

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 14 September 2010
(7.00 p.m. – 8.44 p.m.)

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

An apology for absence was received from Cllr I Milsom

57. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs I Mansell declared an interest in planning application 10/95572 (Land to rear of Uncle Toms Cabin, Romsey Road, Cadnam)

58. PLANNING MATTERS

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

10/95543 Alberta, Southampton Road, Cadnam (Extension; alterations; replacement garage). Support (3)

10/995572 Land to rear of Uncle Toms Cabin, Romsey Road, Cadnam (Erection of replacement dwelling (removal of mobile home)). Object (4). NPA also to be asked for views on the implication of the recent appeal decision for this site which appears to have created a precedent in favour of allowing replacement of a mobile home by a permanent dwelling.
(Councillor Mrs Mansell declared an interest in this application, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon)

CONS/10 The Firs, Pound Lane (Works to oak trees). No objection

(b) Circulation of plans: It was noted that dates were not being recorded in all cases when members were circulating copies of planning applications. Agreed, that members be reminded of the process for plan circulation.

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

(d) Tree felling: A note from the NPA confirmed that there was no current protection for trees on the land at the rear of Uncle Toms Cabin, Romsey Road, Cadnam. In addition, oak trees were not protected simply by virtue of species – only those within Conservation Areas or subject to TPOs were subject to planning legislation.

(e) Land adjacent to Copperfield, Pollards Moor Road: Members noted that the landowner, Mr Lovett, had been fined £3000 plus costs of £650 at a recent Magistrates Court hearing for failing to clear the illegal landfill at this site. At the hearing, the landowner's solicitors presented a paper to the Magistrates which appeared to show Parish Council support for the landfill. The Clerk confirmed that the paper was a copy of minute 69(c) of 26 September 2006 which simply recorded the NPA's position at that time, which was to regard the landraising as simple engineering works not requiring planning consent. The NPA had subsequently commenced enforcement procedures.

A report to be presented to the NPA Planning Committee on 21 September referred to discussions on alternative funding options for the further land investigation in the event that the Defra funding application was unsuccessful.

59. NEW FOREST ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Members received notice of the NFALC AGM to be held on 30 September 2010 at Lyndhurst. The agenda included a motion to dissolve the Association after a period of 365 days in favour of a new association proposed by Ringwood and Hythe Councils. The meeting would be attended by the Chairman, Councillors James and Samways and the Clerk.

Agreed, that the delegates be requested to support the proposed dissolution of the present Association.

60. NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

A letter from Steve Avery referred to meetings held last year with all parish and town councils concerning issues raised by the first consultation draft of the National Park Plan. Further quadrant parish meetings were now proposed as a forum for closer working with parishes, possibly holding two meetings a year for each quadrant. Ashbury and Colbury PC had volunteered to hold the first north east quadrant meeting on Thursday 7 October 2010 at 6.30 pm at Lyndhurst Community Centre. The session would comprise a Forest Watch presentation and a National Park update on National Park matters.

Agreed, that the meeting be attended by the Chairman and the Clerk, together with Councillor James if available.

61. FINANCE MATTERS

Expenditure Agreed, that the following payment be authorised:

Cheque no

771

Audit Commission (Audit fee, 2009/10)

£158.63

62. HIGHWAY MATTERS

An e-mail from Rob Millar contained an update on outstanding highway issues, including:

- an explanation for the installation of verge markers outside Crossways, Newbridge
- the proposed removal of the A-boards opposite The Compass in the event they were not removed by the owners
- the request to the owners of The Haywain to remove the yellow advertising sign causing sightline problems
- a suggestion that the flooding problems near Bartley Post Office were not untoward.

On the Bartley flooding issue, Councillor Moriarty produced photographs to show the extent of flooding after recent heavy rain and agreed to forward copies to Mr Millar.

63. NFDC REFUSE COLLECTIONS

The Clerk reported details of changes to domestic refuse collection arrangements to be introduced on Monday 4 October 2010. As part of efficiency savings, rounds had been reorganised resulting in a change in collection day for nearly half the properties in the New Forest and a change in collection time for all.

64. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Stenson: Replacement sign for footpath 502 now erected at Newbridge end.

Councillor James: Residential caravan on land in Romsey Road, near Ower. Clerk to report to NPA.

Councillor Samways: Loose stones on pavement in Winsor Road, between Pollards Moor Road and Pound Lane. 40 mph sign in Barrow Hill Road opposite the Empress of Blandings lying alongside highway. Agreed, report to Highways.

Councillor Moriarty: Following a recent meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel, Councillor Moriarty circulated details of the winter season car park closures from November to March. The Clerk was also requested to copy the following documents to all members:

- a logic diagram for the High Level Stewardship Scheme
- details of carriageway repair contracts for September to November, including Brockishill Road.

Councillor Moriarty had also sought confirmation of progress with the Southampton Road speed reduction measures.

Councillor Mrs Mansell: Police speed guns had recently been employed near Crossways Garage. However, they had been used on a Sunday morning and would have been more effective during early evening.

Councillor Lady Kara Hawks: Motorists still speeding between the two roundabouts at Cadnam.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____