

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **20 AUGUST 2019**, at **8.20pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr David Mitchell, Chairman

Cllr Emma Urquhart, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs Nigel Bridle, Susan Cowsill, Leslie Gibson, Charlotte Greening, KD Johnson, Stefan Morawiec, Darren Williams and **Clare Davison (Rota Member)**.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Andy Gale

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Z Caddy – Clerk.

131.19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

132.19 REVIEW OF EDGE SOFTWARE

Cllr Urquhart proposed and Cllr Johnson seconded, it was RESOLVED to continue using the Edge software for the finances.

133.19 ACCOUNTS

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement from 1 April 2019 to 13 August 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.

134.19 LAPTOP

RESOLVED that a new laptop be purchased and that Cllr Morawiec organise which model and package of software should be chosen.

135.19 SOLAR SID

Cllr Johnson said that if a new post can be agreed and installed then before needing to purchase a new SID we could use the existing SID. Cllr Urquhart raised the point that as the proposed new SID is solar, what happens if it is too dark or covered up with trees. Cllr Johnson will do some more research on the device and posts and bring back to discuss again.

136.19 ACCESS LICENCES

The request from Gary Adams to buy some shingle to fill holes without charging for labour in the area that the access that he pays for, and reduce the cost of his licence fee for this year was AGREED.

137.19 BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS

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

138.19 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.

139.19 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 June 2019, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

140.19 MATTERS ARISING

96.19 – Cllr Johnson said that this point was confusing. The names are in the Quarterjack Park of people who have been killed in World War One.

141.19 Library Funding

Cllr Mitchell explained that when the library first had the option of going to a Community library or being shut down, a questionnaire went out to a large number of houses, to see if they were in support of paying £2 per household more Council Tax to fund the library staying open. The answer from residents was an overwhelming yes. We do therefore have a real obligation to continue with the ring-fencing of the library funding for the four years. The library would simply have to close without it. The funds required have not increased and are pegged at £11,000.00 per year, paid in two instalments. It was AGREED that the Parish Council will make those funds in principle available.

142.19 ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FUTURE AGENDA

The latest Library newsletter has just come out and features John Gooch's retirement.

The Meeting ended at 8:50pm.

CHAIRMAN