

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **14 January 2020**, at **8.00pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr David Mitchell, Chairman
Cllr Emma Urquhart, Vice-Chairman
Cllrs Nigel Bridle, Andy Gale, Leslie Gibson, KD Johnson and Stefan Morawiec

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Susan Cowsill, Charlotte Greening

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Z Caddy– Clerk.

338.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

339.20 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd December 2019, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

340.20 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

**341.20 ANNUAL REVIEW OF BALANCES AND EARMARKED RESERVES
DRAFT ESTIMATES AND BUDGET 2020/21**

(a) To review the balances of the 2019/20 budget.

(b) To consider the draft budget for 2020/21.

(c) To indicate to Council what the recommended Precept should be.

Members AGREED to the expenditure in the budget made one minor change to Oliver's Park Maintenance to allow for additional unknown expenditure once the field is transferred to us.

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson and seconded by Cllr Urquhart that the recommendation to Council should be for an increase of 2.6% on the precept. A vote was taken (5:2) and it was AGREED that this would be the recommendation.

342.20 PHONE BOX REMOVAL

It was AGREED that Colehill Parish Council would urge against the removal of the telephone box located at Dales Drive Colehill. It has been used 49 times in the last year which shows clear evidence that it is use on average once a week. Removing this would appear to go against BT's proposals that a phone box would not be removed if there was not another one within 800 meters and is regularly used.

343.20 VIREMENT

It was RESOLVED to make a virement for the expenditure incurred/necessary to incur for: Clerks Training of £250 and Travel Expenses of £180.85
The sum of £430.85 will be taken from "Oliver's Park maintenance"

344.20 WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY QUOTE

The quote from Wimborne Business Systems Ltd was looked at for bringing the website up to compliance level in readiness for the new Website Accessibility laws coming into effect for us in September 2020. It was noted that in accordance with our

Financial Regulations we do not have to go for other quotes as it is a continued and specialised service from our current web administrator. The quote of £1,750 is incredibly competitive compared with what other Councils have been quoted by their website provider according to the Clerk and from conversations with other Council's, because of the complexity of the work, some website providers are even saying that they do not want to undertake the work regardless of cost. It is felt unnecessary to look elsewhere, highly unlikely to be more competitive as Wimborne Business Systems already know the website so the work involved would be faster than another company therefore saving time and no doubt cost. It was RESOLVED that Wimborne Business Systems would carry out the work in accordance with their quote and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 s.111.

345.20 ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

It was AGREED that Cllr Susan Cowsill would be asked if she would like to be nominated for one of the allocated spaces for Council Chairmen to attend the Royal Garden Party on Tuesday 12 May 2020.

346.20 BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS

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

347.20 ACCOUNTS

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement from 1 April 2019 to 8 January 2020, a copy of which appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.

348.20 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.

349.20 ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Johnson asked if it could be listed on an agenda to start the Council meetings at 7:15pm and could it be considered to splitting so that Finance meetings are not always after Highways, Plans and the Environment meetings. The Clerk said that the budget meetings at the end of this year would definitely be split from other meeting evenings as it has been suggested before and is too complex not to be dealt with on an evening on its own.

The Meeting ended at 9:25 pm

CHAIRMAN