

At a Meeting of the **HIGHWAYS & PLANS COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **23 FEBRUARY 2016**, at **7.15pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr David Mitchell, Chairman
 Cllr John Warren, Vice-Chairman
 Cllrs Gary Adams, Susan Cowsill, Ian Dickins, Tony Holloway, KD Johnson, Helen Lawrence, Georgina O’Hagan, Peter Scriven, Emma Urquhart and Stephen King (Rota Member).

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Paine – Clerk.
 Cllr David Packer for Agenda Item 7 - Recreational Green Space.

407.16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

408.16 RECREATIONAL GREEN SPACE

Cllr Packer updated Committee on public space protection orders. These were orders that identify a public place and prohibit specified things being done in the restricted area. Cllr Packer said that EDDC had recently taken out an order in one area to deal with anti-social behaviour and it was perhaps something for the Committee to consider in the future for Oliver’s Park or Bytheway.

Cllr Packer also advised on his discussions with the Furzehill Residents’ Association regarding the wooded areas close to the Furzehill council offices. The Residents’ Association was investigating how the areas could be safeguarded and had raised a number of options, including whether an organisation would take on the ownership of it under a 106 Agreement.

There were many issues that would need to be considered as to whether the Council could take on the ownership of the land, however the Members AGREED that the matter should be discussed at Council on 8 March.

409.16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

PA NO	DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED
3/15/1328/HOU	78 Pilford Heath Road Construct a wooden shed/workshop 10’ x 12’ approximately on a concrete base in front garden. No objection.
3/15/1312/HOU	39 Hayes Lane Single Storey flat roof rear infill extension No objection.

410.16 PLANNING DECISIONS

(a) The following application had been APPROVED by EDDC:

PA No	Development Proposed
3/15/1114/FUL	Boundary with 1 and 3 Highland View Close Minor-material change to insert 1 window in ground floor front elevation.

(b) The following application had been REFUSED by EDDC:

PA No	Development Proposed
3/15/0713/FUL*	One Stop Community Stores Ltd, 76-78 Dales Drive Two storey extension to side and single storey extension at rear to retail premises with provision of two additional flats over.

* Decision not in accordance with Parish Council comments.

NOTED.

**411.16 TREE MATTERS
PERMISSIONS FOR TREE WORK**

EDDC had granted permission for tree surgery work as follows:

Order	Details
CO/1	Grant consent to tree work on Cedar at 29 Beaucroft Lane
CO/26	Grant consent to tree work at 8 Highland Road.
CO/31	Grant consent to fell Willow at 6 Heath Close.

NOTED.

412.16 DCC HIGHWAYS COUNCILLORS' SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS

Members NOTED the results of DCC's Highways Councillors' Satisfaction survey.

**413.16 CHRISTCHURCH AND EAST DORSET COUNCILS
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY**

Members NOTED that the Councils had submitted their Draft Charging Schedules to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

414.16 WORK AT CANNON HILL PLANTATION

Members NOTED that the Forestry Commission would be felling some trees in the next few weeks. This work would be primarily a thinning of trees with one or two clear fells. The areas would be replanted. The Forestry Commission would be holding a drop in event for the community on 27 February.

**415.16 COLEHILL LANE
PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

Members NOTED the information from DCC that Colehill Lane would be closed on 14 April, between 09.30hrs and 15.30hrs to allow safe access to carry out telephone works.

416.16 POLICY ON ENFORCEMENT FOR SIGNS

DCC had advised that it was keen to consider a pilot scheme where parish and town councils managed dealing with unapproved signs. DCC would need to consider how this delegation would work and what the powers to act would be.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) DCC be advised that the Council would be interested in trialling a pilot scheme where parish and town councils managed dealing with unapproved signs;
- (b) DCC be asked to provide training on this matter for the councillors/clerks;
- (c) the Council would start to take a more active role when issues first arose and only involve DCC when safety was being compromised.

417.16 FENCE PANELS – MIDDLEHILL ROAD

A resident had raised concerns about the number of new developments at Middlehill Road that had boarded their boundaries with wooden fencing rather than shrubs. East Dorset District Council's Planning Department had advised that fencing of up to 1m tall adjacent to a highway used by vehicular traffic did not need planning consent. EDDC further advised that some planning permissions required that landscaping schemes fronting the road had planting to soften the developments.

It was AGREED that the resident be advised that in light of the information from EDDC, the Council was unable to ask the residents to plant shrubs in front of their boards, however the Council would attempt to suggest the planting of shrubs on any future planning applications that were considered.

418.16 CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN – 5 MARCH

Members NOTED that the Chairman of Council was holding a Clean for the Queen morning on 5 March, in lieu of February's conservation day.

419.16 PUBLIC BENCHES

Members NOTED there were no faults to report.

420.16 WAR MEMORIAL/BUS STOP

Members NOTED there were no faults to report.

421.16 PLAY AREA/ST MICHAEL'S DIRT

Members NOTED there were no faults to report and the latest inspection reports were handed to the Clerk.

422.16 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

Members NOTED the latest analysis of the figures.

423.16 HIGHWAY MATTERS FOR REPORT

- (a) Cllr O'Hagan advised on the dip in the road at Hayes Lane. DCC were aware of this matter.
- (b) Cllr Warren advised that the overgrown hedge in Lonnen Road had been cut back.
- (c) Cllr Warren advised that the matter of issuing road salt to a resident in Lonnen Road should be put on hold for the time being.

- (d) Cllr Cowsill advised that water was leaking close to a property at Pilford Heath Road. She would find out the property number and advise the Clerk.
- (e) Cllr Johnson would inform DCC of a pothole at North Leigh Lane, close to the Leigh Common entrance.

424.16 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND FUTURE AGENDA

- (a) Cllr Urquhart requested that green areas and verges be discussed at the next meeting.
- (b) Cllr Johnson said that PCSO Ousey would be contacting the Council regarding volunteers for speed watch.

The Meeting ended at 8.10pm.

CHAIRMAN