

At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL VILLAGE HALL on **5<sup>th</sup> December 2023**, at **7.15pm**.

**PRESENT**

Cllr Nigel Bridle, Chair  
Cllr Leslie Gibson, Vice-Chair  
Cllrs Clare Davison, Ann Edwards, Michael Gibbs, Mark Keniston, KD Johnson, Ken Murgatroyd, Andy Todd and Emma Urquhart

**APOLOGIES**

No apologies

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs Z Caddy – Clerk.

**193.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**194.23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**195.23 CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Thanks to Emma for always making refreshments at the start of the meeting and to the Clerk for the jigsaw event at the Reef. It was good to see so many residents at the switching on of the Christmas lights on 4<sup>th</sup> December at St Michael's Church.

**196.23 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

**197.23 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

**198.23 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- (a) HIGHWAYS PLANS & THE ENVIRONMENT – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

- (b) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023  
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

**199.23 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

*It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted during the next **two** agenda items it is likely that if a member of the public were present during the following item there would be a*

*disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A on the Local government Act 1972 and they therefore be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s. 100 of the Local Government Act 1972)*

## **200.23 LEGAL ADVICE RE CEMETERY**

It was RESOLVED that:

The professional advice in terms of the legalities involved transferring the Cemetery have been reviewed and members are satisfied. The annual contribution Colehill makes has been raised before historically amongst residents at Annual Parish Meetings and the former district Council have done cost exercises on the financing of the Cemetery before.

The Council feels that there is an economic benefit to Colehill residents (namely the annual contribution could be used on projects more akin to residents needs) by the Cemetery being taken on by Wimborne Minster Town Council.

The documents produced by the JMC's solicitor and amended by Colehill Parish Council's solicitor are acceptable for signature – these will be put to the JMC for agreement.

## **201.23 STAFF MATTERS**

Taking a recommendation from the recruitment panel, it was RESOLVED to offer one of the applicants the advertised Assistant Clerk position, on a salary at Scale point LC1 SCP15, and a second choice candidate at LC1 SCP13 was also RESOLVED should the first choice candidate not accept the position.

## **202.23 OLIVERS PARK PLAY AREA**

The following was undertaken:

- 1) A Review of the tenders/proposals following the new play equipment specification being published on the Contract Finder portal, the visual options are available to view here [Oliver's Playground Refurbishment – Colehill Parish Council](#)
- 2) A recommendation was made by the Oliver's Park Working Group following them undertaking and reviewing a public consultation via both the website and face-to-face in school children's consultation – results of which were available to members during the discussion
- 3) It was RESOLVED to opt for scheme D on the website
- 4) It was RESOLVED that funding will come from CIL funding for this project
- 5) It was RESOLVED to pay the deposit payment of approx. £28,000 (plus VAT which will be reclaimed) and to authorise the Clerk to make any necessary funding transfers from the Council reserve account.

The public will be informed of the playground choice and that the feedback re the green slide has been taken on-board and the scheme now incorporates a new slide.

## **203.23 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:

PA No	Development Proposed
P/HOU/2023/06479	57 Mallard Road, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 2NL

	Erect rear and side extension no comment No Comment
<b>P/FUL/2023/06684</b>	<b>118 - 120 Middlehill Rd, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 2HG</b> Erect a double garage (1x2 singles) between two approved and virtually completed units  Comment - The visitor and unallocated parking space which is a requirement of the parking calculator seems to be being scrapped. No site notice has been displayed
<b>P/HOU/2023/06873</b>	<b>4 Jessop Road, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 2HW</b> Construct a dormer at rear of the property. No comment
<b>P/HOU/2023/05308</b>	<b>28 Dales Drive, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 2JS</b> Erect Single storey rear extension No comment but no site notice has been displayed.
<b>P/VOC/2023/06891</b>	<b>Robinswood, Furzehill, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 4HD</b> Sever plot, demolish existing garage and erect 1no. dwelling (with variation of Condition 2 of planning permission No comment

**204.23****DORSET COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

It was RESOLVED to contribute £4,500 to the shared local transport project (community bus route 88). Spending for this project falls under the Local Government Rating Act 1997 – ‘power to make grants of money for bus service appearing to be for the benefit of people living in the Council’s area or community bus service’

**205.23****TELEPHONE BOX ADOPTION**

It was RESOLVED to sign the adoption document for the telephone box at Dales Drive and to open a public consultation to enable members to learn what residents would like the box to be used for. This will be done in the New Year.

*It was RESOLVED to suspend the Standing Orders to allow the meeting to run past the two hour limit. .*

**206.23****PRECEPT 2024/25**

Dorset Council have not yet advised what the Tax Base for 2024/25 will be but it is not anticipated to be largely different to last year other than the boundary changes which come into effect after the election in May 2024.

The Members considered the receipts and payments for 2023/24, the estimated balances for 2023/24, the budget and earmarked reserves for 2023/24.

Cllr Todd proposed the draft budget and a Parish Council Tax Levy of £127,500 seconded by Cllr Murgatroyd. With a draft budget of £240,951.98 and a predicted income of £209,857.13, this would mean that £31,094.85 would need to be drawn down from reserves.

RESOLVED that:

(a) the budget for 2024/25 of £240,951.98 and the earmarked reserves be approved.

(b) a precept of £127,500 be levied on Dorset Council.

The budget will be published online.

**207.23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED that the accounts listed in Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

**208.23 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND MATTERS FOR FORTHCOMING AGENDA**

The Meeting ended at 9:30 pm.

CHAIR