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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of
COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the MEMORIAL HALL on
28 JANUARY 2003.

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs J Dover, Chairman

Cllr J Gooch, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs J Bell, Mrs G Divall, J Greenwood, K Johnson, Mrs M Osner, E Phillips,
J Warren

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr T Holloway

APOLOGY

Cllrs Mrs S Jones, A Marsh (R)

336 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr J Greenwood declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Minute 353 (Kyrchil Corner - Access Licences) and left the room during discussion of this item.

337 MINUTES

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

338 DCC SUPERANNUATION FUND - INTERIM VALUATION.

Arising from an Interim Valuation of DCC Superannuation Fund the Actuary had advised that higher employer contributions would be required at the next full valuation. Local Councils were invited to consider paying increased contributions rates phasing over a 3, 4 or 5 year period, alternatively, to wait for the next valuation in December 2004 before taking action.

The Clerk had sought clarification of the phased rates suggested by DCC and a further report would be made when information was available.

NOTED

339 AUDIT

(A) YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from HLB AV Audit plc, who were now responsible for Parish Audits. They apologised for the delay in dealing with Parish Annual returns and hoped to complete the work by the end of February. Audits for year end 31 March 2003 would be called between May and September.

NOTED

(B) INTERNAL AUDIT

HALF YEAR TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2002

The half-year Audit was in progress and the report awaited.

340 **COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL**
EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Further to Minute 294 & 321, Cllr J Warren reported that a quotation had been obtained for erection of an additional sensor operated security light at the car park entrance.

NOTED

341 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

342 **THE TRIANGLE**

(A) **CONSERVATION WORKDAY - 25 JANUARY**

A successful workday had been held with 16 volunteers attending concentrating on clearing and burning of laurel etc along the Wimborne Road frontage.

NOTED

(B) **BYELAWS**

Cllr Mrs Divall had consulted the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and DEFRA and regarding information on model Byelaws relating to Common land etc. A list of subject headings was provided to Members. Information was awaited on Byelaws relating to control of Dogs. The Guidance notices recommended that Byelaws should only be adopted when it is genuinely needed to address an existing specific local problem.

RESOLVED that :-

- (i) The text of the model Byelaws be circulated to Members.
- (ii) A Meeting be held on 18 February, following Highways & Plans Committee to consider the matter further.

343 **BMX SITE - LAND OFF SMUGGLERS LANE**

The Engineering Inspection had been carried out on behalf of Zurich on 20 January. Attention was drawn to the growth of brambles at the site access, litter clearance and removal of tree-stumps on site. Banyards Ltd. had been requested to remove the marked tree-stumps as part of The Triangle tree work (Minute 243 refers) and a litter collection had been requested. The brambles could be cleared at the next Conservation Workday (22 February).

NOTED

344 **COLEHILL WAR MEMORIAL - MAINTENANCE.**

Provision had been made in the current year's estimates for maintenance of the War Memorial. Estimates had been invited for cleaning of the Memorial but only Anthony Ives Stonemasons had responded.

In order to make progress with this work in the current financial year it was

RESOLVED that the estimate in the sum of £475 be accepted.

345 PARISH COUNCIL - COMPUTER.

The Clerk had experienced problems with the computer. The power unit failed and has been replaced at a cost of £45. A bad cluster was identified on the C drive which had been rectified, however, in the circumstances it was desirable to have a reliable back-up system and to consider replacing the computer in two years time.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) The action taken be approved and confirmed.
- (b) A zip drive be purchased and installed at an estimated cost of £150.

346 BT - REMOVAL OF TELEPHONE KIOSKS

Cllr J Bell referred to press articles announcing the removal of a number of BT telephone kiosks in the area, two of which were at Middlehill Road and Lonnen Road/Sandy Lane junction. The Press report was published on 21 January and the phones were removed from the boxes three days later. Neither the Parish Council nor District Council had received any prior notification from BT or invitation to comment or consult on these proposals.

Members expressed concern at the withdrawal of these services, particularly the box at Middlehill Road. There being no telephone at Colehill Memorial Hall, the box was a lifeline in the event of an emergency.

RESOLVED that strong representations be made to BT regarding the lack of consultation and EDDC be requested to support this Council's request for reinstatement of these services.

**347 EAST DORSET COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
CONFERENCE - 30 JANUARY**

Cllr Gooch advised Members of the Agenda content for the Conference on 30 January.

NOTED

348 LITTER CLEARANCE - MIDDLEHILL ROAD

Cllr KD Johnson expressed dissatisfaction with the attention given by EDDC to litter clearance on Middlehill Road. He enquired whether the litter was cleared on a scheduled basis or simply in response the requests.

RESOLVED that the Clerk enquire what are the scheduled arrangements for litter clearance and the zoning designations under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

**349 ABSENCE OF COLEHILL COMMUNITY BEAT OFFICER
MINUTE 311**

A letter was read from Inspector David Ayres, Section Commander. In the absence of PC Fröhlich, PC Gary Miller at Wimborne Police Station would be the primary response officer taking an overview of issues directly relating

to the Colehill area. He would be report to Sergeant Andrea Power and to Inspector Ayres.

NOTED

350 DAPTC

(a) **APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**
David Peet had succeeded Margaret Bleszynska as Chief Executive.

NOTED

(b) **RECENT LEGISLATION & DATA PROTECTION ACT**
Circular 48/02 summarised recent legislation with which Local Councils had to comply. Copies had been circulated to Members for information.

RESOLVED that, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 this Council registers with the Information Commissioner as holding information on computer, at an annual fee of £35.

351 TRANSFER OF LICENCE - ONE-STOP, DALES DRIVE

Notification was received of an application to transfer the Licence in respect of One-Stop, Dales Drive now held by Nigel Bennett and Hazel O'Flaherty to Howard Nash and Trudi-Marie Copley.

352 CORRESPONDENCE

Receipt of correspondence on the following matters was reported:

- (a) EDDC (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2003
- (b) Dorset Village of the Year Award 2003
- (c) The Standards Board South West England Roadshow, Taunton, 18 February.
- (d) EDDC Budget Consultation 22 January, details of presentation.
- (e) DCC Introduction of new restrictions and recycling initiatives at household recycling centres w.e.f. 1 January.

353 KYRCHIL CORNER - ACCESS LICENCES

Further to Minute 247, the Clerk reported receipt of further correspondence from the Council's Solicitor. This largely related to copy correspondence between the Legal Representatives for this Council and frontagers to Kyrchil Way. Two of the frontagers had asked whether the Council would be willing to grant a formal Easement as opposed to a Licence.

After due consideration, it was RESOLVED that this Council's Solicitor be advised that the Council is not minded to grant an Easement for use of the access track; that he be instructed to proceed with the offer of a licence on the terms previously stated to apply retrospectively with effect from 1 April 2002.

The Meeting ended at 21.10hrs

CHAIRMAN