

At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL TOWN COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL & WIMBORNE YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE on **7TH APRIL 2026**, at **7.21pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr Clare Davison Chair

Cllr KD Johnson, Vice-Chair

Cllrs Nigel Bridle, Carol Butter, Susan Cowsill, Leslie Gibson and Richard Palmer

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Patricia Gray (Non-Business) Mark Keniston (Non-Business) Andy Todd (Holiday) and Emma Urquhart.

It was RESOLVED to accept the reasons for the apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Z Caddy – Clerk.

319.26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

320.26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were in attendance.

321.26 CHAIR'S REMARKS

No remarks.

322.26 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3rd February were submitted.
RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

323.26 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

265.26 The word 'Comment' in the last paragraph of the planning application P/HOU/2026/00480 will be replaced with the word 'Submission'.

270.26 Clerk to insert the noticeboard location.

324.26 COMMITTEE MINUTES

(a) HIGHWAYS PLANS & THE ENVIRONMENT – 24th February 2026
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(b) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 24th February 2026
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(c) HIGHWAYS PLANS & THE ENVIRONMENT – 10th March 2026
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

- (d) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 10th March 2026
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

325.26 GOVERNANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTS

Members reviewed the following documents:

1. Effectiveness of Internal Audit.
2. Risk Register.
3. Policies:
 - (a) Complaints Policy
 - (b) Co-option Policy (the Co-option questionnaire will be re-written by Cllr Johnson)
 - (c) Social Media Policy

RESOLVED that the documents listed above be approved. These documents where appropriate will be published online.

326.26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

PA No	Development Proposed
P/ADV/2026/01447	<p>Location: 26 Canford Bottom, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 2HD</p> <p>Proposal: Display hanging signs mounted to the face of the building. One vinyl film logo applied to the glass of the entrance lobby and one free standing, illuminated sign. A temporary banner mounted on fencing near entrance.</p> <p>OBJECTION. The location of the totem pole is unsightly for residents living opposite – this is a residential area. In our opinion this will be a cause of light pollution. At the corner where the light will be obscured by the trees would be far more suitable.</p>
P/FUL/2026/01565	<p>Location: 24 Canford Bottom, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 2HE</p> <p>Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and proposed change of use to provide soft landscaping in association with the proposed foodstore.</p> <p>OBJECTION – The Town Council would be saddened to lose this historic building and a reduction in housing stock especially at a time when local authorities are pushed to increase housing stock. We would support it being included on the designated heritage list.</p>

It was further RESOLVED to send a letter to the Planning Enforcement at Dorset Council setting out concerns in connection with the Aldi site, the highway and a recent road traffic accident. Mike Garrity Head of Planning and Dorset Councillor Jindy Atwal and Andy Todd will be copied in.

327.26 COLEHILL AND WIMBORNE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was RESOLVED to appoint Cllrs Ann Edwards to the board of Trustees and Directors with immediate effect, provided she is still in agreement as previously indicated.

328.26 DAPTC/DORSET COUNCIL STATEMENT OF REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS

The draft DAPTC Statement of Reasonable Expectations (SoRE) was considered and NOTED.

329.26 CO-OP NOTICEBOARD

It was RESOLVED to have installed a new noticeboard on the Co-op to replace worn out ones currently in situ, with the following option choices:

- Golden oak finish
- magnetic display board material
- Key access for each bay
- Header finish in the same colour
- Header lettering style: Engraved and colour filled black
- Colehill Town Council header in Ariel font
- No logo

These options bring the cost around £2,388,64 plus delivery.

It was RESOLVED the removal and disposal of old boards and installation of the new one at a cost of £496.77 + recoverable VAT.

330.26 EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

Following a recommendation from the Oliver's Park Working Party, it was RESOLVED (one abstention) to employ an exercise equipment company (Sutcliffe Play) to install a piece of equipment into Oliver's Park behind the goal for the purposes of adult exercise. Signage will also be investigated.

331.26 PLAY AREA INSPECTION CONTRACT

It was RESOLVED to renew the inspection company contract.

332.26 RESERVES TRANSFER

It was RESOLVED to transfer £35,000 into the Cambridge and Counties Savings account now that the FSCS Deposit Protection Limit has been increased and noted that the Clerk has transferred £10,000 to the Business Reserve account from the Current account as per Financial Regulation 6.6 iv.

333.26 BANK SIGNATORY

It was RESOLVED to add Cllrs Butter and Cowsill onto the Barclays Bank accounts.

334.26 TREE WORKS

It was RESOLVED to appoint a contractor to carry out the felling of two trees in Triangle Woods.

335.26 BDO LLP

It was RESOLVED that members confirmed there were no conflicts of Interest with the external auditors BDO LLP.

336.26 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

337.26 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Johnson reported that the Julian's Bridge Joint Working Group is going well and some trial one-way traffic lights are going in shortly.

338.26 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CLOSE OF MEETING

Cllr Johnson reported that the Mary Greathead trust has met and has some funding to give away.

Cllr Johnson has attended the information session on the upcoming Warding for Dorset Council Councillors review by the Boundary Commission. Further information will follow.

The Meeting ended at 9:04 pm.

CHAIR