

At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL VILLAGE HALL on **12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, 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

There were no apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Z Caddy – Clerk.

**285.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest declared.

**286.24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**287.24 CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The new play equipment is looking fantastic and thanks were given to all members of the working party for taking charge of this project. The new Christmas tree is being installed next to the library on Thursday.

**288.24 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30 January 2024 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

**289.24 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

The rope swing in Churchmoor Copse appears to still in there.

**290.24 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a) HIGHWAYS PLANS & THE ENVIRONMENT – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(b) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

**291.24 COLEHILL & WIMBORNE YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Cllr Gibson as Chair of the Board of Directors/Trustees outlined plans for the AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> April and formally invited the Council, as sole member to attend.

*It was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Emma Urquhart to Chair the next item as the Council Chair Cllr Nigel Bridle is a trustee of Colehill & Wimborne Youth & Community Centre. Part way through the discussion, the other trustees left the room and did not vote.*

- 292.24 COLEHILL & WIMBORNE YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
It was RESOLVED not to sign the resolution as requested by the Board due to the pre-election period and as there will be a new Board appointed in May. It was further RESOLVED to request the Clerk & Deputy Clerk jointly write a report to be distributed with the agenda for the Annual Council meeting on all aspects of being a charity trustee in terms of responsibility, expectation, desirable attributes and suitability as well as identifying general issues that have arisen since taking over, to be considered by the new incoming Council when appointing a new Board.  
*Trustees returned into the room.*
- 293.24 COLEHILL & WIMBORNE YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
It was RESOLVED to ask the Board to allow the previous practice of a Council representative and deputy to be invited to and allowed to attend all board meetings from May 2024 onwards.
- 294.24 PARTY POLITICAL PUBLICATIONS**  
Members were reminded of Standing Order 25(b) and that they must be mindful of the content they are asking political parties to publish that it is both factually true and that they are not breaking this standing order.
- 295.24 COUNCILLOR OPEN DAY/DROP IN MORNING**  
It was RESOLVED to hold an open morning to hopefully recruit some new Councillors to run at the upcoming May elections on 23<sup>rd</sup> March between 11am -3pm. Cllrs who will be available to 'man' the session on a rota are Cllrs Bridle, Todd, Urquhart, Johnson, Davison and Edwards.
- 296.24 TELEPHONE BOX ADOPTION**  
It was RESOLVED that quotes will be sought to refurbish the telephone box at Dales Drive to enable it to be used for a book exchange.
- 297.24 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.
- 298.24 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND MATTERS FOR FORTHCOMING AGENDA**  
Cllr Johnson reported that the fingerpost at the end of Long Lane needs repainting.

The Meeting ended at 9:02pm.

CHAIR