

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 12 November 2013
(7.00 p.m. – 9.15 p.m.)

PRESENT: Councillor S Bullen-Jarvis (Chairman); Councillors J Goodwin, Lady Kara Hawks,
 M Moriarty, J Reilly and C Riddoch
 Community Action Hampshire: Catherine Kirkham
 New Forest National Park Authority: Nick Evans

102. HAMPSHIRE ALLIANCE FOR RURAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING (HARAH)

The Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing (HARAH) had asked the Council to receive a presentation on affordable housing. Catherine Kirkham, Rural Housing Enabler for Community Action Hampshire and Nick Evans, Planning Officer at the New Forest National Park Authority, attended for this item.

HARAH was funded by seven local authorities (including Hampshire County Council), the National Park Authority and Hyde Housing Group. Since the partnership began in 2005, HARAH had built 278 affordable homes across 32 schemes in Hampshire, providing homes for more than 1000 people. As a Rural Housing Enabler, Ms Kirkham's role was to identify local housing need and work with the Parish Council to identify potential sites for a small affordable housing scheme to cater for any local people in housing need.

Ms Kirkham outlined the need for rural affordable homes and the benefits such schemes could bring. Essential points to note were:

- Only people with a local connection to the parish would be housed in an affordable property built by HARAH
- On the basis of the NFDC current waiting list, there were presently 37 applicants with a local connection to the parish, 21 of whom had a connection longer than 10 years
- Affordable housing schemes were small developments, usually around 8 – 10 units
- By virtue of a section 106 agreement, properties had to remain affordable for local people in perpetuity
- The Parish Council was involved throughout the process of securing an affordable housing scheme
- HARAH only worked with one Housing Association – the Hyde Group
- There was currently a high demand for one-bed affordable units
- Shared ownership was generally an option for affordable housing schemes but no HARAH schemes in the New Forest had so far offered this facility. Parishes could choose to exclude this option if they preferred
- The conversion of older properties was also an option but this was unlikely to be economic in view of the capital cost of purchase and the adaptation costs.

Following questions from members, the following other principal points emerged:

- The NPA's current position was to approve only affordable housing developments outside the defined villages. Developer-led proposals were not favoured but the NPA had to respond to any coming forward. In this context it was noted that the Government might be looking at more flexible policies
- To date, there had been no discussions about potential affordable housing sites in Copythorne. However, the NPA had received approaches from developers about the prospects of housing development on two sites in the parish.

Members agreed that the subject warranted further and fuller discussion and decided that the item should be added to the agenda at the next Council meeting to decide whether or not any further action was required.

103. PLANNING MATTERS

New applications: Members agreed the following responses to current applications:

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| 13/98846 | Friedburg, Chinham Road, Bartley (Demolition of existing bungalow and attached garage (Application for Conservation Area Consent). Support (3) |
| 13/98847 | Friedburg, Chinham Road, Bartley (Replacement dwelling and garage (demolition of existing bungalow). Support (3) |
| 13/98870 | Mobile home known as 'The Nook', Forest View Farm, Furzley Lane, Furzley (Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for existing use of mobile home as residential accommodation). Object (2) |
| 13/98888 | The Moorings, Barrow Hill Road, Copythorne (Outbuilding; stable block (demolition of existing garage and shed). Object (4) |
| 13/98944 | Driftwood, Old Lyndhurst Road, Cadnam (Single storey front, rear and side extensions; two storey side extension). Object (4) |
| 13/98960 | Crossway Garage, Romsey Road, Cadnam (Single storey outbuilding/workshop; relocation of existing portacabin). Support (3) |
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0877 | Tarquinian, Barrow Hill Road, Copythorne (Various tree works). Willing to concur with decision of planning authority |

Decisions: Members noted recent decisions as shown in the list accompanying the agenda (appendix 1 in the minute book).

Enforcement: Members noted the November schedules showing enforcement action in the National Park.

104. STANDING ORDERS

Standing Order 4(ii) was invoked to allow the meeting to deal with the business in hand.

105. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT

Members considered grant applications from five organisations.

Agreed (1) That a grant of £100 be approved for the New Forest Disability Information Service

(2) That the applications from the following organisations be declined as not being eligible under the current grant scheme:

New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau

Victim Support

The Jubilee Sailing Trust

Hampshire County Youth Band Association

106. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agreed that a meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss the 2014/15 budget be arranged for Thursday 12 December 2013 at Baltimore, Chinham Road, Bartley.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____