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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of
COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the MEMORIAL HALL on
29 JANUARY 2002.

PRESENT

Cllr G Divall, Vice-Chairman (In the Chair)

Cllrs J Bell, Mrs J Dover, A Gooch, J Greenwood, K Johnson, A Marsh (R)

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr J Horwood

APOLOGIES

Cllrs B Jackson, Mrs M Osner, E Phillips, J Warren

313 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations

314 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 December, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

315 TIME OF MEETING

Cllr KD Johnson asked that, when two meetings are held consecutively, the second meeting should not commence until the time notified on the Agenda.

316 REQUESTS FOR GRANT

(a) ST MICHAEL'S ASSOCIATION

An application had been received from St Michael's Association for a grant towards refurbishment of the school Changing Rooms.

RESOLVED that the Association be informed that Parish Council funding for this year has already been allocated. However, their application will be brought forward for 2002/03 allocation on receipt of further information regarding St. Michael's Association and the degree of public access allowed to the swimming pool facility.

(b) KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY, FERNDOWN

The Charity had requested this Council to consider making a donation towards their Jubilee project at King George V Playing Field playground to provide play facilities for disabled and special needs children.

In view of the limited funding available, it was RESOLVED that the King George's Field Charity be advised that the Parish Council is not able to assist financially with their project.

317 ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

CHAIRMAN'S FUND

Further to Minute 269, the Clerk had discussed with the DAPTC County Director methods of accounting for 'Chairman's Fund' expenditure. Methods varied between Authorities but allocation of expenditure of the

Chairman's Allowance by means of Coding within the Accounts seemed to be an accepted practice.

RESOLVED that on the advice of DAPTC this Council revert to the former practice and accounting arrangements for the Chairman's Fund w.e.f. 1 April 2002.

318 **DORSET COUNTY PENSION FUND
2001 VALUATION**

Notification has been received of increase in the employer's contribution w.e.f. April 2002 by 1.5% with a possible increase of a further 1% in 2003.

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319 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

No account list was presented at the Meeting.

320 **THE TRIANGLE**

**(a) **COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965,
APPLICATION TO REGISTER AS VILLAGE GREEN****

Further to Minute 272c, Cllr Divall presented the completed application to Register 'The Triangle' as a Village Green. The application had been prepared in accordance with the Open Spaces Society's publication 'Getting Greens Registered'. The application comprised the statutory Form 30 stating that "the inhabitants of the locality had indulged in lawful sports and pastimes, as of right, for not less than 20 years" on the land, a map bearing the entries which identified the community claiming the land and 34 evidence forms in support of the claim.

Copies of the Statement in support of the application (Part 5) had been circulated to Members. Cllr Divall said that he was indebted to his wife, Gwen, for studying the evidence gathered and drafting the Part 5 summary. To complete the application, the Clerk would make the necessary Statutory Declaration before a JP and deliver the application to Dorset County Council.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) The submitted application to register land at The Triangle as a Village Green under the Commons Registration Act 1965 be approved and confirmed.
- (ii) The Clerk be authorised to sign and submit the application to Dorset County Council as Registration Authority on the Council's behalf.
- (iii) A unanimous Vote of Thanks was passed to Cllr and Mrs Divall and the Clerk for their work in connection with this project.

(b) CONSERVATION WORKDAY

The next workday would be held on Saturday 9 February when litter collection and further clearance of the laurel would be carried out. The Countryside Management Team would assist with publicity.

321 WOODLAND OFF SMUGGLERS LANE

(a) BMX TRAILS - INSPECTIONS

MINUTE 273c

Following reassurance regarding insurance cover, it was hoped that Jo Newton would undertake routine inspections and arrange for holiday cover.

(b) SIGNS

Quotations for manufacture and erection of one large information sign and two smaller warning signs had been obtained:

Dorset Sign Shop	£505
Otto Kampf	£820 ex vat

RESOLVED that the quotation supplied by Dorset Sign Shop in the sum of £505 be accepted as soon as the wording of the information sign has been finalised.

(c) PERMIT TO RIDE

The Clerk had discussed with Jo Newton the production and distribution of Permits. Once the format of the Permits had been finalised, the aim would be to distribute them before commencement of the Easter Holidays.

(d) TREE WORK

EDDC had advised that the contract to cut back trees overhanging Smugglers Lane would commence on 4 February.
(Minute 273a refers)

322 KYRCHIL CORNER

Further to Minute 292a, the Parish Council has now approved the exact form of the Licence and the Solicitor had been instructed to proceed.

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323 COLEHILL LIBRARY

Further to Minute 291, Cllr John Bell summarised the correspondence he had received following the decision of DCC to postpone consideration of the closure of Colehill Library for 12 months. It was understood that the number of book issues had increased. It will be important to maintain interest in the future of the library.

324 RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

The Committee discussed ways to deal with the various consultation documents which the Parish Council received. Particular reference was made to the following:

DTLR	LG White Paper: 'Parish Proposals'
CDC 47/01	Council Tax on Second Homes
CDC 48/01	DCC New Draft Gypsy & Traveller Policy

CDC 49/01 NALC Guidance on the New Ethical Framework

RESOLVED that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council be granted power to act to respond on the Council's behalf to consultation documents, taking comment, if appropriate from any Members having a particular field of interest.

325 PARISH CONTACTS IN EMERGENCY

Further to Minute 297, the severe weather and flooding that occurred during winter 2000/01 had highlighted the need to clarify who should represent Parish communications links with other authorities. DCC Corporate Services had recommended that Parish Clerks should be the point of contact in an emergency situation. Volunteers under the former Emergency Planning Community Advisor scheme had now been stood down.

RESOLVED that the Clerk undertake the duties of Emergency Parish Contact for Colehill.

326 DORSET YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM

A letter from the Community Resources Officer of the Dorset Youth Offending Team (YOTs) was submitted. The Team was responsible for providing young people under the age of 18 with various forms of reparation as part of a Court Order/Final Warning.

RESOLVED that the Clerk discuss with the Community Resources Officer the opportunity for the Team to undertake conservation work on The Triangle.

327 DCA - 'VITAL VILLAGES' PRESENTATION

Dorset Community Action had invited all Members to attend the 'Vital Villages' Presentation to be staged at Cranborne Village Hall on 21 February. Cllrs Bell and Johnson indicated their interest in attending.

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328 CODE OF CONDUCT

MINUTE 248

The Chairman of the Council referred to correspondence from EDDC regarding training for Councillors prior to adoption of the new Code of Conduct under Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 3576.

RESOLVED that Keith Mallet, EDDC be invited to attend the next meeting of this Committee (12 March) and all Members of the Council be requested to attend.

The Meeting ended at 20.45hrs.

CHAIRMAN