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

PRESENT

Cllr John Gooch, Chairman
Cllr KD Johnson, Vice-Chairman
Cllrs John Bell, Jo Burn, Gwen Divall, David Packer, Ted Phillips, John Warren

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr David Tarring

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Janet Dover, Jeffrey Greenwood, Elena Pujol, Don Wallace (R)

141 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

142 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 July, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

143 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

144 LAND MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE.

The report of the meeting of the Land Management Sub-Committee held on 29 July was submitted. (Report attached to these Minutes at Appendix 2)

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

145 SMUGGLERS LANE - BMX TRAILS

(a) ROSPA - ANNUAL INSPECTION

The inspection report was circulated to Members. A discussion ensued on matters relating to control of the BMX site. A Sub-committee meeting had been arranged for 19 August and Joe Newton had agreed to attend to represent the riders.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) The inspection report be received and noted.
- (ii) Keyholder details be displayed on the locked barrier at Smugglers Lane (access for emergency vehicles).

(b) MONTHLY INSPECTION RECORD

Cllrs Jo Burn, Gwen Divall, Janet Dover, John Gooch, David Tarring and John Warren volunteered to form a Rota of Members to inspect the BMX area on a monthly basis and to keep a written record in the book provided.

146 **COLEHILL TRIANGLE**

(a) **THE TRIANGLE - CONSERVATION WORKDAY 23 AUGUST**
EDDC had agreed to loan the Parish Council some equipment and to clear away the litter collected.

(b) **LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (LNR)**
DCC - 'WORKING FOR WILDLIFE IN DORSET'
Further to Minute 123 (b) the booklet 'Working for Wildlife in Dorset' had been copied to Members and further information obtained from both the District and County Council and English Nature.
English Nature advised that an LNR site should be of value in the local context, managed with conservation in mind and used for education and informal enjoyment. Parish Councils were able to declare land in their ownership to be a LNR under Section 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 if powers were delegated by the District Council.

Danny Alder, of DCC Environmental Services had offered to inspect the land and advise the Parish Council further.

RESOLVED that Danny Alder be invited to speak at Council Meeting on 9 December and to advise on the compatibility of proposed draft Byelaws for The Triangle with those for a LNR.

147 **THE QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL SCHEME**

The Clerk referred to Minute 94 and invited the Council to consider their response to all the information received on the Quality Parish Council initiative.

Members felt they could not see the advantage of seeking Quality Parish Status in terms of the scheme at this time. Cllr John Bell undertook to update the Council when further advice or information was available from DAPTC.

148 **OLIVERS PARK - ROSPA INSPECTION REPORT**

EDDC had advised that ROSPA had undertaken the annual inspection of the play equipment at the Park. Attention had been drawn to the multi-play unit which required non-urgent adjustment and repair of the fence was required. These would be carried out by EDDC under the maintenance agreement.

NOTED

149 **DCC - A FUTURE FOR COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS IN DORSET**

A consultation document (closing date 19 September) from DCC Access Forum had been received and referred to Cllrs KD Johnson (Rights of Way Liaison Officer) and Cllr Gwen Divall who was the Parish Council's representative dealing with countryside access. The literature was available to all Members on application to the Clerk.

150 **CONSTITUTION OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

The Education Act 2002 had brought about changes in the composition of school governing bodies. A letter from DCC explaining the changes in arrangements for appointing additional co-opted governors was brought to the attention of the Committee.

NOTED

151 **CO-OP WELCOME - 1 SMUGGLERS LANE**

Notification had been received of an application to transfer the licence now held by Stuart G Powell and Keith Lawrence to Gemma Whelan and Keith Lawrence.

NOTED

152 **DORSET COUNTY TRAINING PARTNERSHIP**

Details of forthcoming training opportunities had been received from DAPTC and circulated to Members. Any Member wishing to attend was asked to notify the Clerk.

The Meeting ended at 21.05hrs.

CHAIRMAN