

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at COLEHILL VILLAGE HALL on **26TH November 2024**, at **7:15pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr Leslie Gibson, Chair
Cllrs Susan Cowsill, Ann Edwards, KD Johnson and Mark Keniston

APOLOGIES

Cllr Emma Urquhart (illness) Vice-Chair – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the reason for the apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Z Caddy– Clerk.
One member of the public.

207.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

208.24 PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

No members of the public made representations.

209.24 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th October 2024, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

210.24 MATTERS ARISING

188.24 – Cllr Johnson reported that DAPTC have now voted to transition to a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)

211.24 ACCOUNTS

The Clerk circulated and members reviewed a Financial Statement which includes a comparison of income and expenditure against the budget from 1 April 2024 to 25th November 2024, a copy of which appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.

212.24 PROJECTS 2025/26

The project plans for the next year in advance of budget discussions were reviewed and **RESOLVED**. The project plan attached at Appendix 2 to these Minutes in the Minute Book and will be published online.

**213.24 ANNUAL REVIEW OF BALANCES AND EARMARKED RESERVES
DRAFT ESTIMATES AND BUDGET 2025/26**

Members reviewed the following:

- (a) The balances of the 2024/25 budget.
- (b) The expenditure required in 2025/2026 to assist with the budget preparation.

(c) A draft budget for 2025/26.

It was RESOLVED to indicate to Council that the recommended budget should be £217,825.43 and to recommend to Council the recommended Precept should be £137,500.00 (an increase of 7.42% on this years)

- 214.24 DORSET COUNCIL 20MPH SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON BURTS HILL**
The feedback received from the public consultation was NOTED. This will be reported to full Council on 10th December.
- 215.24 GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS**
The documents below were reviewed and it was RESOLVED to adopt the following documents:
Expenses policy – [here](#) no changes
Data Breach Policy - [here](#) no changes
Crime & Disorder Policy - [here](#) possible change required will be to amend the PACT name.
It was further RESOLVED to re-instate the 'next review date' on each document as per the requirements for the LCAS Silver Award
- 216.24 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.
- 217.24 CIL INCOME**
It was NOTED that we have received CIL income of £1,742.26 into our account.
- 218.24 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**
It was NOTED that a Freedom of Information request has been received and dealt with.
- 219.24 BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS**
RESOLVED that the bank account reconciliations be signed in accordance with the Financial Regulations.
- 220.24 INTERNAL AUDIT**
The contents of the mid-year Internal Auditors report was NOTED. This has been published on the website [here](#)
- 221.24 ITEMS FOR REPORT AND CLOSE OF MEETING**
Cllr Johnson reported that the Government want all areas of the Country to have an elected Mayor in grouped counties. Details should follow.

The Meeting ended at 9:06 pm.

CHAIR