

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 9 APRIL 2002

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At the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at the **MEMORIAL HALL** on **9 APRIL 2002**.

The meeting commenced at 19.30hrs

PRESENT

Cllrs J Bell, Mrs J Dover, J Greenwood, T Holloway, J Horwood, J Hurst, K Johnson, A Marsh, Mrs M Osner, E Phillips, D Wallace, J Warren.

There were three members of the public present.

Cllr John Bell, Chairman of the Parish Council, took the Chair.

APOLOGIES were recorded from Cllrs. G Divall and J Gooch and District Councillor D Packer.

388 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 April 2001, having been circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

389 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Bell welcomed the three members of the public present.

Reviewing the items dealt with during 'a very active Council year' he made particular reference to the following matters:

- The threatened closure of Colehill Library, its subsequent reprieve for 12 months and the setting up of a Friends of the Library Committee.
- DCC plans to rebuild Colehill First School and to dispose of the old school site.
- The Council's application to register The Triangle as a new Village Green.
- The level of the Precept for 2002/3.
- Five planning applications of major importance in the Parish.
- The review of electoral arrangements at District and Parish level by the Local Government Commission. Their recommendations would be implemented at the next Election on 1 May 2003.
- The drafting of the Forest Design Plan and its reference to the future management of Cannon Hill Plantation.
- Further requests for skateboarding provision at the Eastern end of the Parish.
- On-going problems with litter clearance on Middlehill Road and the area around Post Office Crossroads.
- The Council's increased administrative load, particularly dealing with consultation documents.

Regarding roads and transport, concern had been expressed to the County Council about the need for pedestrian safety measures at Church and Post Office Crossroads. The Parish Council was seeking support from adjoining

local authorities for a through bus-route from Wimborne to Christchurch via Bournemouth Hospital.

Residents had requested the Council to investigate provision of a pavement and improved street lighting in Leigh Lane and this was under consideration. Another request for extension of the 30-mph speed limit in Colehill Lane had been turned down by DCC as the road was too rural to meet the criteria.

Cllr Bell expressed his appreciation for the increased input from the Police both in the attendance of the Community Beat Officer, PC Dave Frolich at Council Meetings and the now regular monthly visits of the Police Community Service Vehicle.

He thanked Cllr Johnson for setting -up and the continued development of the Colehill Community Website and to the Members and Clerk for their help and support during the year.

**390 PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001**

Copies of the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2001 had been circulated. These had recently been inspected by the District Auditor. The accounts were in order but would not be signed-off until 7 May.

A Receipts and Payments summary of the Council's accounts at 31 March 2002 was available for information.

RESOLVED that the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2001 be received.

Noted.

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting ended at 19.55hrs.