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At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at the MEMORIAL HALL on **6 JULY 2004**.

PRESENT

Cllr John Gooch, Chairman  
Cllr KD Johnson, Vice-Chairman  
Cllrs John Bell, Jeffrey Greenwood, John Hurst (R), Ted Phillips, John Warren

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Elena Pujol, David Topping

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Gwen Divall, Janet Dover, Andrew Marsh, David Packer.

**102. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations

**103. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 May, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

**104. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS & BANKING SERVICES**

Following receipt of an advice from the Bank, the Clerk had reviewed the mandates to operate the Council's bank account and the National Savings & Investment Account.

Following discussion it was RESOLVED that :-

- (a) In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations 5.3, the requirement that all cheques shall be signed by the Clerk and two other Council Members, be re-affirmed.
- (b) The Bank be advised that Cllrs John Gooch, KD Johnson and John Bell are authorised to sign cheques on the Council's behalf and that they will make individual arrangements to complete the required mandate form.

**105. NATIONAL SAVINGS & INVESTMENT ACCOUNT**

The mandate to operate this account required updating.

RESOLVED that Cllrs John Gooch, Jeffrey Greenwood and KD Johnson together with the Clerk, be authorised to operate this account and a revised Mandate be prepared.

**106. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

**107. CODE OF PRACTICE FOR HANDLING COMPLAINTS**

Copies of this Code of Practice written by NALC had been circulated with the Agenda. DAPTC had invited Local Councils to consider adopting the Code.

RESOLVED that the 'Code of Practice in Handling Complaints' be received and noted.

**108. THE TRIANGLE**

**(a) REQUEST FOR LITTER BIN**

Further to Minute 456.April.04, and this Council's request for a litter bin to be provided by the bus stop in Wimborne Road, EDDC considered the current provision of bins to be adequate, there being two bins in close proximity (i.e. Post Office Crossroads and at the Kyrchil Corner bus stop).

NOTED

**(b) CLEARANCE WORK & SPRAYING**

MINUTE 503.May.04 and 72 (b)

The spraying in Areas 1 and 2 had been carried out on 28 & 29 June. It was noted that a few clumps of hazel, which previously had been coppiced, had inadvertently been sprayed. Remedial action had been taken.

NOTED

**109. BMX TRAILS**

Further to Minute 71 (b), Nick Adams, RoSPA Representative, had advised the Clerk that he would inspect the BMX Trails and Olivers Park in July but might only be able to give 24 hrs. notice of the date of his visit. The Clerk would inform Land Management Sub-Committee Members of the details. Cllr John Gooch undertook to inspect the Trails in July and to complete the inspection record.

NOTED

**110. OLIVERS PARK - ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

The Parish Council had received reports of vandalism to play equipment on 25 and 28 June. The Police and Martha Perry, Community Safety Officer, had been informed. No further information was available regarding completion of the outstanding work at the play area. One swing seat and chains was still missing and the slide was boarded-up.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Neil Farmer expressing the Council's disappointment at the lack of progress with repairs at Olivers Park.

**111. PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS'  
SURGERY AT COLEHILL LIBRARY**

MINUTE 447. April 04.

Parish Council Members reviewed the arrangements for holding a twice-monthly surgery at Colehill Library. The Clerk had prepared a press release in May which had been published in local papers, however, it was felt that further publicity was now required.

RESOLVED that a notice be placed in the Council's Notice Boards and at the Library inviting residents to 'meet a Councillor'.

**112. LAND MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**

Members noted the provisional date for the next meeting was 10 August.

The Meeting ended at 20.55hrs.

CHAIRMAN