

At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **21 January 2020**, at **7.30pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr Emma Urquhart, Chairman

Cllr Charlotte Greening, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs Nigel Bridle, Clare Davison, Andy Gale, Leslie Gibson, David Mitchell and Stefan Morawiec

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Janet Dover, KD Johnson, David Packer

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Z Caddy – Clerk.

Mr Richard Brown and Ms Zoey Ingfield - Dorset National Park. A presentation was given into the merits of turning into a National Park. The information contained in the Powerpoint is contained at Appendix 1.

350.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Urquhart declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 15.

351.20 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Cllr Urquhart said as the agenda was long, she would give her comments throughout the meeting in conjunction with the items which are relevant.

352.20 PROPOSED DORSET NATIONAL PARK

This item was DEFERRED until more Councillors were present, including Janet Dover. It will be listed on the agenda for March.

353.20 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

It was RESOLVED to give Cllr Cowsill a leave of absence for 6 months. The Clerk will write to the Cllr Cowsill to inform her.

354.20 RESIGNATION

It was NOTED that Cllr Roe has formally resigned. The Elections Officer has been informed.

355.20 CO-OPTION

It was RESOLVED that Election/Co-option notices would go up tomorrow morning and that it is anticipated that a Special Council meeting would need to be called on March 10th before the scheduled Council meeting to interview co-option candidates. It was RESOLVED that Cllrs Morawiec and Davison would ask the questions at the interviews along with the Chairman Cllr Urquhart.

356.20 DORSET LOCAL PLAN

Dorset Cllr Maria Roe gave a presentation on Dorset Council's local plan together with other updates including their budgeting and housing figures.

357.20 DORSET COUNCIL PLAN

It was RESOLVED to defer this item.

358.20 PRECEPT 2020/21

Dorset Council had advised that the Tax Base for 2020/21 will be 3084.

The Members considered the receipts and payments for 2019/20, the estimated balances for 2019/20, the budget for 2020/21 and the earmarked reserves for 2020/21.

Cllr Urquhart proposed a Parish Council Tax Levy of £39.00, seconded by Cllr Mitchell. With a budget of £153,536.93 and a predicted income of £13,100.00, this would mean that approximately £20,074.03 would need to be drawn down from reserves. The £7,000.00 VE Celebration funding previously agreed will come from reserves in its entirety (in addition to the approx. £20,074.03). Vote UNANIMOUS

RESOLVED that:

- (a) A precept of £120,276.00 be levied on Dorset Council. This gave an equivalent Parish Council Tax Levy of £39.00, a 2.6% increase on that for 2019/20 (£38.00);
- (b) Earmarked reserves from last year of £30,000.00 for youth support and £9,000.00 of the £13,000.00 for Road Safety and SID (leaving £4,000.00 for this), £3,000.00 for recruitment, be put back into the general fund.
- (c) The budget for 2020/2021 of £153,536.93 and the earmarked reserves be approved.

Background Papers: CPC Budget File.

359.20 PROPOSED ECO DAY

Cllrs Gibson and Gale reported on the proposed Eco day to be held in 2020. There is a Climate Emergency budget next year of £3,000.00. It was unanimously AGREED to hold an Eco day which would ideally be a Saturday. It was suggested to do this in September. This will be looked at further at the next meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Party and progress will be reported back to Council at a later date.

360.20 DAPTC MEETING

It was NOTED that Colehill Parish Council will host a meeting with DAPTC Eastern Area Committee on Thursday 26th March.

361.20 MEETING DATES

The list of meeting dates attached at Appendix 2 was APPROVED.

362.20 BUS SHELTERS

Cllr Gibson presented a map showing all the bus stops with and without shelters through Colehill which also showed statistics as to usage he obtained from More Buses. It was proposed and seconded that 3 bus shelters should be installed for the most suitable stops from April onwards. The working budget of £6,000.00 for 2020/21 together with any necessary CIL money will be used to fund this.

Quotes were obtained and viewed. It was unanimously RESOLVED appoint BC Shelters to provide 3 shelters for £7,255.00 +VAT in accordance with their quote. This spending will be carried out under power Parish Council Acts 1957 s1.

363.20 VE WEEKEND UPDATE

Cllr Urquhart declared a disclosable pecuniary interest and so the Clerk gave an update on the work done by the VE Working Party. The approximate costs for all of the different elements of the event were examined and it was AGREED that the Council are happy with preparations and costings so far and for the working party to continue with these preparations. The price of a commercial 15 piece Big Band is in the region of £4,000.00 upwards, therefore unaffordable so was not investigated further. Cllr Urquhart's husband who is a musician can pull in some favours and put together a group of musicians to form a 15 piece big band who do not normally play together but who would do so for this one-off special occasion, each taking a reduced fee. This in total was unlikely to exceed £1700.00 including table and chair hire, staging, and a PA system. A vote was taken with Cllr Urquhart abstaining. It was unanimous and therefore AGREED to allow Mr Andy Urquhart to organise this working in close conjunction with the Clerk.

There was only one local company which could provide a Marquee big enough and this was again unanimously AGREED after a vote.

The Clerk, Cllr Urquhart and Cllr Greening were thanked for all the work they have put into this project so far.

364.20 DROPPED KERB AT CO-OP/LONNEN ROAD

The quote from Dorset Highways was reviewed and following a unanimous vote it was RESOLVED to go with this spending for Highways work to rectify the redundant kerb which is causing illegal and dangerous parking and a large amount of congestion and anger amongst drivers under s 274A of the Highways Act 1980 ahead with this Highways work.

365.20 PUBLIC PERCEPTION

Cllr Davison raised concerns at the perception the public have following the meeting on 3rd December. She felt that when there is a lot of public in attendance it would be better to arrange the tables in a slightly different way, which others members agreed with. It was felt that if a resident has come to speak on an item, on behalf of a group of residents then we ought to afford them discretionary extra time, which is allowed if the Chairman is inclined to do so. Cllr Urquhart said when we review the Standing Orders in March, we could incorporate something to allow that situation to be covered. It was also felt that some weeks the sound from the Zumba class overpowers the meeting. Cllr Urquhart said she would go to the next Memorial Hall Committee meeting and mention this. Cllr Mitchell suggested producing a handout which could perhaps be given to members of the public welcoming them and explaining the procedure/rules at the meeting. This would be looked at.

366.20 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 December were submitted. There were no matters arising.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) HIGHWAYS PLANS & THE ENVIRONMENT – 14 January 2020
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

322.20 It should be noted in the minute that it was pointed out at the time that Cllr Cowsill's leave does not officially start until after it is RESOLVED by Council on 21st Jan to grant her time off, even though she has already been unable to attend several meetings, so in theory this position would not start until after that had taken place.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

- (b) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 14 January 2020
The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

367.20 TRAINING

Members NOTED the training available currently on offer with DAPTC.

368.20 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED that the accounts listed in Appendix 3 to these Minutes in the Minute Book be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

369.20 REPORTS

Members NOTED the following information:

- (a) To receive the minutes of the WCJMC meeting on 16th December 2019.

The minutes appear as Appendix 4 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

370.20 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND MATTERS FOR FORTHCOMING AGENDA

Cllr Mitchell said that the information from East Dorset Environment Partnership (EDEP) in connection with the Dorset Heathland Planning Framework SDP would be scanned in and sent over to everybody to read through. EDEP would be submitting their response in time for the deadline on 3rd February. If Colehill Parish Council want to endorse their report/response there is an additional week to this deadline.

The Meeting ended at 9:10 pm.

CHAIRMAN