

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 10 August 2010
(7.00 p.m. – 8.55 p.m.)

PRESENT: Cllr Lady Kara Hawks (Chairman); Cllr G James, Cllr I Mansell, Cllr I Milsom, Cllr M Moriarty, Cllr J Samways and Cllr G Stenson

48. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Current applications: Members agreed to comment as shown on the following applications:

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| 10/95426 | Whitemoor Farm, Whitemoor Lane, Winsor (Replacement garage and conservatory). Support (3) |
| 10/95452 | Maycroft, Winsor Lane, Winsor (Addition of bay window). Support (3) |
| 10/95469 | Deer Leap, Romsey Road, Cadnam (Single storey extensions; front and rear dormers to facilitate additional first floor space). Support (3) |
| CONS/10/
0219 | Maycroft, Winsor Lane, Winsor (Pruning or felling of tree (unknown species) in the context of a proposed extension). No objection |
| CONS/10
0233 | Bartley Lodge Hotel, Lyndhurst Road, Cadnam (Crown reduction/restructuring of English oak). No objection |

(b) Application 10/95291 (Heathlands Farm, Ower – retention of mobile home and conservatory). The Council had opposed this application on the grounds of insufficient agricultural justification for the mobile home. The NPA had invited the Council to review its response in light of advice from independent specialists that the agricultural enterprise, which now included alpacas, was of sufficient scale to require an on-site presence, i.e. the functional and financial tests had been met. Agreed, that the Council re-affirm its response of Object (4).

(c) Decisions etc: Members noted recent decisions and applications referred to Committee, as shown in the list tabled at the meeting (Appendix 1 in the minute book).

(d) Review of Council's planning procedures: The Clerk presented a topic note as a basis for a member review of the Council's current procedures for handling planning applications. Members felt that, generally, the current arrangements adequately met the Council's needs and should therefore remain in place. It was therefore agreed that:

- applications should continue to be discussed at main Council meetings and the mid-monthly 'Planning' meeting
- there should be no separate Planning Committee
- all applications should be discussed, regardless of size, nature etc, albeit efforts would be made to speed up the discussion process
- members should continue to circulate plans amongst themselves
- computer presentation of plans at meetings should continue, notwithstanding the present supply of paper copies of plans by the NPA
- copies of monthly enforcement schedules from the NPA should continue to be supplied to all members

In relation to public participation for planning items, it was agreed that:

- the planning authorities be asked to include a paragraph in their notification/acknowledgment letters to residents and applicants, alerting them to the role of parish councils in the planning process
- there should be public participation at the start of each individual planning application
- the present order of business for planning items on Council and Planning agendas should remain, with planning being re-ordered at Council meetings at the Chairman's discretion

(e) Land at Copperfield, Pollards Moor Road: Members received copies of correspondence between Dr Julian Lewis MP and a local resident concerning the ongoing enforcement issues at this site. Dr Lewis suggested that pressure should be maintained on the National Park Authority to resolve the situation but that he should be approached again if no progress was being made. Dr Lewis also suggested that, if necessary, the Parish Council could seek a meeting with the new Chief Executive, Alison Barnes. It was noted that the NPA Planning Committee would receive a further report on 17 August and that the landowner was due to make a further appearance in the Magistrates Court on 18 August. Members agreed to review the position after these events. The Clerk also referred to publication of the scoping report completed by URS.

(f) Alison Barnes: It was suggested that questions should be prepared for Alison Barnes' attendance at the Council meeting on 23 November. In particular, the Council could seek an assurance that the Authority's aim to reduce enforcement cases would be achieved positively and not by notices being removed from enforcement schedules "for convenience".

49. FINANCE MATTERS

Expenditure was authorised as shown in Appendix 2 in the minute book (cheques 766 to 768).

50. SPLITWIND POND

The Clerk reported that the Land Registry had rejected the Council's application for adverse possession of Splitwind Pond. The Council needed to show factual possession of the land and also the necessary intention to possess. While the acts of possession (i.e. the records of routine maintenance) were of partial help, conclusive proof could probably only be achieved by enclosure of the land. A further twelve years would need to elapse after the erection of fencing before another application for ownership could be made.

Members agreed that fencing of the pond was not appropriate and that, in the circumstances, no further action should be taken in pursuing adverse possession.

51. OTHER MATTERS

Members noted the following:

- imminent erection of the new timber screens at the Cadnam roundabouts
- a Government consultation on proposals for local referendums to veto excessive Council Tax increases

52. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Moriarty: Netley Marsh Parish Council was due to unveil its Parish Plan. Agreed, copies to be obtained.

Councillor Moriarty had also received a flood map produced from the GIS system and would request further copies for other members.

Councillor Mrs Mansell: Incidents of vehicles speeding on local roads.

Councillor Samways: A-boards still present opposite The Compass.

Councillor Lady Kara Hawks: New A-board outside The Empress of Blandings

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____