

At a Meeting of the **HIGHWAYS PLANS & THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL TOWN COUNCIL held at COLEHILL & WIMBORNE YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE on **26TH AUGUST 2026**, at **8:PM**.

PRESENT

Cllr Richard Palmer, Chair

Cllr Susan Cowsill, Vice-Chair

Cllrs Carol Butter, Clare Davison, Ann Edwards, Leslie Gibson, KD Johnson and Emma Urquhart

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Nigel Bridle (Non-Business) – It was RESOLVED to accept the reasons for the apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Z Caddy– Clerk. 3 members of the public.

112.26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

113.26 PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

1 member of the public made representations in connection with speeding and vehicle noise on Wimborne Road West. Members explained that the road was not suitable for speed bumps and that Dorset Council have already told us they're not prepared to put any repeating 30MPH signs all the way along. He was referred to Dorset Councillors Cllr Andy Todd and Jindy Atwal if he is hoping for Dorset Council to make some infrastructure changes to the highway and was asked to keep the Council informed of any progress.

114.26 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd August 2026, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

115.26 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

116.26 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/HOU/2026/04265	Location: 36 Hayes Close, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 2JL Proposal: Erect single storey side and rear extensions, raise roof and create first floor habitable accommodation OBJECTION – We feel this is overdevelopment of the site and this is removing one of the smaller properties in the parish useful for a starter home or downsizing.

	Although we appreciate Highways are satisfied, we would question whether there are enough parking spaces to serve everyone living in the property. We also feel this is likely to generate too much traffic in this small restricted close including on-street parking.
P/HOU/2026/04331	Location: 17 Park Homer Drive, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 2SR Proposal: Conversion of existing single storey bungalow into a two storey dwelling, including ground floor extension, alterations to roof, external elevations, and associated works No comment
P/TRC/2026/04249	Location: Rotherwood, Merrifield, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 7AJ Proposal: T1 Ash – Fell to 5 ft. T2 Ash – Fell to 5 ft. T3 Ash – Fell to 5 ft. T4 Ash – Fell to 5 ft. Comment - Are these supposed to be 5 metres as 5ft doesn't seem very tall for a habitat perch.

117.26 PLANNING DECISIONS

(a) The following applications have been approved by Dorset Council

PA No	Development Proposed
P/HOU/2026/03359	Location: 190 Cutlers Place, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 2HZ Proposal: Erect conservatory on the rear elevation

(b) The following applications have been REFUSED by DC:

PA No	Development Proposed
P/HOU/2026/02554*	Location: 73 Pilford Heath Road, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 2LX Proposal: Proposed alterations to an existing two-bedroom bungalow to create a four-bedroom dwelling. Ground floor extension to square off the existing footprint. Demolish existing garage and add a garage and utility side extension to the existing property.
P/HOU/2026/03146	Location: 69 Foxcroft Drive, Colehill, Dorset, BH21 2JY Proposal: Erection of an ancillary annexe

*Decision not in accordance with the Town Council's submission.

118.26 JULIANS BRIDGE JOINT WORKING GROUP

Cllr Johnson reported on the last meeting of the Julians Bridge Joint Working Group and members reviewed whether to declare a traffic emergency.

Cllrs Palmer and Johnson will formulate some proposed wording to state in essence that we recognise Wimborne Minster and Corfe Mullen have declared a

‘travel emergency’ and that we support their efforts to try to deal with this and support solutions. We also recognise that these wider travel issues can have a knock-on consequence in our Parish.

This proposed wording will be brought to a further meeting for resolution.

Cllr Butter left the meeting at 8:43pm.

119.26 GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS

It was RESOLVED to adopt the following documents:

- Litterpick Risk Assessment – new, was previously part of Conservation R/Ass
- Conservation Risk Assessment – name change and removing litter pick aspects
- Oliver’s Playground Risk Assessment – name change and extending to cover inspection of the adult fitness equipment – (the Clerk will change the inspection tick sheet to include exercise equipment.

120.26 BENCHES

Members NOTED there were no faults to report. Cllr Johnson reported that the Coronation bench is in good condition but the one at the end of Pilford Heath Road needs ironwork and timberwork re-coating.

121.26 OLIVER’S PARK

Members NOTED that the Ball Maze has been vandalised and will need a repair. Rocking chair seems to be deteriorating – this has already been replaced – the Clerk will refer to Playdale.

122.26 SID

Members NOTED that the SID was now located at By the Way field and Cllr Johnson reported on the latest SID data.

123.26 HIGHWAY MATTERS FOR REPORT

Electric scooters – it’s starting to become an issue at Oliver’s park field. Signage will be put up in the noticeboard and on the website. The Clerk will try to enquire with the Police about a face-to-face meeting.

124.26 COMMITTEE MEETING DATE CHANGE

It was NOTED that the Committee meeting scheduled for 15th September will now be 22nd September.

125.26 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CLOSE OF MEETING

The old BMX track looks excellent and is returning to nature but there’s still a large tarpaulin which needs removing. Cllr Urquhart will look at sorting that out.

Application at 73 Hayes Lane where building works were being questioned whether they’re in line with the application granted - update - "Dorset Council's view is that the required details were ultimately submitted and approved, but that some of those submissions were made after development had already commenced. As a result, the developer was not able to fully comply with the timing requirements of the relevant pre-commencement conditions. The Council therefore accepts that there has been a technical breach of planning control.

The key issue considered by officers is whether it would be appropriate and proportionate to take formal enforcement action. Planning enforcement is not automatic whenever a breach occurs. National planning guidance and local practice require authorities to consider whether enforcement action would be expedient and in the public interest.

In this case, officers have advised that the information eventually submitted is acceptable, that the development can proceed in accordance with the approved details, and that no planning harm has arisen from the late submission of the information. On that basis, they have concluded that formal enforcement action would not be justified. The Planning Enforcement Team has confirmed that it supports this position”.

Members were very disappointed and dismayed at Dorset Council’s stance.

Planning app – 1 Green Bottom – we said there should be a construction method statement which was refused and now the road has been damaged as well as root damage. A concrete delivery truck has been stuck, the residents living there are unhappy and they’ve now been in touch with the tree team due to the damage.

The Meeting ended at 9:15 pm.

CHAIR