

At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL & WIMBORNE YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE on **15<sup>th</sup> July 2025**, at **7.15pm**.

**PRESENT**

Cllr Clare Davison Chair

Cllr KD Johnson, Vice-Chair

Cllrs Carol Butter, Susan Cowsill, Ann Edwards, Leslie Gibson, Patricia Gray, Ken Murgatroyd, Richard Palmer and Andy Todd and Emma Urquhart

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Mark Keniston (Non-business) Nigel Bridle (Non-Business)

It was RESOLVED to accept the reasons for the apologies.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs Z Caddy – Clerk.

**75.25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**76.25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**77.25 CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Cllrs Johnson and Davison have attended a Dorset Council Local Plan event on 14<sup>th</sup> July. This included a change to the housing targets – an 80ish % increase. There is a lot of social housing in a bad state, new development not selling across the county. Greenbelt featured highly and 10% of the greenbelt is the area with the largest amount of change in this plan. Lack of infrastructure was raised and a communities needs including schools, Doctors and employment. There was a lack of vision and how Dorset is very rural and how a local plan reflects that and amongst attendees disbelief at how this housing stock would fit. New public consultations will start around 18<sup>th</sup> August. Deadline for the plans submission is end of 2026 with implementation in 2027. If your area does not meet its housing target – there will be a presumption that planning is agreed on application.

The Clerk will add details of this and the public engagement/consultation to the website.

Cllr Davison has been for a meeting at the Colehill Cricket Club. They have a flagpole which they have said we can use. They have asked if the Parish Council could help them establish a Colehill junior league.

**78.25 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

**79.25 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

There are no matters arising.

## 80.25 COMMITTEE MINUTES

- (a) HIGHWAYS PLANS & THE ENVIRONMENT – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

- (b) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

## 81.25 GOVERNANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTS

Members reviewed the following documents:

1. Standing Orders
2. Financial Regulations
3. JPAG Practitioners Guide
4. Scheme of Delegation
5. Fixed Assets Register.
6. Social Media Policy

The Clerk advised that she would be sending the latest copy of the Fixed Assets Register (along with the pre-renewal questionnaire in the next agenda item) to the Council's insurer.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the documents listed above be approved;
- (b) the employee dishonesty cover of £250,000 be approved;

## 82.25 INSURANCE PRE-RENEWAL QUESTIONNAIRE

It was RESOLVED to send the completed insurance pre-renewal questionnaire to the broker to enable them to seek and obtain insurance quotes. The only amendments to the pre-completed draft form were figures to align with the asset register.

## 83.25 CLIMATE AND NATURE WORKSHOP

It was RESOLVED to send the Clerk to the upcoming Climate and Nature workshop being held by Dorset Council

## 84.25 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
<u>P/FUL/2025/03540</u>	Location: 120A Wimborne Road West, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 2DT Proposal: Change of use of the 2 first-floor flats from residential (C3) to commercial (Class E) associated with the ground floor commercial unit.  Support

**85.25 COOMBES WOOD**

*It was RESOLVED to suspend the Standing Orders to enable the meeting to continue over the two hour limit.*

*Following a lengthy discussion*

It was RESOLVED to unfortunately remove the building of jumps with a figure of up to £5,000 and to publicise a statement explaining the decision.

**86.25 DELEGATED DECISIONS**

The following decisions taken under the scheme of delegation were AGREED and NOTED:

To spend £380 on a contractor to cut back vegetation in various locations.

To submit **No Comment** to the following planning application:  
P/HOU/2025/03409 58 Canford Bottom, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 2HF  
Erect detached single storey garden room in rear garden.

**87.25 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

**88.25 REPORTS**

Members NOTED the following information:

- (a) Cllr Johnson's verbal report on the Joint Julians Bridge Working Group meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

The reports appear as Appendix 2 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

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

Dorset Councillor report from Cllr Andy Todd – the DC decision to remove an crossing guard at St Michaels

Aldi is likely September.

Canford Bottom FOI re traffic lights working – only expected 86.4% of the time.

Regional Inspector of Police – crime in Colehill is incredibly low. Shoplifting strategy....

The Meeting ended at 9:45 pm.

CHAIR