

**COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Copythorne Parish Hall – 22 January 2013**  
**(7.00 p.m. – 9.37 p.m.)**

**PRESENT:** Councillor S Bullen-Jarvis (Chairman); Councillors J Goodwin, Lady Kara Hawks and G James  
 New Forest District Council: Councillors D Andrews and D Tipp  
 Hampshire County Council: Councillors E Heron and K Mans  
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Puttock

**120. RON TOWNSEND**

The Chairman referred to the sad death of Ron Townsend, the former Clerk to the Parish Council from April 1988 to January 2004. Members paid tribute to Ron's many services to the parish, particularly his distinguished career in the Scout Movement.

**121. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors Bullen-Jarvis, Goodwin, Lady Kara Hawks and James declared a pecuniary interest in item 12 on the agenda (Finance matters). The Clerk reported that, in accordance with his authority under Standing Orders, he had granted a dispensation to these members to allow them to speak and vote on matters relating to the budget and setting of the precept for 2013/14.

**122. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 27 November and 11 December 2012 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

**123. MATTERS ARISING**

*Traffic issues, Old Salisbury Road:* No reply received from Paultons Golf Centre. Chairman to be copied into correspondence.

*Highway safety signs:* Further information showed that the proposed "Think" signs would now cost up to £800. Councillors Heron and Mans agreed to fund the additional cost of £300 from their devolved budgets.

*Parking at Bartley C of E Junior School:* The Chairman had not yet written to the Headteacher but would do so before the next meeting.

**124. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

*Councillor Heron* reported on the following:

- County Council to participate in a collective energy switching scheme, allowing residents to benefit from discounted fuel prices
- Other parishes, including Minstead, involved in collective oil buying, also with discounted prices
- County Council likely to hold council tax at the same level for 2013/14.

*Councillor Mans* enquired if grit bins were in place and was advised that no adverse comments had been received. He also asked about flooding and was informed that, surprisingly, no serious flooding incidents had occurred during the recent inclement weather. In 2013/14, County Councillors were likely to have additional devolved budgets for highway and environmental works. On flooding generally, the Chairman felt that the recent e-mail from Mr Errington was inadequate and agreed to copy Councillor Mans into the correspondence.

The Chairman also mentioned the longstanding discussions with the Area Surveyor concerning the pipe damaged by an electricity pole in a ditch in Pollards Moor Road. Agreed, Councillor Mans to be copied into the correspondence.

Councillor Mans also referred to his ongoing concerns about the need for superfast broadband. He felt that more pressure was needed to ensure that Hampshire was suitably equipped and was keen to see, where feasible, fibre optic cables being installed in all new housing development.

## **125. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

*Councillor Andrews* referred to the following:

- planning permission granted for a salt dome off junction 2 of the M27. However, there were concerns about the number of potential vehicle movements
- thanks to Councillor Mans for helping Minstead parish to purchase a snow plough (available for use by other parishes)
- broadband – local Copythorne exchange to be ‘unbundled’

*Councillor Tipp* referred to the following:

- Accident on the dual carriageway between the Cadnam roundabouts has caused damage to fencing on the central reservation. Repairs in hand?
- NFDC has yet to ratify its 2013/14 budget but the intention is not to increase council tax

## **126. CORRESPONDENCE**

*Local policing:* Members received the Safer Neighbourhood Beat report for November. It was noted that PC Dee Faulkner was due to retire in February and members agreed to send her a letter of thanks for her past services. Volunteers were also required for the Community Speedwatch Scheme and it was agreed to include an article in the next parish bulletin.

*Other correspondence:* Members noted receipt of the following:

- a proposal for a Veterans Choir to commemorate the declaration of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War in June 2014 (letter to be copied to Clare Mills, History Society)
- notice of the next meeting of the North East Quadrant on Wednesday 6 February at Netley Marsh Community Hall
- an invitation to attend the Netley Marsh Annual Parish Meeting on Friday 19 April
- other correspondence as shown in the list circulated with the agenda

## **127. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Members discussed arrangements for the APM on Wednesday 13 March 2013 and agreed the following:

- large map to be displayed, highlighting in particular Copythorne’s record of receiving the largest number of planning applications in the National Park outside the Defined Villages
- Councillor Heron to be invited to make a presentation on the collective energy switching scheme
- additional publicity
- usual refreshments

## **128. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS, 2013/14**

Members agreed the draft timetable of meetings for 2013/14, as circulated with the agenda.

