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At a Special Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the MEMORIAL HALL on **18 FEBRUARY 2003.**

PRESENT

Cllr J Gooch, Vice-Chairman (In the Chair)  
Cllrs J Bell, Mrs G Divall, J Greenwood, K Johnson, Mrs S Jones, A Marsh (R),  
E Phillips, J Warren

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr J Horwood

APOLOGY

Cllrs Mrs J Dover

**359 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations

**360 THE TRIANGLE AND OTHER WOODLAND MODEL BYELAWS FOR COMMONS**

The Committee considered the model Byelaws provided by Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM).

Twenty-three subject headings were selected for further consideration. Dog Byelaws, although a separate entity, should be considered at the time that general Byelaws were made.

RESOLVED that :-

- (a) A Sub-Committee, comprising Cllrs Mrs Divall, Johnson and Marsh, be appointed to consider the detailed wording and to prepare a final draft of Byelaws for submission to this Committee.
- (b) The Sub-Committee be asked to make appropriate recommendations regarding the inclusion of dog Byelaws.

**361 DCC - "WORKING FOR WILDLIFE IN DORSET" LOCAL NATURE RESERVES AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED.**

Copies of this leaflet were circulated to Members.

RESOLVED that the information be brought forward for consideration when the drafting of the Byelaws has been completed.

**362 THE TRIANGLE - FUTURE TREE WORK**

The following report of the meeting held on 11 February 2003 was submitted:-

In accordance with Minute 297, the meeting had been convened to consider how clearance work on The Triangle might be progressed. Clearance of the hedge on the Wimborne Road frontage had been commenced as part of The Triangle Conservation Workdays, in view

of the amount of work to be done the Parish Council had agreed to engage a contractor to assist with the work. The Triangle was subject to the EDD (Colehill Lane No. 1, Colehill) TPO 1999, a woodland Order which covered all trees including holly.

The Committee walked the frontage to Wimborne Road and through the woodland concentrating on the main paths, the area behind the War Memorial where clearance is in progress and the areas around the main ponds.

The following works were approved:

- Removal of the laurel, privet and rhododendron bushes in the woodland and on the frontage to Wimborne Road using the line of the bank as a boundary. This would give visibility through the woodland.
- Holly bushes on the frontage and elsewhere might be reduced by up to 50% to allow regeneration. Elsewhere holly and brambles should be retained in clumps where they protect young trees.
- Over-stood hazel should be coppiced in traditional fashion to create new growth.
- A willow over one of the ponds could be cut back or removed to reduce rotting leaves in the water.

If the Council employed a contractor for clearance work Mr Nicholson would mark the clumps of bushes to be retained where young trees were to be protected.

He would visit the wood again in approximately six months to review progress and discuss further tree work.

RESOLVED that :-

- (a) The report be approved and adopted.
- (b) The Clerk be authorised to obtain quotes for removal of the laurel, privet and rhododendron bushes on the frontage to Wimborne Road using the line of the bank as a boundary.

The Meeting ended at 21.30hrs

CHAIRMAN