

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **10 OCTOBER 2017**, at **7.30pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr Stephen King, Chairman

Cllr Helen Lawrence, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs Susan Cowsill, Charlotte Greening, David Mitchell, Peter Scriven, Emma Urquhart, Jeff Webb and Linda Dickins (R).

APOLOGIES

Cllrs KD Johnson and Barry Roberts.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Paine – Clerk.

209.17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr King declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the Colehill and Wimborne Youth and Community Centre and Cllr Scriven declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the Wimborne History Festival. Neither Member participated in the voting on these matters.

210.17 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 August 2017, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

211.17 MATTERS ARISING

129.17 (83.17 (b)) The Clerk advised that she had contacted the NS&I, Santander and Nationwide to discuss opening a savings account, but all three no longer provided these accounts for organisations like parish councils. The Clerk had, therefore, put the £1134.48 from the Colehill Allotment Association into the Council's bank account. A note of this figure and any interest earned would be noted regularly.

212.17 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS AND DONATIONS 2018/19

The grants awarded would be incorporated into the 2018/18 budget which would be approved by this Committee on 12 December 2017. The grants would be presented to organisations at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2018.

- (a) Colehill & Wimborne Youth & Community Centre Ltd
Proposed by Cllr Mitchell that £3,000 be awarded to the Colehill & Wimborne Youth & Community Centre Ltd, seconded by Cllr Dickins.
8:0 (1 abstention).

RESOLVED that a donation of £3,000 be approved under Section 19 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

- (b) Colehill Memorial Hall
Proposed by Cllr Scriven that £4,000 be awarded to Colehill Memorial Hall, seconded by Cllr Urquhart. 6:2.

RESOLVED that a donation of £4,000 be approved under Section 133 of the 1972 Local Government Act.
- (c) Citizens' Advice Bureau
Proposed by Cllr Mitchell that £2,000 be awarded to Citizens' Advice Bureau, seconded by Cllr Scriven. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that a donation of £2,000 be approved under Section 142 of the 1972 Local Government Act.
- (d) Vision Wimborne Dial a Ride
Proposed by Cllr Mitchell that £500 be awarded to Vision Wimborne Dial a Ride, seconded by Cllr Scriven. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that a donation of £500 be approved under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.
- (e) Colehill District Guides
Proposed by Cllr Urquhart that £1,000 be awarded to Colehill District Guides, seconded by Cllr Mitchell. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that a donation of £1,000 be approved under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.
- (f) Life Education Wessex
Proposed by Cllr Urquhart that no funding be awarded as the two schools had confirmed that they would not be booking Life Education Wessex in 2018/19, seconded by Cllr Cowsill. Unanimous

RESOLVED that no funding be provided for the year 2018/19.
- (g) Colehill Nursery
Proposed by Cllr Mitchell that £500 be awarded to Colehill Nursery, seconded by Cllr Scriven. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that a donation of £500 be approved under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.
- (h) Colehill Community Library
The Chairman reminded the Members about Minute 247.15 where it was RESOLVED that the Council would commit to awarding the Colehill Community Library with £11,000 in April 2018.

This grant would be paid in two equal instalments in April and October.

RESOLVED that donation of £11,000 be approved under the General Power of Competence.

- (i) Wimborne History Festival
Proposed by Cllr Mitchell that £250 be awarded to Wimborne History Festival, seconded by Cllr Cowsill. 8:0 (1 abstention).

RESOLVED that a donation of £250 be approved under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

- 213.17 DORSET POLICE MERGER WITH DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE**
Members discussed the proposal that Dorset Police might merge with Devon & Cornwall Police and AGREED that a recommendation be taken to Council on 7 November that the Council write to the Police and Crime Commissioner expressing concern about the merger.
- 214.17 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**
Members NOTED that EDDC's Monitoring Officer had attended a working group meeting to advise Members on the procedure of this Review.
- 215.17 ACCOUNTS**
The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017, a copy of which appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.
- 216.17 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.
- 217.17 BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS**
RESOLVED that the bank account reconciliations be signed in accordance with the Financial Regulations.
- 218.17 INTERNAL AUDIT (1 APRIL 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2017)**
To note that the half year internal audit had commenced. The report letter would be presented to Council on 7 November 2017.
- 219.17 ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FUTURE AGENDA**
There were no items to report.

The Meeting ended at 8.00pm.

CHAIRMAN