

At a Meeting of the **HIGHWAYS & PLANS COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the Memorial Hall on **23 JUNE 2015** at **7.15pm**

PRESENT

Cllr David Mitchell - Chairman
 Cllr John Warren - Vice-Chairman
 Cllrs Susan Cowsill, Janet Dover (R), Tony Holloway, KD Johnson, Georgina O’Hagan and Peter Scriven.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Emma Urquhart.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Paine - Clerk
 Mrs S Davies attended to update Members on the outcome of EDDC’s Planning meeting on 16 June.
 Mr M Vatik attended to speak on PA 3/15/0532/HOU 10 Quarry Road.
 One other member of the public attended to observe the meeting.

61.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

62.15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were submitted and comments were recorded as follows:

PA NO	DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED
3/15/0499/HOU	15 Cedar Drive Single storey front extension, additional window on both sides and replace rear window with bi-folding doors. No objection.
3/15/0532/HOU	10 Quarry Road Rear extension and loft conversion. OBJECTION on the grounds that the development is not in keeping with the street scene and that it overlooks the property at 9 Middlehill Drive. The Council considers that the illustration of the plans is deceptive as it does not show that Middlehill Drive is lower down the hill, which exacerbates the elevation of the new development. The Council also supports the objection from the neighbour. The Council would like this PA to go to committee if the comments are at variance to the Planning Officer’s. <i>(Cllrs Holloway and Mitchell advised that they would try to attend the EDDC Planning Committee).</i>

3/15/0452/HOU	3 Middlehill Road Erect 10 x 6 potting shed and log store. No objection.
3/15/0494/HOU	4 Sandy Close Replace first floor rear window with French doors and Juliette balcony. No objection.
3/15/0598/HOU	53 Lonnen Road Raised decking. No objection.
3/15/0561/HOU	White Lodge, Colehill Lane Proposed rear/side extension. No objection.
3/15/0637/HOU	Tregarth, Furzehill Replacement porch (with a pitched roof). No objection.

63.15 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following applications had been APPROVED by EDDC:

PA NO	DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED
3/14/1097/FUL	Land off Leigh Road Formation of new highway junction.
3/15/0193/HOU	9 Leigh Common Two Storey rear extension and driveway alterations.
3/15/0333/HOU	Farm Court, 20 Wimborne Road West Loft conversion to create one habitable room.
3/15/0340/HOU	Replace small rear single storey extension with larger one 194 Cutlers Place.
3/15/0379/HOU	1 Vicks Villas Single storey side extension and a two storey rear extension.
3/15/0394/HOU	9 Wimborne Road West Pitched roof to existing garage to provide new accommodation with dormer window.
3/15/0408/HOU	71 Pilford Heath Road Demolish existing side canopy and erect a side extension with a flat roof and a lantern roof light. Construction of fencing with a small canopy adjacent to the new extension.

NOTED.

**TREE MATTERS
PERMISSIONS FOR TREE WORK**

64.15

(a) EDDC had granted permission for tree surgery work as follows:

ORDER	DETAILS
CO/5	Grant consent to tree work on English Oak at 24 Venator Place.

(b) EDDC was considering an application to carry out tree work at 424 Merrifield, which was within the Burts Hill/Merrifield Conservation Area.

NOTED.

65.15

APPEAL

APP/U1240/D/15/3009085 – Mr B Roberts

To add wood fence panels (3ft high) with supporting concrete pillars (440mm square) on top of the existing 1m high boundary wall and to remove 5m high hedge to give a total height of 1.8m including wood fence panel at 19 Wimborne Road West.

The Appeal was against the decision by the Local Planning Authority to refuse consent for the proposal.

NOTED.

66.15

STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

The property at land adjacent to 3 Highland View Close would be known as 3A Highland View Close. The Property at land right of 95 Hayes Lane would be known as 93 Hayes Lane.

NOTED.

67.15

LAND SOUTH OF LEIGH ROAD, WIMBORNE

EDDC had advised that a small part of the above development was within Colehill so any application made by Gleeson Developments would be formally consulted. In terms of any applications made by Wyatt Homes then the Council would only be advised as a neighbouring Parish.

NOTED.

68.15

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR LAND TO THE EAST AND WEST OF CRANBORNE ROAD AND BURTS HILL

Cllrs Dover, Johnson and Mitchell and Mrs Davies updated the Members on EDDC's Planning Committee to discuss the outline planning application for the development on land to the east and west of Cranborne Road and Burts Hill. Only six Members of the Planning committee had attended the meeting (out of 13) and only one voted against the plans (Cllr David Packer). Parish Members were extremely disappointed that the number of affordable houses had dropped from 50% to 32%.

Cllr Mitchell said that the decisions which would be made as reserved matters were very serious ones. The information he had received from Wessex

Water, the Environment Agency, Sembcorp and other organisations would help to form the Council's responses when the matters were being considered.

Cllr Dover advised that traffic would be a reserved matter and it was important that EDDC and DCC understood the problems that would arise from heavy vehicles using the roads in Colehill.

Cllr Mitchell advised that monies from the Section 106 Agreement would go towards The Reef and Colehill Community Library. He also advised that there was a possibility that the allotments would be allocated to Colehill. Mrs Davies confirmed that the entrance to the allotments was in Colehill.

