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

PRESENT

Cllr G Divall, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs J Bell, Mrs J Dover, A Gooch, J Greenwood, T Holloway (R), K Johnson,  
E Phillips, J Warren

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr J Hurst

APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs M Osner

**365** CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Cllr Divall referred to the resignation of Cllr Jackson who had been  
Chairman of this Committee. Cllr Divall called for nominations for  
appointment of Chairman for the remainder of the Council Year.

The following nominations were made:

Cllr Mrs Dover - Proposed by Cllr J Bell, Seconded by Cllr T Holloway.

Cllr J Greenwood - Proposed by Cllr J Gooch, Seconded by Cllr E Phillips.

A vote was taken and it was RESOLVED that the appointment of Cllr Mrs  
Dover as Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the Council Year  
be approved and confirmed.

**366** DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr J Greenwood declared a prejudicial interest in Minute 377 (KYRCHIL  
CORNER, LICENCES). He left the room during discussion of this item.

**367** MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 January, having been circulated,  
were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

**368** ST MICHAEL'S CE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Further to Minute 316, information had been received regarding the  
St Michael's Association and the degree of public access given to the tennis  
courts, swimming pool and changing rooms at the school.

Following discussion it was RESOLVED that the St Michael's Association  
be informed that the Council regret they are unable to make a financial  
contribution towards the Changing Room project.

**369**     **PURCHASE OF PHOTOCOPIER**

MINUTE 154.4

Arising from the Meeting of the Offices Sub-Committee 28 August 2001 and review of office machinery, the Clerk requested that the Toshiba 1220 photocopier be replaced. A new model Minolta EP1030 which was more compact was available at £550 +vat and could be funded from Repairs & Renewals Earmarked Reserve. An allowance of £25 would be made on the Toshiba.

RESOLVED that an order be placed for purchase of a Minolta EP1030 copier.

**370**     **AUDIT OF ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001**

Notification had been received from the Auditor that account books were to be presented for audit on 18 March in order that the audit could be completed before the end of the financial year.

The appointed day when members of the public could see the auditor was to be advertised as 7 May 2002 and public notices had been issued.

NOTED

**371**     **DORSET COUNTY PENSION FUND**  
**VALUATION 2001**

Further to Minute 318, DCC had advised that the following contribution rates to the County Pension Fund would apply to Parish & Town Councils over the next 3 years:

2002/3	265% of employee's contribution
2003/4	290% of employee's contribution
2004/5	300% of employee's contribution

NOTED

**372**     **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED that the accounts listed at Appendix 1 be passed for payment and cheques drawn therefor.

**373**     **ED LOCAL PLAN**  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAY AREA**  
**OFF BRIDLEWAY, CANFORD BOTTOM**

Further to Minute 222, six acres of land close to Bridleway had been allocated in the Local Plan as an area for recreational use and EDDC were examining the possibility of undertaking this project in 2002/03 financial year.

Neil Farmer attended the meeting. He requested the Council's preliminary views on the level of play provision and public access that would be

appropriate and the role the Council would have in development and management of the site.

Members expressed concern about a suitable point of access particularly for grounds maintenance, parking provision and disabled access. The land was directly behind residential culs-de-sac (Halter Rise and Stirrup Close). Further information would be needed regarding availability of an access from Willow Drive. Due to the significant slope on the land it was thought only to be suitable for informal recreational use with perhaps a small fenced area and some children's play equipment.

RESOLVED that the District Council be advised that:

- (a) This Council is supportive of an informal recreation use to include a fenced area with some play equipment for younger children.
- (b) It would be appreciated if consideration could be given to a small item for skateboarders e.g. a 'half pipe'.
- (c) Subject to the site being managed by EDDC, this Council would be willing to consider assisting with operational costs, as with the current management of Olivers Park.

The Chairman thanked Neil Farmer for attending the meeting to discuss this project with the Parish Council.

**374**     **THE TRIANGLE**

(a)     **CONSERVATION WORKDAYS**

The Countryside Management Team had scheduled the following dates for conservation workdays:

20 APRIL	15 JUNE	17 AUGUST
19 OCTOBER		21 DECEMBER.

(b)     **DORSET YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM**

Further to Minute 326, the Chairman of Council and Clerk had met the Dorset YOT's Community Resources Officer. The Team would be willing to join the scheduled Triangle Conservation Workdays, They would also collect litter on other occasions if the Parish Council would provide sacks and litter pickers and arrange for clearance of refuse sacks.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Involvement of Dorset YOT's in conservation and litter clearance be welcomed.
- (ii) An order be placed through EDDC for purchase of 6 litter pickers at an estimated cost of £20 each.

**375**     **WOODLAND OFF SMUGGLERS LANE**  
**MINUTE 321**

Further information was awaited on the following matters

- (a) Approval of and arrangements for distribution of Permits
- (b) Ordering of signs (awaiting clarification of (a) above)

(c) Arrangement for BMX Trail inspections by Jo Newton  
Removal of branches from trees overhanging Smugglers Lane had been successfully carried out by B W King (Tree Surgeons) under supervision of the Countryside Management Team.

