

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at Colehill Memorial Hall on **20 OCTOBER 2015**.

PRESENT

Cllr Peter Scriven, Chairman
Cllr Barry Roberts, Vice-Chairman
Cllrs Susan Cowsill, KD Johnson*, Stephen King, David Mitchell, Emma Urquhart and Georgina O'Hagan (R).

**Cllr Johnson joined the meeting from Item (g).*

APOLOGIES

Cllr John Warren.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Paine – Clerk.

244.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Roberts declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 4a Colehill and Wimborne Youth and Community Centre Ltd and Cllr Mitchell declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 4g East Dorset Environmental Partnership and Item 4k Colehill Community Library. Neither Member took part in any voting on these items.

245.15 ST MICHAEL'S DIRT MEETINGS

The reports of the meetings held on 1 and 22 September 2015 were submitted and appear as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the reports be approved and adopted.

246.15 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS AND DONATIONS 2016/17

The grants awarded would be incorporated into the 2016/17 budget which would be approved by Council on 8 December 2015. The grants would be presented to organisations at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2016.

- (a) Colehill & Wimborne Youth & Community Centre Ltd
RESOLVED that no amount be granted until there was more news on the progress of the building.
- (b) Colehill Memorial Hall
RESOLVED that a representative of the Management Committee be asked to attend the Council meeting on 17 November to answer questions on their application.
- (c) Citizens' Advice Bureau
Proposed by Cllr Mitchell that £1000 be awarded to the Citizens' Advice Bureau, seconded by Cllr Roberts. 6:0 (1 abstention).

RESOLVED that a donation of £1000 be approved under Section 142 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

- (d) East Dorset Tourist Information Centre
RESOLVED that no grant be awarded to East Dorset Tourist Information Centre.

- (e) The Sting in the Tale
Proposed by Cllr Mitchell that £200 be awarded to The Sting in the Tale, seconded by Cllr Urquhart. All in favour.

RESOLVED that a donation of £200 be approved under Section 145 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

- (f) Wimborne History Festival
RESOLVED that no grant be awarded to Wimborne History Festival.

- (g) East Dorset Environmental Partnership
Proposed by Cllr Roberts that £300 be awarded to East Dorset Environmental Partnership, seconded by Cllr Cowsill. 7:0 (1 abstention).

RESOLVED that a donation of £300 be approved under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

- (h) Wimborne Camera Club
RESOLVED that no grant be awarded to Wimborne Camera Club.

- (i) Colehill District Rangers
Proposed by Cllr Mitchell that £200 be awarded to Colehill District Rangers, seconded by Cllr Urquhart. All in favour.

RESOLVED that a donation of £200 be approved under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

- (j) Life Education Wessex
Proposed by Cllr Mitchell that £300 be awarded to Life Education Wessex, seconded by Cllr O'Hagan. All in favour.

RESOLVED that a donation of £300 be approved under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

- (k) Colehill Community Library
Proposed by Cllr Cowsill that £11,000 be awarded to the Colehill Community Library, seconded by Cllr Roberts. 7:0 (1 abstention).

RESOLVED that a donation of £11,000 be approved under the Power of Competence and paid half yearly.

The organisations shown above have been advised that they will be informed of the Committee's decisions after the Council meeting on 8 December.

247.15 COLEHILL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Management Committee of Colehill Community Library had requested that the Council make a commitment of funding support for the term of the Council, which runs until April 2019.

With the possibility of there being a new council for south east Dorset in April 2019, it was unknown what instructions would be received regarding precept arrangements for 2019/20. Therefore, Members could not make a commitment on grants payable in April 2019.

Cllr Cowsill proposed, seconded by Cllr Urquhart, that £11,000 be paid in April 2017 and £11,000 be paid in April 2018. 6:0 (2 abstentions).

RESOLVED that the Council commit to awarding the Colehill Community Library with £11,000 in April 2017 and in April 2018.

248.15 COLEHILL COMMUNITY LIBRARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman of Colehill Community Library requested that the Parish Council be represented on the Management Committee.

RESOLVED that Cllr Cowsill be appointed as the Council's representative for the ensuing year.

249.15 DEBIT CARD

Members NOTED that the Council's debit card had been received.

**250.15 ANNUAL REVIEW OF BALANCES AND EARMARKED RESERVES
DRAFT ESTIMATES AND BUDGET 2016/17**

Members reviewed the balances and earmarked reserves of the 2015/16 budget, a copy of which appears as Appendix 2 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members considered the draft budget for 2016/17 which would be approved at the Council meeting on the 8 December. Members considered that a precept could not be recommended until EDDC had advised on the tax base.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the balances and earmarked reserves of the 2015/16 budget be approved.
- (b) that the draft budget of £113,486.40 be considered and approved at the Council meeting on the 8 December.

251.15 INCOME

The clerk advised that:

- (a) the VAT amount of £973.09 for the period 1 April to 30 September had been sent to HMRC.
- (b) EDDC had paid £47,166.75, which was the second instalment of the precept.
- (c) Holt Parish Council had paid £338 to the Council, which was the Council's share of the money in the SID fund.

252.15 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Members NOTED that the Christmas trees had been ordered and would be delivered to St Michael's Church on 25 November. Wimborne Minster Town Council would erect the Parish Council's tree free of charge. St Michael's Church was arranging the public liability insurance.

253.15 TREE ASSESSMENT ON COUNCIL WOODLAND

Members NOTED that The Landscape Group would be conducting the annual tree assessment on the Council's woodland.

254.15 ACCESS LICENCE

Members NOTED that the September cpi figure was -0.1, meaning that there would be no increase in the 2016/17 access licence fee and the fee would remain at £234.

255.15 INSTAGRAM

Members NOTED that Instagram was not the best medium to use to keep the public informed. This would be reviewed if it was considered that Instagram could be used in the future. Cllr O'Hagan would be given administrative rights to the Council's Twitter and Facebook accounts.

256.15 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED that the accounts listed in Appendix 3 to these Minutes in the Minute Book be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

257.15 BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS

Members NOTED that the bank reconciliations had been signed.

The Meeting ended at 8.45 pm.

CHAIRMAN