

At a Meeting of the **HIGHWAYS PLANS & THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at COLEHILL VILLAGE HALL on **10th September 2024**, at **7:15pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr Clare Davison - Vice-Chair (Chair for the meeting)
 Cllrs Susan Cowsill, Ann Edwards, KD Johnson, Ken Murgatroyd and Emma Urquhart

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Leslie Gibson and Nigel Bridle (Non-business) – It was RESOLVED to accept the reasons for the apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Z Caddy– Clerk. One member of the public.

A minute’s silence was held for Cllr Michael Gibbs who has passed away this week.

121.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

122.24 PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

No members of the public made any representations.

123.24 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th August 2024, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

124.24 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

125.24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

From the applications currently listed on www.colehill.gov.uk no members of the public have requested that any are discussed. Members did review and discuss the following and comments were recorded as follows:

PA NO	ADDRESS & DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED
P/FUL/2024/03826	Land off Cobbs Road, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 2RL Erect a dwelling. Improve access and form parking area. OBJECTION – The application is out of character in this vicinity, which is Greenbelt and a Conservation area. The area is used enormously by hikers and dog walkers and this development would have a detrimental impact on a large number of people. There are already often drainage/water table issues which could possibly cause problems elsewhere and to the neighbouring properties. If this were to go ahead, the utmost care must be taken in terms of any construction - the end of Cobbs Road is one of the most congested in the area due to the nature of Beaucroft School and the vast number of minibuses and Cobbs Road itself is an unmade road prone to

	flooding and turning into a muddy bog in the rain and with extended use. There is also concern this is a gateway application for further development in this very special area.
P/HOU/2024/04907	<p>51 Wimborne Road, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 2RR Remove existing garage and rear single-storey extension. Form two storey side extension and form rear single-storey extension. Add roof lights to loft space.</p> <p>OBJECTION – This is adding additional living space/bedroom in place of a parking space and the narrow frontage of this house does not have adequate parking to sustain a 5 bedroom home. If this were to be agreed a construction method statement would need to be in place due to the location of this property opposite Beaucroft School to alleviate the already heavy congestion and near-gridlock state of the highway twice a day.</p>
P/FUL/2024/04629	<p>26 Canford Bottom, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 2HE Demolish existing buildings and construct a Class E retail store and associated parking, servicing arrangements and landscaping</p> <p>OBJECTION – Firstly this area is Greenbelt. Secondly the congestion which already occurs in that part in the village would hugely increase to an unsustainable level. It is inappropriate to put this large retail unit so close to one of the South coast’s busiest bottlenecks. We are concerned if this development is granted much of the traffic would come through the village where there are already 17,000 vehicle movements a week one way from Wimborne Minster to Ferndown along village roads rather than along the bypass.</p>

126.24 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following applications have been APPROVED by DC:

P/HOU/2024/02526 - 16 Colborne Avenue, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 2PZ - Demolition of existing conservatory, garage and store and erection of single storey extension to provide a new garage and living room together with associated internal alterations.

*P/HOU/2024/03593 - 78 Lonnen Road, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 7AX
Erect timber framed single storey office – Internal size 28m²*

127.24 OLIVERS PARK/CHURCHMOOR COPSE DELEGATED SPENDING

The figure of £760.00 under delegated spending powers was NOTED.

128.24 BENCHES

Members NOTED there were no faults to report.

129.24 WAR MEMORIAL/BUS SHELTERS

Members NOTED there were no faults to report. It was NOTED that the War Memorial will be cleaned in time for the Remembrance parade.

130.24 OLIVER'S PARK/ST MICHAELS DIRT

Members NOTED there were no faults to report and the play bark has been replenished.

131.24 SID

It was RESOLVED to upgrade the solar system at a cost of £275 with funding coming from earmarked reserves.

132.24 GRIT BINS

Members NOTED there were no faults to report. Lapwing Rd needs looking at in terms of refilling.

133.24 HIGHWAY MATTERS FOR REPORT

- (a) KD Johnson is working on some graffiti on the railway bridge off Northleigh Lane.

134.24 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting ended at 8:19 pm.

CHAIR