## **129. FINANCE MATTERS**

*Finance Committee:* Agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 15 January 2013, a copy of which appears as appendix 1 in the minute book, be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted. It was also agreed that the precept request for 2013/14 should be subject to receipt of the transitional grant from NFDC for council tax support. Thanks were also extended to NFDC in the event that the grant was paid.

*Expenditure:* The Clerk presented the monthly financial statement, together with details of proposed payments. Agreed, that the statement be received and the following payments authorised:

*Cheque no*

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| 872 | Copythorne Parish Hall (Meeting accommodation, Jan – March) | £84.00  |
| 873 | St Marys Church, Copythorne (Grant for new church roof)     | £250.00 |
| 874 | M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – January)           | £595.98 |

## **130. MATTERS PENDING**

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

530 (*Barrow Hill Road safety issues*): Meeting with HCC arranged for 24 January

531 (*Caravans etc in Cadnam Lane*): Chairman to arrange meeting with Rob Aldred

532 (*First Responder training*): Clerk to chase

533 (*Splitwind Pond – future maintenance*): Further work to be organised later in the year

New item 535 (Highway seat repairs, Haywain crossroads) (Clerk to contact Councillor Reilly)

## **131. DELEGATES' REPORTS**

Councillor Lady Kara Hawks reported on the NFALC meeting at Lyndhurst on 17 January. Items had included a presentation on the GIS system, concerns regarding the need for declaration of interests by spouses and a request for a change in the law to allow agendas to be sent by electronic means.

## **132. MEMBERS' REPORTS**

*Councillor James:* Referred to the NPA's response to the petition from the Brockishill Road Residents Association concerning the commoners dwelling application (copied to all members). Agreed, Chairman to contact the Association to arrange a meeting to discuss further joint action. Having been withdrawn from the December agenda, the application was due to be considered at the 19 February NPA Planning meeting.

*Councillor Goodwin:* Concern about parking on zig zag lines outside Copythorne Infant School in Romsey Road. Clerk to raise issue with Headteacher and copy in PC Dee Faulkner.

## **133. STANDING ORDERS**

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

## **134. PLANNING MATTERS**

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

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| 12/97960 | 12 Romsey Road, Ower (Replacement double garage with first floor office).<br>Object (4) |
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- 12/98021 Forest Edge Rest Home, Southampton Road, Cadnam (Resiting of proposed cycle store). Support (1)
- 12/98060 Nambour, Southampton Road, Cadnam (Rear extension; alterations to provide first floor accommodation). Object (4)
- 12/98087 Robins, Pollards Moor Road (Single storey side extension). Support (3)
- 12/98144 Mulberry Cottage, Pollards Moor Road (Insertion of two dormer windows to detached garage to facilitate living accommodation over; external alterations. Object (4)

*Application 12/97998 (Riverside Nursery, Romsey Road, Ower – continued siting of portacabins):*

The NPA had received further information from the agent, namely that the site would be used for the sale of sheds and fencing. Although it would be run as a separate business it would be integrated with all other activities at the garden centre. The NPA had also pointed out that the portacabins did not lie within the high risk flood zone.

Agreed, that the Council reaffirms its response of Object (4).

*Decisions:* Members noted the following decisions:

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| 12/97910 | Swallow Fields, Blackhill Road, Furzley<br>Continued siting of mobile home for agricultural worker<br><br>at their place of work ..; the continued siting of a mobile home would be detrimental to the rural character and visual amenities of the locality and harmful to the natural beauty of the National Park landscape ...; the use of land for the siting of a mobile home is likely to affect the integrity of the nearby New Forest Special Protection Area ...) | Refused<br>(Not demonstrated that there is an essential need for an agricultural worker to live permanently | Object (4)        |
| 12/97995 | Inglenook, Winsor Lane, Winsor<br>Single storey rear extension                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Permission with conditions                                                                                  | Support (3)       |

A new Tree Preservation Order had also been made by the NPA in respect of a Willow tree in the front garden of Toledo, Winsor Road, Winsor.

*Speaking at the NPA Planning Development Control Committee:* The NPA were consulting parishes on possible changes to the public speaking procedures at the NPA Planning meetings. In particular, it was proposed that the one minute ‘right of reply’ should be extended to parish councils in the same way as it applied to applicants and other interested parties. It was suggested that this could be offered in return for parishes forsaking their current unlimited speaking time.

Members felt it was important to retain the existing unlimited presentation time, particularly as Copythorne received a high number of applications and used the facilities to speak on important issues. The Council would welcome the addition of a one minute ‘right of reply’ to improve democratic arrangements but not at the expense of a restricted speaking time.

**CHAIRMAN** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_