

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **12 JANUARY 2016**, at **8.00pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr Peter Scriven, Chairman

Cllr Barry Roberts, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs KD Johnson, Stephen King, David Mitchell, John Warren and David Packer (R).

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Susan Cowsill and Emma Urquhart.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Paine – Clerk.

361.16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

362.16 OLIVER'S PARK

Cllr Johnson reported that he had met a representative of a playground equipment company at Oliver's Park to discuss what equipment could be purchased to replace the two boulders. The representative had presented a number of ideas within an expenditure of approximately £11,000.

Cllr Johnson agreed with Members that, due to possible expenditure on the Colehill and Wimborne Youth and Community Centre, any plans for new play equipment should be deferred until a later date. However, Members AGREED to Cllr Johnson continuing with his enquiries so that plans could be made when appropriate.

363.16 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

A resident who was new to the area had advised that information on the events being held in Colehill was difficult to find as they were not all mentioned on the same website page.

Members considered ways in which the "What's on?" page could be improved and AGREED that a link to the library would be added to the page and also that notices would be displayed inviting clubs and organisations to inform the Clerk of their future events.

364.16 EAST DORSET NEWS

Cllr Mitchell reported that East Dorset District Council had requested articles for submission in the next edition of the East Dorset News.

Due to timing it was not possible to submit an article for the latest edition, however the Clerk would find out when the next edition was planned so that articles could be prepared.

NOTED.

365.16 ACCOUNTS

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement from 1 April 2015 to 5 January 2016, a copy of which appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.

366.16 PRECEPT 2016/17

The Members discussed the draft budget for 2016/17 and considered what level of precept should be recommended to Council on 26 January.

The budget of £114,086.40 would be approved by Council, however Members were asked to note that DCC would be withdrawing the funding for the staffing of youth centres and that DCC was offering an option of an up-front payment of Local Government Pension Scheme contributions for the year 2016/17, in return for a lower contribution rate. The Members agreed to pay the up-front payment.

Members also noted that the application for borrowing approval had been sent to DAPTC for checking. DAPTC would forward it to the Department for Communities and Local Government and a decision would be made within 4 to 5 weeks.

Cllr Mitchell proposed that a precept of £100,980, seconded by Cllr Packer, be recommended to Council. This gave an equivalent Parish Council Tax Levy of £33.00, a 8.23% increase on that for 2015/16 (£30.50). With a predicted income of £13,083.40, the amount that would need to be drawn from reserves would be £23.00.

RESOLVED that a precept of £100,980 be recommended to Council.

367.16 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.

368.16 BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS

RESOLVED that the bank account reconciliations be signed in accordance with the Financial Regulations.

369.16 ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FUTURE AGENDA

(a) The CCTV engineer had advised that the hard drive had failed. The equipment was under warranty and the engineer would be investigating the problem. The CCTV engineer had also confirmed that footage could easily be retrieved. If this service was required retrieval needed to be done as soon as possible to avoid the hard drive being overwritten. Complete information, including the time and date of any incident were required. At the moment the engineer would not charge for this service, however this could change if retrieval requests increased.

- (b) Cllr Packer advised that he, Cllr Dover (in her role as Dorset County Councillor for Colehill and Stapehill Division) and the EDDC Planners had met with the Furzehill Residents' Association regarding their concerns as to whether the woodland would be protected when the EDDC office site was sold. The Residents' Association would be contacting the Parish Council in due course.
- (c) Cllr Johnson requested that the Clerk organise for his CRB certificate to be renewed.
- (d) Cllr Roberts reported that a tree had fallen across a pathway at Churchmoor Copse. EDDC Countryside Management Service would be informed.

The Meeting ended at 8.54pm.

CHAIRMAN