

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **10 JANUARY 2017**, at **8.00pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr Peter Scriven, Chairman

Cllr Barry Roberts, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs Susan Cowsill, KD Johnson, Stephen King, David Mitchell, Emma Urquhart and Helen Lawrence (R).

APOLOGIES

Cllrs John Warren.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Paine – Clerk.

334.17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

335.17 DCC AND CPC WORKING TOGETHER

Members discussed whether the Council wished to budget for the non-essential work that DCC would no longer be undertaking from April 2017. Although services would be reduced, DCC would continue to carry out essential work to ensure road safety and visibility. Members considered that this made it difficult to judge the reality of what services would be missing and decided to observe the situation during the 2017/18 financial year. These observations would provide a clearer idea of what would be required when setting the 2018/19 budget.

RESOLVED that no budget be set for non-essential work during 2017/18.

**336.17 GRANT APPLICATION
EAST DORSET TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE**

Members NOTED a letter from the Chairman of the EDTIC Trustees and AGREED that the organisation needed to submit a grant aid application form, together with copies of their most recent audited accounts, before a decision could be made on whether a grant would be issued.

**337.17 ANNUAL REVIEW OF BALANCES AND EARMARKED RESERVES
DRAFT ESTIMATES AND BUDGET 2017/18**

Members reviewed the balances and earmarked reserves of the 2016/17 budget, a copy of which appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members considered the draft budget for 2017/18 which would be approved at the Council meeting on the 24 January.

Cllr Mitchell proposed that a precept of £105,466.50, seconded by Cllr King, be recommended to Council. This gave an equivalent Parish Council Tax Levy of £34.50, a 13.1% increase on that for 2016/17 (£33.00). With a predicted income of £13,090.42, the amount that would need to be drawn from reserves would be £8,113.86.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the balances and earmarked reserves of the 2016/17 budget be approved.
- (b) that the draft budget of £126,670.78 be considered and approved at the Council meeting on the 24 January.

338.17 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.

339.17 BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS

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

340.17 ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FUTURE AGENDA

Members NOTED that there was a vacancy for a councillor.

The Meeting ended at 8.55pm.

CHAIRMAN