.15 Oliver's Park Play Area The increase in costs for the grounds maintenance from 2014 to 2015 was £130.66.

367.15 (d) EDDC had advised that there were no conditions in the PA regarding contractors' parking and that it was a police matter if vehicles obstructed the road.

368.15 (b) The Core Strategy Working Party had sent a response to EDDC regarding 3/14/0016/OUT, a copy of which appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(c) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 24 FEBRUARY

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

374.15 It was hoped that the seesaw would be installed week commencing 6 April.

375.15 Community Governance Review The sentence "The Members considered that there was an insufficient case to take the result of the Community Governance Review to the Ombudsman." be added.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

385.15 **STANDING ORDERS**

RESOLVED that the Standing Orders, as provided by the National Association of Local Councils and shown as Appendix 2 to these Minutes in the Minute Book, be approved and adopted.

386.15 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Members considered the Financial Regulations and AGREED to defer adoption until the Clerk had made enquiries regarding obtaining a Council debit card.

387.15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY CODE 2014

Members NOTED that as part of the above Code, the Council must publish on its website all expenditure over £500 (excluding staff costs), the budget, the annual return, the grants that had been issued and the land that was leased or owned. The Clerk advised that this work was in progress.

388.15 MEETING DATES 2015-2016

RESOLVED that the meeting dates for 2015 to 2016, a copy of which appears as Appendix 3 to these Minutes in the Minute Book, be approved.

389.15 CHAIRMAN'S RECEPTION

The Clerk had investigated the costs involved to hold the Chairman's Reception.

RESOLVED that £1,000 be provided for the buffet. The format of the evening would be discussed closer to the evening.

390.15 COLEHILL & WIMBORNE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

A letter had been received from the Chair of the C&WYCC updating Members on the progress of the Reef development and requesting a contribution to help cover the provision of equipment.

Members agreed a virement of £10,000 from budget 120/2 (Oliver's Park play equipment). The remaining £5,000 would be taken from reserves.

RESOLVED that a grant of £15,000 be awarded to the Colehill & Wimborne Youth and Community Centre. 7:2

391.15 FURZEHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The newly formed Furzehill Residents' Association had requested to display the contact details of its committee members on the Council's notice board at Furzehill Post Office.

RESOLVED that the use of the Council's notice board be permitted.

392.15 COUNCILLOR TRAINING

The Members NOTED the latest training courses that were available.

393.15 LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

Members NOTED that the National Association of Local Councils had set up a Local Council Award Scheme and AGREED to the Clerk investigating whether the Council should register to take part.

394.15 **REPORTS**
EDDC

Cllr Roberts had submitted a written report advising:

- that the Community Committee had rejected a proposal by the planning department to charge people for their letter writing.
- That the DWP had submitted a proposal to the Community Committee for ideas on reducing costs for recycling, however this was deemed inappropriate of them as they were not a sovereign body. The Community Committee had rejected a government proposal to charge for recycling.
- At full Council it was noted that less green areas would be built (SANGS) and there would be fewer affordable homes. Cllr Gibson had stated he hoped he could keep 30% as a minimum percentage.

Cllr Packer advised that the Council Tax for East Dorset would be increased by 1.95% (just under £4 for a Band D property).

Cllr Mitchell advised that most of the TAGs were being disbanded, but that ETAG would remain in the form of the East Dorset Environmental Group.

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Cllr Gretton advised that new outside lights were being installed, that 60 new chairs were being purchased and that costings on the defibrillator were still being considered. A sit down meal was being planned in November and the Hall was taking part in the Waitrose “green coin” fundraising at Easter.

DAPTC

Cllr Johnson advised that the CE from DCC had made a presentation on the County’s finances at the latest meeting. Cllrs Johnson and Warren had also attended the Towns and Larger Councils meeting at Beaminster.

395.15 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED that the accounts listed in Appendix 4 to these Minutes in the Minute Book be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

396.15 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- (a) The Chairman had received a letter from the Head teacher of St Catherine’s School commenting on how it was hoped that the School and community could continue to work together.
- (b) Cllr Johnson requested that Broadband access at the Memorial Hall be discussed at a future meeting. *(This would be at the Council meeting on 7 July).*

The Meeting ended at 21:07 hrs.

CHAIRMAN