

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at COLEHILL VILLAGE HALL on **16th August 2022**, at **8.25pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr Leslie Gibson, Chair

Cllr Emma Urquhart, Vice-Chair

Cllrs Nigel Bridle, Clare Davison, Andy Gale, Michael Gibbs, KD Johnson, Mark Keniston and Andy Todd

Cllr Anne Edwards attended as an observer.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Z Caddy– Clerk.

108.22 PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

There were no members of the public in attendance.

109.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

110.22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st June 2022, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

111.22 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

112.22 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.

113.22 ACCOUNTS

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement from 1 April 2022 to 9th August 2022, a copy of which appears as Appendix 2 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.

114.22 BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS

RESOLVED that the bank account reconciliations be signed in accordance with the Financial Regulations.

115.22 YEAR END EXTERNAL AUDIT 2021/22

Members examined the completed AGAR External Audit Report and Certificate along with the Notice of Conclusion of Audit and It was RESOLVED that the notice be displayed at the Co-op between 3rd August and 6th September. It will stay online with the AGAR indefinitely. The Clerk was thanked for her work which resulted in a clear audit without any queries. A copy of the External Audit report and Certificate appears at Appendix 3 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

116.22 WARM HUB

It was RESOLVED to form a working party called the Resilience Working Group to look at what the Council could do in terms of the heating crisis this coming winter. Cllrs Gibson, Urquhart, Bridle, Edwards, Todd and Keniston will be members of the working party. The Terms of Reference which appear as Appendix 4 to these Minutes in the Minute Book were ADOPTED.

117.22 COLEHILL VILLAGE HALL GATES

It was RESOLVED to appoint contractor C (subject to confirming both gates have the capability to be locked, in the absence of which, Contractor B will be appointed) to supply and install new gates at the Village Hall. The matrix used to aid discussion and formulate a preferred quote appears as Appendix 3 to these Minutes in the Minute Book. Power for this spending falls under the Local Government Act 1972 s.133 – ‘parish or community council may acquire or provide and furnish buildings to be used for public meetings’.

118.22 GRANT AID

It was RESOLVED to grant Colehill Village Hall £2,440.80 by way of reimbursement of the cost of new fireproof stage curtains. Power to grant this grants falls under Local Government Act 1972 s.145 – ‘provision of entertainments’.

119.22 WAR MEMORIAL CLEANING AND REPAIR

It was RESOLVED to have the War Memorial cleaned and the chips repaired in readiness for this year’s Remembrance Parade – the cost of this is £720.00. Power for this spending falls under the War Memorials (Local Authorities’ Powers) Act 1923 s.1– ‘power to maintain, repair and protect war memorials in the Council’s area’.

120.22 BANK ACCOUNTS

Cllr Gibson gave an update on investigations into alternative bank accounts.

121.22 ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FUTURE AGENDA

Limb drop at Merrifield Corner – A tree surgeon was called as an emergency to remove the last dangling branch.

The Meeting ended at 9:16 pm.

CHAIR