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

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs J Dover, Chairman  
Cllr G Divall, Vice-Chairman  
Cllrs J Bell, A Gooch, J Greenwood, K Johnson, E Phillips, J Warren  
J Horwood (R)

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllrs J Hurst, Mrs S Jones, A Marsh

APOLOGY

Cllr Mrs M Osner

**418 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr J Greenwood declared a personal interest in Minute 429 (Kyrchil Corner - Access Licences) and was not present in the meeting when the item was discussed.

**419 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 March, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

**420 THE 'LIGHTER TOUCH' AUDIT REGIME**

District Audit had advised that the new Lighter Touch regime would be applied to 2002/3 accounts. Burnett Swayne had been appointed Agents for the Audit Commission and would be auditing the Parish Council's accounts. A basic fee of £250pa fixed for a five-year term would be charged for Councils with annual income or expenditure below £100,000, any additional work would be charged at an hourly rate for which an estimate would be given. In addition to the basic audit, a random 5% of local Councils would be subject to an intermediate audit at no additional charge.

Greater emphasis would be placed on the Council's internal audit arrangements and an auditor should be appointed who was both competent and independent of the Council. The Clerk had made preliminary enquiries and would bring a recommendation to a future meeting.

NOTED

**421 EDDC - IT SUPPORT FOR PARISH COUNCILS & LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

EDDC received a number of requests from Parish Councils and community organisations for assistance with Information Technology matters. The District Council did not have staff available to provide this service and were inviting local organisations to contribute towards the appointment of an additional IT Technician who could support all contributing community organisations in the District.

RESOLVED that EDDC be advised that this Council has satisfactory arrangements for IT support at the present time.

**422 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

**423 BUS ROUTE TO BOURNEMOUTH HOSPITAL**

Further to Minute 386 (b), DCC advised that, with effect from 14 April, the hourly X3 from Poole or Bournemouth would divert to Bournemouth Hospital. The DCC Public Transport Co-ordinator recognised the need for an improved service to the Hospital but did not have the available resources to undertake a scheme. Other means of funding for service improvement was being investigated, including contact with the developers of the Castle Point Scheme, Bournemouth.

NOTED

**424 PERIODIC ELECTORAL REVIEW  
MINUTE 247**

The report of the Boundary Committee for England setting out their final recommendations on the electoral arrangements for the District of East Dorset was published on 3 April.

**DISTRICT COUNCIL WARDS**

Colehill was divided into two wards each returning 1 Councillor.

The constituent area of **Colehill East** ward comprised all development north of Smugglers Lane along Middlehill Road and to the east of Olivers Road, including Cutlers Place. **Colehill West** comprised the remainder of Colehill parish, plus Cranfield & Wesley Roads (the new Cranfield Parish Ward, part of Wimborne Minster) and excluding the Lacy Drive area (now part of the Parish of Colehill). Lacy Drive and Parmiter area will be part of the new Wimborne Minster ward.

**PARISH COUNCIL WARDS**

Colehill Parish would continue to elect 15 councillors representing 4 wards:

<u>Ward Name</u>	<u>Number of Cllrs.</u>
Colehill East	9
Colehill West	4
Lacy	1
Parmiter	1

The boundaries between the four parish wards would reflect the proposed district ward boundaries. During May 2002, the Electoral Commission would make an order implementing the Committee's recommendations.

RESOLVED that:-

(a) The recommendations contained in the report be noted.

Clarification be sought regarding the implications of the warding process for Parish Council Elections.

**425 WOODLAND OFF SMUGGLERS LANE**

**BMX TRAILS**

MINUTE 375

The following matters were raised:-

(a) PERMIT TO RIDE

Cllr Mrs Dover and the Clerk had met Joe Newton representing the BMX riders. Joe had agreed to organise the distribution of the Permits to Ride and to provide the Clerk with a register of names and addresses of permit holders. He would also commence a fortnightly inspection of the site and submit a written report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(b) LITTER

The young people had asked if a litter bin could be placed on site.

RESOLVED that a litter bin be provided.

(c) SIGNS

MINUTE 321

An order had been placed for the signs and these would take approx. 4 weeks to fabricate.

(d) ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Concern had been expressed at The Reef Management Committee that the land off Smugglers Lane was used for anti social behaviour.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to PC David Frölich, Community Beat Officer, with a copy letter to Inspector David Ayres, requesting that attention be paid to this area.

**426 VANDALISM**

Acts of vandalism had occurred over the weekend 20/21 April. Two telephone kiosks in Wimborne Road had been vandalised and gardens damaged in Cutlers Place. The Police had been informed.

**427 LITTER ABATEMENT**

Further to Minute 211, and this Council's enquiries of EDDC and the County Council regarding litter abatement, EDDC had now suggested that problems with enforcement of legislation against dropping of litter might be referred to the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership as anti social behaviour.

RESOLVED that this Council's various concerns regarding anti social behaviour included in Minutes 425 - 427 be referred to the EDDC Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership.

**428 EAST DORSET CAB**

**ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING - 22 MAY**

Notification was received that the Annual Meeting of East Dorset Citizens Advice Bureau would be held at EDDC Offices on Wednesday 22 May at 7.30p.m.

RESOLVED that Cllr Ted Phillips represent this Council at the Meeting.

**429**     **KYRCHIL CORNER - ACCESS LICENCES**

MINUTE 219

(a)     MRS WILLIAMS, 11 KYRCHIL WAY  
LETTER DATED 2 APRIL

The Clerk circulated to members a letter from Mrs Williams in which she raised points of objection to the access licence offered by the Council to residents in Kyrchil Way. Mrs Williams continued to query the legality of the licence and the fee set by the Council which was based on informal advice given by the District Valuer.

Members noted that licences had been offered to the owners of 7,9 and 11 Kyrchil Way with effect from 1 April 2002 and, following further discussion, it was RESOLVED that:-

- (i)     The Council's Solicitor be now instructed to issue an Invoice for the licence fee.
- (ii)    The District Valuer be requested to give written confirmation of the informal licence valuations given to the Council.

(b)     CODE OF CONDUCT - COMPLAINT

Cllr Mrs Dover reported that she had been approached as a District Councillor and requested to deal with an official complaint against the Parish Council. She had advised Mrs Williams to make a direct approach to Keith Mallet as Monitoring Officer at EDDC.

NOTED

The Meeting ended at 21.05hrs

CHAIRMAN