

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **13 DECEMBER 2016**, at **8.00pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr Peter Scriven, Chairman

Cllrs Susan Cowsill, KD Johnson, Stephen King and John Warren.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Tony Holloway, David Mitchell, Barry Roberts and Emma Urquhart.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Paine – Clerk.

309.16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

310.16 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 October 2016, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

311.16 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

312.16 ALLOTMENTS PLANNED ON THE LAND AT CRANBORNE ROAD

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Wimborne Minster Town Council requesting that consideration be given to permitting Colehill PC to take responsibility for the allotments at Cranborne Road.

313.16 COLEHILL ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

The Clerk advised that HSBC bank had advised the Colehill Allotment Association that its account would cease to be active in June 2017. The Association members were considering this matter and had concluded that, given the difficulties of obtaining allotment land, it made sense for the Parish Council to hold the funds of £1,348 on its behalf.

RESOLVED that the Council would hold the funds in a separate bank account, but that the Association be informed that no transfer arrangements should be made until a response had been received from Wimborne Minster Town Council on the land at Cranborne Road.

314.16 DCC HIGHWAYS AND PARISH COUNCILS WORKING TOGETHER (*Min 253.16 refers*)

The Clerk reported further on the non-essential work that DCC would no longer be carrying out from April 2017. Cllr King and the Clerk advised that they were meeting with DCC's Mark Adams to try to find out what the likely costs would be so that they could be included in the budget discussions in January 2017.

NOTED.

315.16 WI-FI – COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL

Members considered the Management Committee's decision to not install Wi-Fi at Colehill Memorial Hall. It was AGREED that installing Wi-Fi was a Management Committee decision to make and as Hall bookings continued to be popular it was unlikely that there would be a change in the Management Committee's decision.

316.16 OLIVER'S PARK PLAY AREA

Members NOTED that three companies had been asked to provide quotations on repainting the equipment, fixing the wooden areas, re-locating the goal posts and re-seeding the muddy area.

Regarding the bark, the Council's grounds maintenance contractor, (Wessex Ground Services), had advised that the installation of a geotextile membrane such as Lotrak or Terram was not appropriate without removing 150mm of the decaying bark. The contractor had advised that once the bark was removed, a geotextile membrane should be installed and then at least 150mm of wood chip installed above. The Council would need to pay for this improvement work and the costs would be reported at a future meeting. In the meantime the contractor would continue to top up the bark as per our contract.

317.16 ACCOUNTS

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement from 1 April 2016 to 7 December 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.

318.16 GRANT AID – VISION WIMBORNE DIAL A RIDE

Proposed by Cllr Johnson that £500 be awarded to Vision Wimborne Dial a Ride, seconded by Cllr Warren. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that a donation of £500 be approved under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

319.16 SIGNATORY

RESOLVED that Cllr King would be a further signatory of the Council's current bank account.

320.16 THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 3-5 MARCH 2017

Cllrs Cowsill and Johnson AGREED to hold an event on behalf of the Council.

321.16 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

322.16 BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS

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

The Meeting ended at 8.55pm.

CHAIRMAN