

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **16 JANUARY 2018**, at **8.05pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr Stephen King, Chairman

Cllr Helen Lawrence, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs Susan Cowsill, Charlotte Greening, KD Johnson, David Mitchell, Peter Scriven and Jeff Webb.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Tony Holloway (R), Barry Roberts and Emma Urquhart.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Paine – Clerk.

334.18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**335.18 ANNUAL REVIEW OF BALANCES,
DRAFT ESTIMATES AND BUDGET 2018/19**

Members reviewed the balances of the 2017/18 budget and considered the draft budget for 2018/19 which would be approved at the Council meeting on the 23 January.

It was proposed that a precept of £109,411.00 be recommended to Council. This gave an equivalent Parish Council Tax Levy of £35.50, a 2.9% increase on that for 2017/18 (£34.50). With a predicted income of £13,100, the amount that would need to be drawn from reserves would be £17,148.18.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the balances of the 2017/18 budget be approved.
- (b) that the draft budget of £139,659.18 be considered and approved at the Council meeting on the 23 January.

336.18 DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Webb asked that Members consider the installation of one or two more defibrillators in Colehill, to complement the one already installed at the Memorial Hall.

The Clerk advised that the cost was likely to be approximately £3,000 per unit. The Members decided that it would be beneficial to have one further defibrillator in the Parish and agreed that the One Stop Shop should be asked if it could be installed on their building.

RESOLVED that a defibrillator be purchased in the new financial year and that the preferred location would be at the One Stop Shop, pending agreement with the Manager.

337.18 COLEHILL WALKABOUT

This item was deferred.

338.18 EDDC UPDATE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

The Clerk advised that she was attending an EDDC briefing to be updated on the Local Government Reform. The briefing would be on 30 January, at 1.00pm until 3.00pm and would be held at the Quarterjack Suite, Allendale Community Centre. The Clerk said that one further space had been offered and Cllr King volunteered to attend.

NOTED.

339.18 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED that the accounts listed in Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

340.18 BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS

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

341.18 ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FUTURE AGENDA

- (a) Cllrs Cowsill and Mitchell said that residents had advised that they were unaware of what events were being held in the Parish and that the venues should be contacted to ask them to inform the Council of all of the events they were arranging. The Clerk said that the venues already did this and that events were regularly put onto the What's On page.
- (b) The CCTV at the Co-op had recently been maintained and no problems had been detected.
- (c) The Clerk advised that payments for all three access licences had been received for 2017/18, totalling £709.02. She also said that EDDC had paid both payments of £5810.70 for the loan repayment and that HMRC had paid the VAT return of £1912.66.
- (d) The Clerk advised that 4 out of 5 quotations had been received for the tree work. The lowest quotation had been accepted.
- (e) A member of the public had reported that a person had put two bags of rubbish into the public litter bin opposite the library. The vehicle registration number was provided, but the Clerk did not have access to any databases that would enable her to trace the owner.

The Meeting ended at 8.50pm.

CHAIRMAN