NOTED

**376 TREE WORK - KYRCHIL CORNER**

Following the recent high winds several trees had been damaged at Kyrchil Corner along the frontage to Middlehill Road. DCC had agreed to clear a tree at the back of the woodland that was obstructing FP 21. As a matter of urgency, the Clerk had accepted a quote from Mark Worboys to cut back trees behind the Village Sign and to remove a fallen tree near Middlehill Road at the estimated cost of £200.

RESOLVED that the action taken be approved and confirmed.

**377 KYRCHIL CORNER - LICENCES**

Further to Minute 322, and matters raised under Public Participation at the Council Meeting on 26 February. Cllrs Bell, Mrs Dover and Divall had given detailed consideration to the statement submitted by Mrs Williams of 11 Kyrchil Way on behalf of those Kyrchil Way residents who had been offered Licences. Copies of all documents were available at the Meeting and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee presented a draft response to the statement for consideration by Members.

RESOLVED that the draft letter, as submitted, be approved and sent to Mrs Williams.

**378 DORSET COUNTY TOWNS PARTNERSHIP  
PARISH FACILITIES SURVEY**

The Clerk had responded to the above request by DCC for statistical information regarding Parish facilities.

NOTED

**379 CENTENARY VILLAGE SIGN**

Temporary planning permission was granted for a 5-year term for the village sign. The Clerk had written to the Planning Officer asking that the temporary condition be removed and that the sign be allowed to remain. It might prove necessary for a further planning application to be made. A reply was awaited.

NOTED

**380**      **REVISION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Arising from acceptance of the new Code of Conduct it was now necessary to revise Standing Orders. The Clerk was in correspondence with Keith Mallett as Monitoring Officer regarding the required amendments.

RESOLVED that the Chairman & Vice-Chairman be authorised to oversee the amendments to Standing Orders and to recommend to Council the adoption of the necessary changes.

**381**      **CODE OF CONDUCT**  
**REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Further to Minute 342, Keith Mallett in his capacity as Monitoring Officer, had confirmed that he would hold the Register of Members' interests. Parish Clerks would receive a copy of the entries relating to their respective Councillors.

The Standards Board had advised that:

- (a) Use of internet facilities for publicising the Register of Members' Interest would go beyond the legal requirements of the Local Government Act 2000 and would not be used.
- (b) Where a Parish Council had more than 50% of its Committee Members affected by the same prejudicial interest (e.g. as Trustees of the Memorial Hall) a dispensation should be sought from the District Council.

NOTED

**382**      **COLEHILL LIBRARY**

An informal coffee morning would be held at the Library on 14 March for people interested in joining a Friends of Colehill Library Group. It was anticipated that two People's Network terminals would be installed in the Library next month. Confirmation from the Library Service was awaited together with further information about setting-up a Friends Group.

NOTED

**383**      **COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL**  
**SIGN TO COMMITTEE ROOM**

It was noticed that Members of the Public found difficulty in finding the entrance to the Committee Room. The Hall Management Committee would have no objection to the Parish Council erecting direction signs on the door and the end wall at the Hall. The Designer Sign Company Ltd. of Verwood had quoted £76.60 + vat for supply and fixing of two Dibond signs to conform to the main lettering.

RESOLVED that the price quoted be accepted and an order placed.

**384**     **TRANSFER OF LICENCE - ALLDAYS**

Notification was received that application would be made to transfer the licence at Alldays now held by Stuart Powell, Keith Lawrence and Elizabeth Mann to Stuart Powell, Sonya Carlo and Keith Lawrence.

NOTED

**385**     **GOLDEN JUBILEE OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN**

The Chairman of the Council asked Members to consider planting a special tree to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. One possible site was on the Triangle opposite Post Office Crossroads.

RESOLVED that the suggestion be approved, in principle, and the Chairman be authorised to make further enquiries and to report back to the Committee.

**386**     **TRANSPORT MATTERS**

(a)     **REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Cllr J Greenwood reported on various transport matters. A DCC Panel was reviewing all subsidised bus services and other schemes and would report their findings in June.

NOTED

(b)     **BUS ROUTE TO BOURNEMOUTH HOSPITAL**

Cllr Bell referred to the expressed need for a through bus route from Wimborne to Bournemouth Hospital and on to Christchurch. The need for this service had been identified at a transport consultative meeting in 2001. DCC Passenger Transport section had advised DAPTC that such a route would be too urban to qualify for a rural bus grant.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i)     A letter be sent to DCC Passenger Transport section requesting them to reconsider the possibility of providing a bus service from Wimborne to Bournemouth Hospital on the route proposed.
- (ii)    Copy correspondence be sent to the Local Authorities en route.

**387**     **DELEGATE'S REPORTS TO COUNCIL MEETING**

Cllr KD Johnson asked that when a delegate had attended a seminar or function on the Council's behalf that an opportunity be given to report back to the Council.

RESOLVED that provision be made on the Council Agenda for such reports.

The Meeting ended at 21.25hrs

CHAIRMAN