



COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL

CRIME & DISORDER POLICY – ADOPTED 22nd August 2023

1. Provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

- 1.1 Section 5 (2) gives town and parish councils the right to be consulted about local crime and disorder reduction, and to act in cooperation with the following persons and bodies, namely: (a) every police authority any part of whose police area lies within the area; (b) every probation committee or health authority any part of whose area lies within the area; and (c) every person or body of a description which is for the time being prescribed by order of the Secretary of State under this subsection.
- 1.2 Section 17 states that all local authorities (which includes town and parish councils) have a duty to consider the impact of all their functions and decisions on crime and disorder, and to do all that they can reasonably do to prevent crime and disorder in their local area including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment, the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances, and re-offending.

2. Our Crime and Disorder Commitments

- 2.1 Colehill Parish Council acknowledges its duty to consider crime and disorder implications when exercising its various functions and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area.
- 2.2 We will consider crime and disorder in every decision we make including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a) Management and maintenance of our property and land.
 - b) Preparation of specifications for quotations and tenders for products or services.
 - c) Allocation of grants and funding to other organisations.
 - d) Responding to consultation requests for planning applications.
- 2.3 We will report instances of crime or anti-social behaviour to Dorset Police, and liaise with them regarding crime and disorder reduction measures.
- 2.4 We support the Wimborne Police and Communities Together (PACT) initiative.
- 2.5 We will use our parish noticeboards, website and social media to provide links to our local neighbourhood policing team and highlight issues and alerts with residents received from the Police or other authorities.
- 2.6 We provide a website for our local Home Watch group.

2.7 New Councillors will be asked to read this policy on appointment, to ensure they understand our duties and commitments for crime and disorder.

Version History

Date	Summary of Changes
4/5/21	New Policy
22/8/23	Next review date removed

This Policy will be reviewed annually.