

At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL VILLAGE HALL on **10<sup>th</sup> December 2024**, at **7.15pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr Clare Davison Chair  
Cllr KD Johnson, Vice-Chair  
Cllrs Nigel Bridle, Carol Butter, Ann Edwards, Leslie Gibson, Mark Keniston, Andy Todd and Emma Urquhart

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Patricia Gray (medical) and Susan Cowsill (Illness) – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the reasons for the apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Z Caddy – Clerk.  
Mr Richard Palmer

**222.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**223.24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public made any representation.

**224.24 CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Wimborne Minster have asked that one of our Councillors volunteer to join the new Friends of the Cemetery group – Cllr KD Johnson agreed to volunteer. Three Cllrs attended the meeting at Corfe Mullen in connection with areas working closer together.

**225.24 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 were submitted.

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes be approved and signed.

**226.24 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

Fairtrade have installed the signs.

**227.24 COMMITTEE REPORT**

- (a) **HIGHWAYS PLANS & THE ENVIRONMENT – 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

**RESOLVED** that the report be approved and adopted.

- (b) **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

**RESOLVED** that the report be approved and adopted.

**228.24 DORSET COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Burts Hill consultation has been paused as it is felt Dorset Council are not getting a true reflection of opinion. Someone within Colehill has been made homeless which Cllr Todd is helping with. Quarterjack Park review is happening. Devolution is being discussed by Dorset Council at the moment but it's very up in the air. The full report appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book

**229.24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

From the applications currently listed on [www.colehill.gov.uk](http://www.colehill.gov.uk), members reviewed and discussed the following - comments were recorded as follows:

<b>PA No</b>	<b>Development Proposed</b>
P/FUL/2024/06577	The Old Scout Hut Colehill Lane Colehill BH21 7AW Change of use of the Old Scout Hut to a dwelling.  No objection but we share the concerns of Highways. Deliveries are almost certain to be happening on this road which at the moment is 60mph.
P/HOU/2024/06816	2 Leigh Lane Colehill BH21 2PW Erect wood framed garden room and shed with pergola connecting to the existing garage  No comment

**230.24 DORSET COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

It RESOLVED to contribute £4,750 to this shared transport project for the next financial year (2025/26)

**231.24 VE/VJ DAY 2025**

It was RESOLVED to allocate £2,000 and to continue aiming to organise the following for next year's celebrations:

**A VE Day evening quiz** which will take place on Friday 1 May in Colehill Village Hall alongside a Hamper raffle to raise funds for charity

The purchase of a **flagpole** and **VE flag** to be positioned at a site to be agreed with planners.

Students from St Michael's Middle School to be asked to place **lamplights of peace** at the War Memorial during the day of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Colehill Parish Council to provide the lamps. Further detail to be agreed with Mr Ayling.

**Lighting of lamplights of peace:** At 9:30 pm on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 8 students from St Michael's Middle School to be asked to light lamplights of peace alongside members of the Parish Council at the War Memorial. Further detail to be agreed with Mr Ayling.

**Musical rendition and reading of the VE tribute at the War Memorial (tba)**

**232.24 ANNUAL PROJECT PLAN**

The annual plan of projects which has now been documented was reviewed and ADOPTED.

**233.24 PRECEPT 2025/26**

Dorset Council had advised that the Tax Base for 2025/26 was 3043.

The Members considered the income and expenditure for 2023/24, the estimated balances for 2024/25, the budget for 2024/25 and the earmarked reserves for 2024/25.

Cllr Gibson proposed a Parish Council Tax Levy of £138,500.00, seconded by Cllr Davison. With a budget of £217,675.43 and a predicted income of £189,262.87, this would mean that £28,412.56 would need to be drawn down from reserves.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the budget for 2025/26 of £217,675.43 and the earmarked reserves be approved.
- (b) a precept of £138,500.00 be levied on Dorset Council. This gave an equivalent Parish Council Tax Levy of £45.51, a 7.56% increase on that for 2024/25 (£42.31);

**234.24 GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS**

Members reviewed the following documents:

1. Vexatious Requests Policy.
2. Code of Conduct.
3. Accessibility Statement.
4. Grant Aid Policy.
5. Training Development & Appraisal Policy.

It was RESOLVED that the documents listed above be approved and adopted. These will all be published online.

**235.24 COLEHILL & WIMBORNE YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE AGM NOTICE**

The notice of the AGM was received and NOTED – this will be taking place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 at 7pm and the Council invited as the sole member of the company number 05928187.

**236.24 20MPH SPEED REDUCTION PROPOSAL**

The results of the public consultation were reviewed and it was RESOLVED to respond to Dorset Council that we do not support this proposal as our public consultation evidenced that residents are not in support. The Clerk will forward to Dorset Council the summary sheet of resident's feedback.

**237.24 CUTLERS PLACE/CHURCHMOOR COPSE**

It was RESOLVED to invite the solicitors acting for the executor of the property at Cutlers Place to approach Dorset Council's tree officer for a

recommendation on cutting back which must then come back to us for review. It will also be made clear that all costs must be borne by the estate/executors.

**238.24** It was **RESOLVED** to suspend the standing orders to exceed enable to meeting to be finished.

**239.24** **CO-OPTION**

It was **RESOLVED** to Co-opt onto the Council Richard Palmer. The declaration of acceptance of office was duly signed and then witnessed by the Clerk.

**240.24** **GRANT AID**

Applications from Citizens Advice and Life Education Wessex were received and reviewed.

It was **RESOLVED** to grant £4,500.00 to Citizens Advice.  
It was **RESOLVED** not to grant Life Education Wessex any funds.

**241.24** **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED** that the accounts listed in Appendix 2 to these Minutes in the Minute Book be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

**242.24** **REPORTS**

Members **NOTED** the following information:

(a) Cllr Edwards's report on the Village Hall meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

The reports appear as Appendix 3 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

**243.24** **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CLOSE OF MEETING**

Cllr Bridle has over-summered all the trees and we could arrange a tree-giveaway after Christmas.

The Meeting ended at 9:44 pm.

CHAIR