The Members NOTED the information from EDDC regarding the difference between being a statutory consultee and a neighbouring parish:

Extract from an EDDC planning officer's email:

If the site does not fall within your Parish Council boundary then your comments are not a statutory requirement but as you are close to the boundary we are inviting you to express your comments. This means that your comments will be included on the Officer's report but Wimborne Town Council will be allotted time to speak at EDDC Planning Committee and you may not.

However, on a scheme of this scale and proximity we may be able to negotiate that point if your Council considers it should have the chance to speak. We will need to resolve that with Democratic Services and Giles Moir the Partnership Manager. Please do email to request our consideration of that point if your committee wish us to.

It may be helpful to know that on the Cranborne Road option site Holt PC were consulted and their comments included in the report but only Wimborne TC and Colehill PC spoke at Committee.

RESOLVED that EDDC be advised that the Parish Council would like to speak at the Planning Committee when the reserved matters were considered.

69.15 EDDC'S PLANNING IT SYSTEM

On 28 May EDDC advised of their proposals to move the planning application process to an electronic system by the end of the summer. The new system would mean that paper copies of planning applications would no longer be available, with all plans and correspondence being available online. EDDC had arranged a number of training sessions for clerks and Members to attend and had offered to attend parish council meetings to assist with the new system.

The Clerk advised that the Council had not been given much time, but that the deadline was achievable. Members would need to consider how they wished

to proceed with this change; viewing the plans as a whole committee on a projector or by using a number of lap tops that could be shared between Members. The most cost effective option being to use a projector. The Clerk advised that plans could be downloaded from the Dorsetforyou website and viewed off line, but it would be more practical to arrange for a secure internet connection to be available at the Betty Webster committee room. The Clerk said that the costs involved would be discussed at Council on 7 July.

Members were concerned about costs of the new IT connection as well as the security and procurement of IT Equipment. Several Members raised personal concerns about their ability to physically be able to consider online plans due to sight impairment problems. Cllr Cowsill suggested that EDDC be asked whether an equality impact assessment had been conducted before the decision to go paperless had been made.

Cllr Dover said that she did not agree with EDDC no longer providing paper copies and said that she thought the decision had been made without consultation and without taking account of the impact on residents and councillors. Cllr Dover said that she would like to put Members' concerns to the EDDC Chief Executive on behalf of the Parish Council before the situation was finalised if Members were in agreement. The majority of Members said that they would like her to do this. Cllr Cowsill said that she would investigate EDDC's planning system policy.

RESOLVED that Cllr Dover discuss the proposals and Members' concerns with EDDC's Chief Executive and report back to a future meeting.

70.15 HGV BAN ON MIDDLEHILL ROAD

Cllr Dover advised Members of residents' concerns regarding heavy goods vehicles using Middlehill Road and asked Members to support a request to Dorset County Council for a HGV ban.

RESOLVED that DCC be asked to consider placing a HGV ban on Middlehill Road.

71.15 PUBLIC BENCHES

Members NOTED there were no faults to report.

72.15 WAR MEMORIAL/BUS STOP

Members NOTED there were no faults to report.

73.15 PLAY AREA/ST MICHAEL'S DIRT

Members NOTED that the wood chip had been replenished and that the bench would be monitored. The Clerk advised that the annual inspection was due to take place in July.

Members also NOTED that St Michael's dirt was being well maintained and that the leader had provided an up-to-date plan of the jumps.

74.15 GRIT BINS

Members NOTED that the next inspections would be in July. Cllr O'Hagan advised that a metal pole was sticking out of the grit bin at Harness Close. The Clerk would investigate the matter.

75.15 HIGHWAY MATTERS FOR REPORT

- (a) Cllr Johnson advised Members of the vehicle that had been parked illegally on Krychil Corner over the folk festival weekend. He had left a notice on the car advising that the car could be towed away if it was not removed
- (b) Cllr Johnson had reported some overgrown hedges to DCC.
- (c) The millennium sign had been repaired
- (d) The centenary sign needed cleaning/repainting. The Clerk would investigate costs.
- (e) Cllr Johnson had advised DCC of the patches in the road surface at Glynville Road.
- (f) Cllr Holloway advised that he had cut back the foliage and brambles at Fryers Copse,
- (g) Cllr Cowsill said that the wild flowers at Bytheway (planted by EDDC) were looking lovely.
- (h) Cllr Dover advised that two trees on the land at Cutlers Place looked like they were dying. The Clerk had reported the trees to the EDDC Tree Section and was waiting to hear from them. The solicitor was continuing to investigate the surrounding title and hoped to have some information to proceed soon.
- (i) Cllr Dover advised that the layby at the One Stop shop had been dealt with.

76.15 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND FUTURE AGENDA

- (a) Lesley Haskins had instructed her workman to spray the cherry laurel in Krychil Corner and had not charged the Council for this work.
- (b) Cllr Johnson had volunteered to organise and run a stand for the Council at the St Michael's Church summer fayre on 11 July (4-7pm). Cllrs Dover and Mitchell also volunteered. Other Members would be welcome to join them if available.
- (c) DCC was offering parish councils the opportunity to hold flood signs so that when roads were flooded the signs could be put out quickly. Cllr Johnson agreed to store the two signs for the Council.
- (d) The Clerk advised that Sergeant Travers had visited the office to advise that the CCTV was not working. The Council's engineer had looked at the camera and could not detect any problems and had suggested that there was an internet connection problem at Wimborne Police Station. However the Police's IT department had said they could not detect any connection problems. The CCTV would be discussed at the next Finance and General Purposes committee.

The Meeting ended at 9.00pm.

CHAIRMAN