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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the MEMORIAL HALL on **11 OCTOBER 2005.**

PRESENT

Cllr KD Johnson, Chairman

Cllr Andrew Marsh, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs John Bell, Gwen Divall, Scott Miller, David Packer, Ted Phillips,

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Janet Dover (R), John Gooch, Jeffrey Greenwood, John Warren

186.05 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr KD Johnson declared his interest in Minute 189.05 (PURCHASE OF COMPUTER/PRINTER).

187.05 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 August, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

188.05 RESIGNATION OF CLLR ELENA PUJOL

Having received promotion at work, which required a degree of travelling, Cllr Pujol now experienced difficulty in attending evening meetings and had tendered her resignation with effect from 27 September. On the Council's behalf, the Chairman had thanked Mrs Pujol for all her work to further to interests of Colehill residents

It was formally RESOLVED that a Casual Vacancy be declared and the statutory notices issued.

189.05 PURCHASE OF COMPUTER/PRINTER ETC

Further to Minute 429.03.05, and following consultation with Cllrs John Gooch and David Torring it had been agreed that a PC of good specification with after sales service was required.

The Clerk had obtained three quotations for supply of a Pentium 4 processor with updated software, CD writer and multi function printer with FAX.

These were as follows

Christchurch Computers £1,159
PC World £1,295
Colehill Computer Associates £1,384.

Quotes 1 and 2 did not include provision for set-up and transfer of data to the new PC.

In accordance with Minute 429, the quotation from Colehill Computer Associates had been accepted. Upon installation of the new machine, the Pentium 2 with printer and software was surplus to Council requirements.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) The action taken in purchasing the Pentium 4 PC and Cannon Pixma MA 780 be approved and confirmed.
- (b) In the first instance, the Pentium 2 PC and printer be advertised for sale.

190.05 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED that the accounts listed at Appendix 1 be passed for payment and cheques drawn therefor.

191.05 ACCOUNTS - HALF-YEAR 2005

The Clerk circulated the Receipts and Payments summary (Appendix 2) to 30 September 2005. Arrangements had been made for Internal Audit to be carried out on 28 October.

RESOLVED that the summary be received and noted.

192.05 LAND MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The Report of the Meeting held on 21 September was submitted.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) The report be approved and adopted.
- (b) The Council's thanks be recorded to Cllr John Warren for cleaning the Conditions of Use sign at the BMX trails.

 (Minute 192.05 (4) of the Sub-Committee report refers).

193.05 THE TRIANGLE

(a) CONSERVATION WORKDAY - 1 OCTOBER

Three volunteers attended and holly was cut to open-up visibility along the path at Kyrchil Corner. Accumulated cut material was burned on the Triangle. There was much litter on the Triangle which could not be dealt with this time. Cllr KD Johnson had returned later to clear litter from the BMX area.

(b) HAZARD SURVEY - ZONE 2

Scott Tree Services had submitted a quote of £860 for works to Zone 2 as requested.

The Committee discussed the desirability of dealing with more than one Zone whilst the contractors were on site.

RESOLVED that the quotation from Scott Tree Services in the sum of £860 be accepted.

194.05 KYRCHIL CORNER - TREES

Further to Minute 192.05(3), Scott Tree Services had quoted £460 for this work to include removal of dead birch tree over the gravel drive.

RESOLVED that subject to negotiations by the Clerk for a lower quote if

this work would be combined with Zone 2 The Triangle, the quotation from Scott Tree Services be accepted in the sum of £460 for the works stated.

Note: Price accepted for Kyrchil Corner with Zone 2 - £1,220.

195.05 COLEHILL BMX TRAILS RoSPA REPORT

The RoSPA report was circulated to Members. Attention was drawn to site cleanliness and the unsecured bin and condition of track surface.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) The report be received and noted
- (b) Land Management Sub-Committee inspect the site for compliance with these requirements
- (c) Provision of a secure litter bin be reviewed early in the New Year.

196.05 FP 24 - ACCESS FROM SMUGGLERS LANE

Cllr Johnson reported that en route to inspect the BMX Trails he had seen two cars parked behind the insecure barrier across FP24 beside the Vicarage.

RESOLVED that authority be given for purchase of a security padlock to secure the barrier on FP 24 on the approach to the trails following consultation with Emergency Services

197.05 OLIVERS PARK PLAY AREA RoSPA REPORT

Further to Minute 141.05 the RoSPA report for Olivers Park had been received. No major items of work were identified and, since the inspection date, the new items of equipment had been added. The low and medium risk items identified would be dealt with by EDDC maintenance in accordance with the joint Agreement.

198.05 COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR USE IN EMERGENCIES

MINUTE 140.05

RESOLVED that an informal meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed under Minute 140.05 be held on 18 October to draft the Emergency Plan Template for Colehill Parish and report back to this Committee.

199.05 200th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HAMPRESTON

Council Members were invited to attend this anniversary service to be held on Sunday, 23 October. Cllr John Bell indicated that he would attend if able to do so to represent the Council.

200.05 BT - CONSULTATION

PROPOSALS TO RE-ALIGN PUBLIC PAYPHONE PROVISION

Further to Minute 104.05, BT expressed disappointment that this Council did not support the removal of at least one payphone. In spite of the

kiosks at Greenhill Lane and Post Office Crossroads receiving extremely low usage, the proposed removals had been cancelled from the review programme and the 'phones would remain in place for the time being. Action regarding 'cashless' kiosks would be determined when the outcome of the OFCOM review on BT's Universal Service Obligation was known.

NOTED

201.05 PARISH TREE WARDEN

RESOLVED that, following the resignation of Cllr Elena Pujol, Cllr Gwen Divall be appointed Parish Tree Warden.

202.05 NHS CONSULTATION 'YOUR HEALTH, YOUR CARE, YOUR SAY'

Notification of the three consultation meetings was received. Cllr David Packer indicated that he would be attending the meeting on 12 October at Allendale Community Centre and would be willing to act as this Council's representative.

203.05 DAPTC - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This would be held at Dorchester on 5 November and would be addressed by John Findlay, Chief Executive NALC.

The Meeting ended at 20.55hrs.

CHAIRMAN