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At the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **8 APRIL 2003**.

PRESENT

Cllrs J Bell, Mrs J Dover, Mrs G Divall, J Gooch, T Holloway, J Horwood, J Hurst, K Johnson, Mrs S Jones, A Marsh, E Phillips, D Wallace, J Warren.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr P Gausson, Chairman EDDC
Cllr D Packer, EDDC
Inspector David Ayres, Dorset Police
PC David Fröhlich, Colehill Community Beat Officer

APOLOGIES were received from Cllrs J Greenwood and Mrs M Osner.

There were no members of the public present.

416 WELCOME

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr John Bell welcomed the Members present and thanked Cllr Phillip Gausson, Chairman of EDDC and Inspector Ayres and PC Fröhlich for attending.

417 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 April 2002, having been circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

418 MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES OF 9 APRIL 2002

- (a) Pedestrian safety at Post Office & Church Crossroads**
A scheme for Church Crossroads was being prepared by DCC. There are no plans at this time for Post Office Crossroads. The Parish Council continues to press for improvements.
- (b) Rebuilding of Colehill First School**
Plans have been drawn by DCC and a planning application
- (c) Litter at Post Office Crossroads and Middlehill Road**
With effect from 1 April, EDDC has scheduled weekly litter clearance.
- (d) Land for Public Open Space off Bridleway, Canford Bottom**
EDDC had commenced negotiations to purchase land designated in the District Plan for open space. Site layout and future development for play would be subject to a planning application and public consultation.
- (e) Request for a Skateboarding Facility**
Because of the close proximity of housing at the site off Bridleway, EDDC favoured Leigh Meadows for a future skateboarding facility.
- (f) Bus Service to Bournemouth Hospital**
The need was recognised but DCC Public Transport Co-ordinator had insufficient resources for the scheme.
- (g) Pavement and Street Lighting in Leigh Lane**
DCC had been asked to undertake a safety audit to show the degree of pedestrian use.

419 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Reviewing items dealt with during the year, Cllr Bell made particular reference to the following matters:

- Middlehill Road resurfacing and litter clearance.
- Post Office Crossroads, planting of Jubilee Tree and progress with the requested 'No Waiting at any Time' Order.
- Successful registration of The Triangle as a new village green. Cllr Bell thanked those who regularly took part in the conservation workdays and recalled the work undertaken by the late Cllr Gordon Divall in securing purchase of the land for the Parish. Work would start this year on along the Wimborne Road frontage. This would affect the appearance of the woodland and full publicity would be given in advance of the start date.
- The Library, which had been threatened with closure 12 months ago, was now thriving thanks to the hard work of the Friends of the Library Group headed up by local residents, Tony Jeffrey and Derek Henderson.
- The threat by BT to remove the telephone kiosks in Middlehill Road and Sandy Lane.
- Forest Enterprise's plans to launch a Community Woodland Scheme at Cannon Hill.
- The level of the Precept for 2003/04 which had been reduced for a second year running.
- District and Parish Elections on 1 May and the new Warding arrangements.

The Chairman thanked the Council for their support during his term of office. He expressed his personal thanks to Cllr KD Johnson for his continued input with the Council's website, Cllr John Warren for his hard work as Chairman of Colehill Memorial Hall in managing and maintaining the building and Cllr Gooch who had given so much of his time to revising the Council's Standing Orders.

In response, the Chairman of EDDC, Cllr Phillip Gaussen, thanked the Council for the opportunity to visit Colehill. The Parish Council was well run and he wished the members well in the future.

420 COMMUNITY POLICING

REPORTS OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND VANDALISM

Inspector Ayres outlined the arrangements in place to cover the community policing of Colehill during secondment of PC David Fröhlich. to The Princes' Trust.

The number of reported crimes in Colehill was comparatively low, however, recently there had been one or two highly visible crimes where property was damaged and this had raised the levels of public awareness.

During the past year there had been an increase in the number of reported incidents of anti social behaviour, sometimes these were linked with criminal damage. Much work was being done by the Police, schools and other agencies to educate young people and their parents aimed at dealing with anti-social behaviour and, in turn, reducing crime.

In response to questions, Inspector Ayres outlined the protocol between the Police and the local authorities responsible for removing abandoned vehicles. He undertook to enquire into the delay in removing a vehicle recently abandoned in Wimborne Road, Colehill.

The Chairman emphasised that Council Members welcomed the attendance of the Community Beat Officer at their meetings and looked forward to the return of PC Fröhlich. He thanked Inspector Ayres for his attendance.

**421 PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002**

Copies of the audited Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2002 had been circulated and a Receipts and Payments summary of the Accounts at 31 March 2003 was available for information.

RESOLVED that the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2002 be received and noted.

The Meeting ended at 20.15hrs.

CHAIRMAN