

12 February 2010

Dear Member

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the  
**FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**  
of Colehill Parish Council which will be held on **Tuesday, 23 February 2010**,  
in the **Betty Webster Committee Room**, at Colehill Memorial Hall, at 20.00 hrs or at the  
rising of the Highways and Plans Committee meeting, whichever is the later, to consider  
the following Agenda items.

Yours faithfully

Clerk

Councillors Keith Baker, John Bell, Susan Davies, Coirin Duff, KD Johnson, Joe Kingsmill,  
Dave Mitchell, David Packer, John Warren and Janet Dover (Rota Member).

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

An opportunity will be given for questions or comments from Parishioners  
prior to the commencement of the Meeting

*Members are reminded that, in accordance with S. 94 of the Local Government Act, 1972, they should declare any direct or indirect pecuniary interest they may have in Items appearing on the Agenda and withdraw from the Meeting during consideration thereof. Members are further reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: equal opportunities, (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital states and any disability), crime and disorder, health & safety and human rights.*

#### A G E N D A

**1. Apologies for Absence**

The Clerk to report any apologies for absence.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Members are reminded that any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared. Pro Forma for this purpose are available at the meeting.

**3. Minutes**

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2010 (Previously circulated with the Council Agenda. Please bring your Minutes with you to the meeting).

**4. Matters Arising**

Any questions arising from the Minutes of 12 January 2010.

**5. Allotment Sub-Committee**

To receive the Report of the meeting held on 2 February 2010 (copy herewith).

**6. Grit Bins (Minute 343.10 refers)**

Council has resolved to support the provision of grit bins and has deferred the decision of priorities and financing to this Committee. To decide which roads will receive a grit bin in time for the 2010 winter season:

(Ashmeads Way, Bridle Way (close to No 31), Cutlers Place (junction with Jessopp Road), Giddylake (Wimborne Road end), Glynville Close, Heron Drive (corner with Pilford Heath Road), Merrifield (junction with Long Lane) and Onslow Gardens.

*No budget allocation has been provided for grit bins in 2010/11 and the expenditure will need to be approved by Council.*

**7. Notice Board**

PCSO Matt Johnson will be installing a notice board next to the Council's notice board at the Co-op. This board will be identical to the Council's notice board and will be used to provide information to young people. The notice board will cost £901.57 + VAT. To consider whether to contribute towards the cost.

*The 2009/10 budget allocation for street furniture has a balance of £580. If this expenditure is agreed a virement will have to be approved by Council. £250 has been allocated for notice boards in 2010/11.*

**8. Priest's House Museum Trust – Grant Aid**

The Curator has asked that the Museum be considered for a grant (copy herewith).

*The 2009/10 budget allocation for local organisations has a balance of £295.10, however the 2009/10 budget allocation for S.137 payments is £232.00 in debit.*

*The grants have been allocated for 2010/11 and there is no contingency for further grants. If a grant is agreed for 2010/11 a virement will need to be arranged and approved by Council.*

**9. Multi Play Unit – Oliver's Park Play Area**

The Council's playground inspector considers that the slide tube run out should be extended to limit the speed at which a child exits the slide tube and hits the ground.

A technical director from Playdale has confirmed that the slide is installed correctly and is in full compliance with BS EN 1176. Playdale has advised that the speed and fast exit at run out should be monitored. Playday has also advised that a ledon's extension could be attached at a cost of £190, not including installation.

Cllr Johnson to report on the quotation that the playground inspector has provided to install the extension.

**10. Goal Mouths – Oliver's Park**

EDDC owns the field at Oliver's Park. The Council's playground inspector considers that the ground around the goal mouths has eroded quite badly and could be a potential tripping hazard. The inspector has quoted £800 + VAT to repair the goal mouths.

EDDC has known about the hazard for sometime, but due to budget constraints has been unable to organise maintenance. The quotation has been forwarded to EDDC and they are seeking a further quotation from their contractors. It is possible that they

will arrange for the repairs to be made especially if the Council offers to contribute towards the repair costs.

To decide whether the Council wishes to contribute towards the repair costs.

**11. Canvas Canopy**

Canon John Goodall was contacted to ask whether he thought a canvas canopy would be useful at the Carols around the Christmas tree event. He has advised that the event will not be held this December as he and the church members do not think it has caught on. They also do not have enough resources to organise and implement the event considering all of the other events they hold during the run-up to Christmas. They may consider holding one in future years, but not this year.

To decide whether to continue investigating the purchase of a canvas canopy.

**12. Kyrchil Corner – Access Licence Fees**

It has been brought to the Clerk's attention that the access licence fee should be reviewed:

*Finance and General Purposes Committee, dated 11 September 2001, Minute 161 (a) (ii) resolved that a new licence for vehicular access personal to the property owner and incapable of assignment, be offered to the 3 properties in Kyrchil Way at a rent of £100 pa increasing by £25 pa for four years, with a five yearly rent review thereafter.*

The current licence fee is £200 and is due on 1 April 2010.

To decide whether to increase the fee in 2011 and to agree that the next review will be in 2016.

**13. Tree Works**

Three quotations have been obtained to carry out the tree work recommended by the Council's arboricultural consultant. The quotations will be available at the meeting.

To decide which contractor will be appointed.

**14. Accounts for Payment**

List to be laid on the table.

**15. Items for report or future Agenda**