

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at COLEHILL VILLAGE HALL on **29<sup>th</sup> November 2022**, at **7:15pm**.

**PRESENT**

Cllr Leslie Gibson, Chair  
Cllr Emma Urquhart, Vice-Chair  
Cllrs Nigel Bridle, Clare Davison, Michael Gibbs, KD Johnson, Mark Keniston and Andy Todd

**APOLOGIES**

No apologies

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs Z Caddy– Clerk. Cllr Ann Edwards as an observer.

A minutes silence was held for Jack Horwood, a former Councillor who has recently passed away.

**217.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**218.22 PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

No members of the public were in attendance.

**219.22 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

**220.22 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**221.22 GRANT AID APPLICATION**

It was RESOLVED to grant Citizens Advice £4,000.00. Spending for this falls under the Local Government Act 1972 s142 (2A) – ‘power to assist organisations providing individuals information and advice concerning those individuals rights and obligations’.

**222.22 COMMUNITY BUS SCHEME**

It was RESOLVED to recommend a contribution £8,775.00 towards this shared transport scheme run for us by Dorset Community Transport. This will be ratified next week by full Council due to the level of finance exceeding Committee limits.

**223.22 COOMBES WOOD REPLANTING**

It was RESOLVED to allocate £2,000 to replanting an area within Coombes Wood and power was delegated to the Clerk to undertake this project before February at the latest to safeguard the plants establishing. Spending power for this project will fall under the Public Health Act 1875 s164 – ‘power to maintain

lands for the purpose of being used as public walks or pleasure grounds' Cllr's Bridle and Davison will investigate and advise the Clerk on the most suitable plants.

**224.22 CORONATION**

The notes from the first working party were presented to members. These notes are attached at Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book. It was RESOLVED to:

Book the Village Hall on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May in the evening.  
Book the Reef for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May and Jamie Jigsaw for that day.

**225.22 ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement from 1 April 2022 to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022, a copy of which appears as Appendix 2 to these Minutes in the Minute Book. It was RESOLVED to accept these accounts.

**226.22 ANNUAL REVIEW OF BALANCES FOR 2022/2023 AND EARMARKED RESERVES/DRAFT ESTIMATES AND BUDGET FOR 2023/2024**

Members reviewed the balances of the 2022/23 budget and considered a draft budget for 2023/24 which would be approved at the Council meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> December.

It was RESOLVED:

- (a) that the balances of the 2022/23 budget be approved.
- (b) that a draft budget of £172,784.96 be considered and approved at the Council meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

**227.22 NON-PAYMENT OF ACCESS LICENCE**

It was RESOLVED that one final letter should be sent to the householder saying that the amount owing under the agreement must be paid by the end of December this year or we will take steps to remove the access and licence agreement.

**228.22 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.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.

**229.22 BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS**

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

**230.22 ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FUTURE AGENDA**

Cllr Bridle will be turning on the Christmas lights at St Michaels church on Sunday at 3pm.

The Meeting ended at 9 pm.

CHAIR