

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at Colehill Memorial Hall on **11 AUGUST 2015** at **8.57pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr Barry Roberts, (Chairman for the meeting)
Cllrs Susan Cowsill, KD Johnson, Stephen King, David Mitchell, Emma Urquhart and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Janet Dover (R) and Peter Scriven.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Georgina O'Hagan.
Mrs T Paine – Clerk.

130.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

131.15 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 June 2015, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

132.15 MATTERS ARISING

56.15 The Council's Barclays Business Manager was chasing up the debit card delay.

133.15 INSTAGRAM

Cllr O'Hagan advised Members of the merits of Instagram and how the Council should consider having an account.

It was AGREED that Cllr O'Hagan would research whether there were any similar bodies using Instagram and report back at a future meeting.

134.15 ACCESS LICENCE CHARGE

The Council owned land at Kyrchil Corner has a vehicular access running from Middlehill Road to the rear entrances of three properties at Kyrchil Way. The residents of the three properties have an agreement with the Council which permits them to drive over the Council's land for an annual charge.

The amount charged increases annually according to the September consumer price index figure. A resident had asked the Council to explain why there was such a large increase for this year.

RESOLVED that the resident be advised that the Council would continue to increase the charge according to the September cpi figure, but that on this occasion the figure had been calculated incorrectly and the increase was £3 rather than £43. The actual charge for 2015/16 being £234.

135.15 CHAIRMAN'S RECEPTION – 13 NOVEMBER 2015

The Chairman and Clerk advised on the arrangements for the Reception. The Colehill and Ferndown Community Choir and Jane Oakland would be performing at the event. It was hoped that one or two Girl Guides would help. This year the Scouts had decided not to take part.

The Members considered the invitation list, a final copy of which would be considered at Council on 8 September.

136.15 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

Cllr Johnson reported on the costs involved to purchase a new Speed Indicator Device.

Members supported purchasing a new SID, but asked Cllr Johnson to provide one or two more quotations in order that an informed decision could be made at Council on 8 September.

RESOLVED that this Committee support and recommend to Council that a new Speed Indicator Device be purchased.

137.15 CCTV

The Clerk advised that the CCTV was no longer working. The Council's CCTV engineer had provided a quotation to replace the camera with four individual cameras where evidence could be retrieved at the site or, for an additional cost, monitored remotely at Wimborne Police Station.

Members supported purchasing a new CCTV, but asked the Clerk to provide one or two more quotations in order that an informed decision could be made at Council on 8 September. Members preferred the idea of retrieving the information on site and asked the Clerk to find out how long the information was recorded for.

RESOLVED that this Committee support and recommend to Council that a new CCTV be purchased.

138.15 ACCOUNTS

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement from 1 April 2015 to 4 August 2015, a copy of which appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.

139.15 DAPTC AGM RESOLUTIONS

DAPTC had invited Parish and Town Councils to submit resolutions to be discussed at the AGM on 7 November 2015. It was RESOLVED that the Council would submit the following resolution:

The change in electoral legislation which took effect in Parish and Town Council elections this year - under which it was no longer possible to submit nominations for more than one ward and then withdraw from those

which have already reached quota after the close of nominations - has caused problems for several councils across Dorset. Elections have been required in some wards, while others have had to be filled by co-option, leading to additional expense and (in some cases) the loss of Powers of General Competence and/or Quality Council Status.

Colehill Parish Council proposes that DAPTC requests that NALC and our area MPs lobby government to amend the legislation and remove this impediment to effective local government at the Parish and Town Council level.

140.15 EAST DORSET ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP

Cllr Mitchell and the Clerk reported that EDEP had requested that the Council pay the room hire charge for their meeting on 26 August, at the Betty Webster committee room. This request had been made at late notice as their usual meeting room at East Dorset Heritage Trust was unavailable. Members were reminded that EDDC had decided to no longer provide a free room at the Council offices.

Members AGREED that the Council would cover the £28 room hire cost.

141.15 PENSION AUTOMATIC ENROLMENT

Members NOTED that the Pensions Regulator had advised that the Council's automatic enrolment date was 1 August 2016. The Clerk would be making enquiries about automatic enrolment.

142.15 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.

143.15 ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Johnson requested that broadband connection at the Betty Webster committee room be added to the next agenda.

The Meeting ended at 9.40 pm.

CHAIRMAN