

At a Meeting of the **HIGHWAYS & PLANS COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **19 JULY 2016**, at **7.15pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr David Mitchell, Chairman
Cllr John Warren, Vice-Chairman
Cllrs Susan Cowsill, Ian Dickins, KD Johnson and Barry Roberts (R).

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Gary Adams, Tony Holloway, Helen Lawrence, Georgina O'Hagan and Emma Urquhart.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Paine – Clerk.
Mrs Gray and Mrs Wood from Fryers Copse attended the meeting to advise of their concerns about matters relating to Fryers Copse.

109.16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

110.16 FRYERS COPSE

The Members listened to the residents' concerns about the traffic at Fryers Copse. The residents also advised that a number of hedges were badly overgrown and that the grass cutting had been poorly done, making the area look very run down.

The Clerk advised that if the resident could provide some photographs she would contact the Housing Association about the hedges and also EDDC about the grass cutting. EDDC had informed the Council of the problems that had arisen this year due to staffing and the weather, so it was not surprising that complaints had been received about the grass cutting.

The traffic problems consisted of drivers speeding, cars being parked opposite driveways and on the grass verge. The residents suggested a number of ways to help, including removing the grass verge to make the road wider, or if that was not possible, tarmaking it so that the cars that were parking on the verge did not spread mud onto the road. Other ideas included having a one way system, yellow lines at the hazardous areas and some calming measures. Ideally, they would like a traffic engineer to visit the area and consider what changes could be made.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the Clerk would contact the Housing Association regarding the hedges;
- (b) the Clerk would advise EDDC of the residents' dissatisfaction at the way the grass cutting had been done.
- (c) the Clerk would contact Dorset County Council to ask that the Community Highways Officer meet on site to discuss the residents' concerns.

111.16 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 17 May, 7 June and 21 June 2016, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

112.16 MATTERS ARISING

17 May: page 15 typo *orangey* to *orangery*.

7 June: The PA at Dumpton School had been approved.

58.16 The white lines had been repainted.

65.16(d) Cllr Mitchell said that a development of less than 10 houses did not need to provide affordable housing.

65.16 (e) With the Core Strategy being reviewed it was possible that the ideas for development on Cobbs Road could be reconsidered.

113.16 PLANNING DECISIONS

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

PA No	Development Proposed
3/16/0325/HOU*	1 Saddle Close Erect a fence.
3/16/0760/HOU	6 Hunter Close Single storey rear conservatory.
3/16/0553/HOU	1 Brackenhill Road Single storey rear extension to existing bungalow.
3/16/0608/HOU	86 Wimborne Road West Demolish outbuildings and extend garage by 3300mm.

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

PA No	Development Proposed
3/16/0301/HOU	59 Wimborne Road Two storey extension to the front and a single storey extension to the rear of the existing property.

* Decision not in accordance with Parish Council comments.

NOTED.

114.16 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Members NOTED that DCC had advised of the following temporary road closures at Colehill Lane and Wimborne Road from 7 November to 25 November, between 9am and 4pm daily. Both roads would be reopened at night and at weekends.

115.16 CHANGES TO DWP BRING BANKS ACROSS DORSET

Members NOTED that DWP had advised that the recycling bring banks for glass, plastic bottles, cans paper and cardboard would be removed from the 21 sites around the county that still had them in place.

Subject to landowners' agreement, DWP would still provide banks at existing sites for the materials that could not currently be recycled using the kerbside service.

116.16 EDDC ENFORCEMENT

Members NOTED that EDDC had advised that recent investigations into the development of a shed at Middlehill Road had been resolved. An investigation into a fence at Mallard Road was ongoing.

117.16 CONSULTATIONS

Members NOTED that DCC was undertaking a survey on councillors' satisfaction for Dorset Highways. Responses were required by 31 August. DCC was also undertaking a consultation on its registration services for births, deaths, marriages and civil partnerships. Responses were required by 11 August.

118.16 WIMBORNE ROAD

The Chairman of Committee updated the Members on the meeting that was held on 13 July to discuss the traffic concerns at Wimborne Road.

The Parish Council, DCC Highways Officers, the Police and the Head Teacher agreed that the solution to the traffic problems would be for the car parking to be increased in the School's grounds. The land surrounding the School is owned by DCC, but is green belt. Permission would be required for any development and there would be large cost implications for this work. Discussions regarding the need for these improvements would commence in September.

As a trial measure to help in the short term, three passing spaces would be created along the side of the road just up from the School towards the War Memorial. The School staff would help to make these spaces by parking strategically.

NOTED.

119.16 FELLED TREES ON LAND AT CANFORD BOTTOM

Members NOTED that an area of 0.4ha had been cleared of trees on green belt land at Canford Bottom.

EDDC had confirmed that the work was not unauthorised as the trees were not protected by TPOs. Likewise, the Forestry Commission had said that the trees were under licensable size and the area that was cleared was below environmental impact thresholds and did not breach any regulations enforced by them. Natural England was unable to offer any help and the Dorset Wildlife Trust had not responded to the Council's email.

EDDC had confirmed that the owner had received pre application advice. This was an approach which was encouraged by the government in order to enable prospective developers to obtain informal advice and did not prejudice the democratic decision making processes of the Council. Pre application advice was confidential and not in the public domain.

120.16 COLEHILL SCOUTS STORAGE HUT – COLEHILL LANE

At a recent Scouts' presentation evening Cllr Cowsill had been advised of the poor condition of a hut at Colehill Lane, which the Scouts used as a storage facility. The hut was owned by the National Trust and rented to Scouts at a peppercorn rate.

Cllr Cowsill asked if the Parish Council could write to the National Trust to ask if they would consider renovating the hut.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the Council would write to the National Trust to ask for the hut to be renovated;
- (b) the Council would remind the Scouts that they could apply for grant aid.

121.16 PUBLIC BENCHES

Members NOTED there were no faults to report.

122.16 WAR MEMORIAL/BUS STOP

Members NOTED there were no faults to report.

123.16 PLAY AREA/ST MICHAEL'S DIRT

Members NOTED there were no faults to report. Cllr Cowsill said that she had recently visited St Michael's Dirt and the area was looking very good. The Clerk would inform the lead rider of her comments.

124.16 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

Members NOTED that the latest speed analysis.

125.16 GRIT BINS

Members NOTED there were no faults to report.

126.16 HIGHWAY MATTERS FOR REPORT

- (a) Road works would be taking place at Wimborne Road over the next week.
- (b) DCC would be advised that the Little Lonnen road name sign was covered with vegetation.
- (c) EDDC would be advised that the Hayeswood Road name sign had become detached from its post.
- (d) Cllr Roberts reported an overgrown hedge and would email the details to the Clerk.

127.16 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

The Head of Property and Engineering at EDDC was arranging a meeting with the Furzehill Residents' Association to discuss Woodleaze Copse and had invited the Parish Council to send a representative. Cllr Johnson agreed to represent the Council.

The Meeting ended at 8.21pm.

CHAIRMAN