

## **Colehill Parish Council: Action Plan April 2025 – March 2026**

<b><u>Project/Service</u></b>	<b><u>Action/ Comments</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
<b><u>Community Engagement</u></b>			
Local Groups	<p>The Council will continue to provide Councillor representatives for local groups as requested and as deemed appropriate.</p> <p>A list of the current appointed roles and responsibilities is available on the Council website.</p>	N/A	
Website	<p>The Council will continue to use its website to promote local events, share community information and publish statutory documents.</p> <p>The Council will carry out quarterly accessibility reviews of the website.</p>	£600	
Social media	The Council will continue to engage with wider public by publishing articles of interest to the local community and to share details of events and updates on local issues.	N/A	
Grants / Donations	The Council will accept applications from local organisations to apply for community grants with consideration of the budget allocated and the Council's Grant Making Policy. Having regard to the needs of the community the Council has increased its budget for grants this year.	£40,000	
Planning	Colehill Parish Council are a 'statutory consultee' for planning applications. The Council will continue to discuss and respond to planning applications as appropriate. The Council will also continue to publish details of all applications we are sent, issued by Dorset Council, on the Colehill Parish Council website.	N/A	
Road Safety	<p>The Council will continue to deploy a Speed Indicator Device (SID) at three locations, to monitor traffic volume and speeds.</p> <p>The Council will also continue engaging Dorset Council to explore additional road safety measures that may be appropriate such as 20mph schemes, pedestrian crossings and additional SID locations.</p>	N/A	We hold a £3,000 reserve for road safety & SID
Promote democracy	The Council will publish information regarding elections and vacancies on the Council website, Facebook page and on noticeboards. The Council will continue to be pro-active in its efforts to fill vacancies through councillor drop-in sessions and publicity.	N/A	
Community events	<p>The Council will organise a Remembrance event and a Christmas party for local children.</p> <p>The Council also plans to co-sponsor a family Easter event at The Reef Youth &amp; Community Centre and will be organising celebrations to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of VE Day &amp; VJ Day.</p>	£2,500	

Consultation	When making decisions, the Council will consider whether to consult with the public on matters involving significant spending or issues of local importance.	N/A	
Transport links	The Council will continue to co-fund the Number 88 Community Bus which provides a circular route linking Colehill with Wimborne, Kingston Lacy and Sturminster Marshall 3 days a week.	£4,750	
Defibrillator	The Council will continue to provide defibrillators located at The Reef Youth & Community Centre and One Stop.	-	
<b><u>Services &amp; Facilities</u></b>			
Oliver's Park & Churchmoor Copse	<p>The Council will continue to maintain and repair the park and play equipment as well as undertaking grass cutting, cutting back of brambles and maintaining the football pitch. The play park is checked by councillors every week and is professionally inspected every month. In addition, the Council is investigating the potential of the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installing gym equipment</li> <li>• Installing the 'Field in Trust' Plaque which the Council already has</li> <li>• New signage to replace the East Dorset signage (budget for this will come from the signage budget)</li> </ul> <p>Within this budget the Council is planning to put £6,000 into reserves as it is anticipated that the large piece of play equipment will need replacing in the next few years.</p>	£26,000	
<b>Woods:</b>	The Council carries out regular inspections and maintenance of the woods and bike track.	£1,000	
Coombes Wood Kyrchil Corner Merrifield Wood Triangle Wood Churchmoor Copse	<p>The Council will continue to carry out tree inspections as per the Woods Risk Assessment and to complete any required works identified.</p> <p>The Council will continue to respond to any concerns raised by members of the public regarding the safety of trees.</p>	£15,000	
Colehill Village Hall	Colehill Parish Council is the custodian trustee and has a representative who attends committee meetings as an observer.		

Reef Youth & Community Centre	<p>The Council is the sole member of the charity which operates The Reef Colehill &amp; Wimborne Youth &amp; Community Centre. The Reef is operated as entirely separate entity to the Council with the Council appointing cllrs to act as trustees for the charity in addition to the role as cllrs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council will ensure that there is a minimum of 4 cllrs appointed to act as trustees of the charity at all times</li> <li>• The Council will continue to provide administration support to The Reef, for which the Council will invoice the charity</li> </ul>	N/A	
	The Council intends to continue to hire storage space at The Reef (this and the cupboard space at the Village Hall being the only storage space the Council has).	£1,000	
Highways & Street Furniture	The Council will carry out the next phase of works to repurpose the telephone box at Dales Drive.	£500	
	Noticeboards Inc. new noticeboards outside Co-op and washing of fingerposts	£3,500	
	Refurbishment of Millennium map	£1,000	
	Signage	£4,000	
	Wash bus shelters	£300	
	Paint selected benches	£1,500	
<b><u>Environment</u></b>			
Planting	Plant wild flower verges and flower bed at Oliver's Park	£2,000	
	Bulb giveaway to local residents to plant in public spaces		
Recycling	Blister pack recycling project		
Litter clearance	Organisation of community litter picking events	£1,500	
	Emptying of 3 additional curb side general waste bins		
	Commercial litter clearance of Coombes Wood		
<b><u>Other</u></b>			
Staff training	The Council will continue to support staff with any training requirements identified.	£1,500	
Cllr training	The Council will actively encourage cllrs to undertake training to refresh and develop their knowledge and skills relevant to their roles. The Council hopes to attract new cllrs this year and has included a budget for cllr training to reflect this.	£1,000	