At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **26 FEBRUARY 2018**, at **8.00pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr Stephen King, Chairman

Cllr Helen Lawrence, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs Susan Cowsill, Charlotte Greening, KD Johnson, David Mitchell, Barry Roberts, Peter Scriven, Emma Urguhart and David Packer (R).

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Paine – Clerk.

One resident attended to observe the meeting.

393.19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

394.19 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 January 2019, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

395.19 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

396.19 WIMBORNE ROAD PARKING PROBLEMS

The Chairman advised that the DCC Premises Commissioning Manager had provided some further information on the parking spaces at Beaucroft School. However, he wished to defer this item until Council on 26 March, as he intended to study the maps before asking Members to make a decision on contributing towards the cost of additional parking spaces.

397.19 WAR MEMORIAL WORK

RESOLVED that Minster Stone Memorials' quotation be accepted to repaint the inscriptions on the Colehill War Memorial.

Background papers: Street Furniture file

398.19 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORK FOR OLIVER'S PARK PLAY AREA

RESOLVED that Wessex Ground Services' quotation be accepted to carry out the Oliver's Park Play Area grounds maintenance work, on a fortnightly basis, from 1 March to 29 February 2020.

Background papers: Oliver's Park file

399.19 ELECTION

The Members discussed the forthcoming election and AGREED to hold an open afternoon in March so that people could find out how they could stand as a councillor.

400.19 COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL

The Secretary of the Colehill Memorial Hall Management Committee had asked for clarification on the responsibilities of the Management Committee and the responsibilities of the Custodian Trustees.

RESOLVED that a solicitor would be employed to study the legal documents and explain fully the responsibilities and differences of the Management Committee and the Custodian Trustees.

401.19 ACCOUNTS

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement from 1 April 2019 to 18 February 2019, a copy of which appears as Appendix 2 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.

402.19 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.

403.19 BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS

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

404.19 ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FUTURE AGENDA

- (a) The Clerk said that she was arranging for the office Talk Talk broadband/telephone line to be cancelled on 30 March. Unfortunately, the 01202 900821 telephone number could not be transferred over to a new line/provider.
- (b) It was NOTED that the Wimborne branch of Barclays Bank was closing. This would not cause too much disruption to the Parish Council, apart from not being able to cash cheques locally. This closure would provide an opportunity for the Council to investigate using online banking services.
- (c) Cllr Johnson asked that the Cycle Way that runs across Kyrchil Corner be discussed at a future meeting to determine whether there were any permissive rights that should be adhered to.

405.19 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted it was likely that if a member of the public were present during the following item there would be a disclosure of 'confidential information' involving staff and they therefore be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

406.19 STAFFING MATTERS

The staffing matters regarding the employment of a new Clerk were discussed. The Confidential Minute appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Meeting ended at 8.55pm.

CHAIRMAN