

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **3 December 2019**, at **8.00pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr David Mitchell, Chairman

Cllr Emma Urquhart, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs Nigel Bridle, Andy Gale, Leslie Gibson, Charlotte Greening, KD Johnson, Stefan Morawiec, and **Pete Cunningham (Rota Member)**.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Susan Cowsill

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Z Caddy– Clerk.

**286.19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**287.19 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 October 2019, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

**288.19 MATTERS ARISING**

208.19 – Cllr Johnson – Scout should read Scouts.

**289.19 BUS SHELTER**

It was noted that the item is listed for discussion at this meeting was looked at in greater detail than anticipated at the Highways and Plans meeting held before this one. It was commented that this is a really well-used bus stop and that we should be doing what we can to encourage shared transport given that we are in a climate emergency. The 4 quotes obtained by the Clerk were examined at the Highways and Plans meeting as opposed to this one and it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to purchase a Shelter under the Parish Council Acts 1957 s1. and to use BC Shelters. They are the company that installed the shelter outside the Pharmacy last year and although it was the second cheapest, only by approx. £200, it was felt that the shelter would match exactly with the Pharmacy one and aesthetically would look far better. Full Council approval would be sought next week but this is not anticipated to go against the recommendation.

Cllr Urquhart commented that we could also look at getting one on the opposite side of the road. Gibson said that perhaps we could also look at getting bus shelters at the top of Hayes Lane as they are incredibly well used. Cllr Mitchell said at the moment just one a year is recommended.

**290.19 BENCHES**

Members heard that Cllr Urquhart and the Clerk will be putting together an overview of each bench and what work is needed in terms of refurbishment, to then be able to obtain quotes for works needed to the benches.

**291.19 COMMUNITY BUS NO 88**

It was unanimously RESOLVED to fund for the financial year 2020/2021 the £5,100 to continue the Community Bus number 88. Members NOTED that there will shortly be an additional day that the bus will run, this will be funded by reimbursements from Dorset Council for people getting on the bus and showing a pensioner's bus pass. Again, this will be need to be agreed at full Council next week.

**292.19 DRAFT BUDGET 2020/21**

Members considered the draft budget for 2020/21 and agreed that it would be discussed further at the meeting on 14 January, prior to it being presented to Council on 21 January, when the precept would be set.

The spending budget for continuing the Dorset Community Transport one day per week service 88 would need to be approved at a Council meeting.

The Members agreed that funds for the Climate Emergency ought to be budgeted for, alterations needed to the website for the new website accessibility law coming into force September next year as well as VE Weekend (although this should come from reserves), starting to build a pot for a Coronation Fund and an entertainment budget.

**293.19 VE WEEKEND**

Members RESOLVED to earmark £7,000.00 to spend on next year's VE Weekend celebrations, although this should come from reserves so as not to impact on resident's precept. Full Council will need to agree to this next week.

**294.19 ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement from 1 April 2019 to 25 November 2019, a copy of which appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.

**295.19 BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS**

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

**296.19 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED that the accounts listed in Appendix 2 to these Minutes in the Minute Book be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

**297.19 MEMORIAL HALL REVIEW**

Cllr Urquhart reported on what was said at their AGM last night but the matter would be deferred to next week's full Council meeting.

**298.19 COUNCIL IT SUPPORT**

Members heard that the Council's IT support provider has not increased prices for next year, so it was unanimously RESOLVED to continue to use AJV Computing for another year.

**299.19 INTERNAL AUDITOR**

Members RESOLVED to unanimously continue to use the internal auditor Jane Stacey.

**300.19 ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FUTURE AGENDA**

The Meeting ended at 9:43 pm.

CHAIRMAN