

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 22 April 2014
(7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.)

PRESENT: Councillor S Bullen-Jarvis (Chairman); Councillors J Goodwin, Lady Kara Hawks and M Moriarty
 New Forest District Council: Councillor D Tipp
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Reilly, Mans, Andrews and Puttock

180. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In the context of the proposed Lengthsman appointment a local resident referred to the presence of hemlock in ditches and elsewhere and its dangers to animals and humans. Agreed, Clerk to obtain further information on procedures for clearance and disposal.

181. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2014 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

182. MATTERS ARISING

Local policing: Members noted that the tyres noticed recently on the frontage of Copythorne Common in Romsey Road had been placed there for collection following the community clear-up led by PC Rob Morant.

HCC Flood Risk Management leaflet: Noted that copies of this leaflet had been requested from HCC for circulation with the proposed housing survey.

Planning matters: In respect of application 13/11578 (McDonalds Restaurant, Ower – new lights), Councillor Andrews had asked whether members were willing to speak against the application if referred to Committee. However, it was noted that the Council's response had been (5) – leave in the hands of officers.

On application 13/99040 (Land of Woody Bank, Whitemoor Lane), Netley Marsh PC had asked for the land to be reinstated to a garden, including tree re-planting. Netley Marsh had thanked Copythorne for its support.

183. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Tipp had no parish matters to raise. However, Councillor Moriarty referred to the lack of notice for the changed date for green sack delivery.

184. FLOODING

Councillor Goodwin gave a presentation on the ongoing flood investigations, concentrating on the flooding from the Bartley River which leads to flooding in Shepherds Road and Chinham Road. Details were given of the proposal to reinstate an existing roadside ditch in Shepherds Road and return its flow to the main watercourse, a proposal supported by both Hampshire County Council and the Environment Agency. Discussions had started with the Forestry Commission to designate watercourses, on their land within the parish, as Critical Watercourses where they could adversely

impact on flooding issues. Details were also given of the grant-aid available to cover the cost of installing appropriate flood resilience measures. It was noted that copies of HCC's leaflet "Flood Risk Management – Guidance for Landowners", explaining riparian responsibilities would be circulated shortly to all households in the parish.

185. CORRESPONDENCE

Industrial unit, Old Lyndhurst Road, Cadnam: Members received a further letter from a local resident concerning ongoing concerns over working hours and environmental issues relating to an industrial unit in Old Lyndhurst Road, Cadnam (minute 117/11/13 refers). The NPA had already confirmed that the current planning permission for the unit contained no restrictions on trading hours but members requested the Clerk to ascertain what further action was being taken by the Environmental Health Department at NFDC as to any statutory nuisances.

Winsor United Sports Club: A letter from this Sports Club asked for the Council's support in seeking football pitch facilities for the club. It was agreed to make initial enquiries of HCC about land in Winsor Road, formerly used by Cadnam Football Club, or any other land in their ownership that might be suitable. Alternatively, an appeal could be made to local landowners, through the parish magazine and other means.

Splitwind Pond: It was noted that, following further correspondence with National Park Enforcement, the maintenance contractor had been asked to remove the advertising sign at the pond. A smaller sign may be more acceptable but would not necessarily receive consent. Agreed, that an application for advertisement consent be submitted for a suitable smaller sign.

Rural Sounding Board: The Rural Services Network were developing a Rural Sounding Board of parish council representatives and had invited Copythorne to join. Agreed, Councillor Moriarty to be nominated for the Opinion Panels on fuel poverty and rural transport.

Other correspondence: Members noted receipt of the following:

- the March Safer Neighbourhoods Beat report
- other correspondence as shown in the list tabled at the meeting

186. PARISH LENGTHSMAN APPOINTMENT

Applications for this post would close on 28 April. Agreed, a panel of four members to be appointed (one each from Copythorne, Bramshaw, Netley Marsh and Wellow), with authority to select candidates for shortlist, interview applicants and make a final appointment. The Chairman to be Copythorne's panel member. The Clerk also circulated a copy of a draft contract between the four parishes and the contractor.

The cost of the press advertisements was £184.80 plus VAT which it was agreed should be shared between the four parishes.

187. FINANCE MATTERS

Local Council Review: Agreed, subscription for the Local Council Review to be renewed for 2014/15 in the sum of £17.

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

924	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – April)	£782.42
925	Copythorne Parish Hall (Room hire, April to June + 4 Feb)	£77.00

926	Advertiser & Times Ltd (Lengthsman advertisement)	£66.60
927	HALC (HALC and NALC fees, 2014/15)	£543.00
928	NALC (Local Council Review subscription)	£17.00
929	New Forest District Council (GIS Partnership 2014/15 (£100) and supply of flood maps (£140))	£240.00

Budget monitoring: Members received and noted the budget monitoring figures for the quarter ended 31 March 2014.

188. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

511 (Footpaths): Footpath 7 – Councillor Moriarty to inspect

531 (Caravans etc in Cadnam Lane): Current issues appear to have been resolved

538 (Affordable housing survey): Survey delayed pending printing of HCC flood risk management leaflets. Agreed, Councillor Goodwin to obtain quotation for separate printing of the leaflet.

Items 460 (Bartley flooding) and 514 (Drainage scheme for Shepherds Road/Pundle Green) deleted as proposed schemes now superseded.

189. DELEGATES' REPORTS

Councillor Bullen-Jarvis/Councillor Goodwin: Report on the NFALC meeting held on 17 April. Members had raised the question of how many properties had been flooded in the affected areas in the recent flooding incidents but it appeared that no comprehensive attempt had been made to collate information on non-coastal flooding. Councillor Tipp agreed to pursue this further.

190. STANDING ORDERS

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

191. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Lady Kara Hawks: Hedge at the junction of Romsey Road and Old Romsey Road now cut.

Councillor Moriarty: Had been refused alternative insurance cover as property lies within a flood plain. Many residents may also be unaware that discount is available from Southern Water if surface water drains into a soakaway rather than the public sewer. Agreed, publicity to be arranged through the parish bulletin.

192. PLANNING MATTERS

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

14/00198	Holly Farm House, Pound Lane (2 no two storey extensions; demolition of existing conservatory). Object (4) unless the proposals can be contained within the 30% limit
14/00250	The Glen, Winsor Road, Winsor (One and two storey rear extensions including balcony; external alterations). Object (4)
CONS/14/0429	The Acorns, Barrow Hill Road (Prune 1 Oak). No objection

CONS/14/0503 Holly Farm House, Pound Lane (Fell Fir tree). No objection

CONS/14/0506 Newsbury, Copythorne Crescent (Fell 1 Fir). No objection

CONS/14/0513 Old Grove Farm, Chinham Road, Bartley (Fell 1 Elder and 1 Oak. Reduce height of row of Cypresses by 30-40%). No objection

CONS/14/0519 Newsbury, Copythorne Crescent (Fell 1 Leyland Cypress). No objection

Decisions: Members noted recent decisions and enforcement actions, as shown in the list tabled at the meeting (appendix 1 in the minute book).

Enforcement: The following matters were reported:

Brockishill Road: A resident had complained about possible planning breaches at a property in Brockishill Road. The matter had been referred to NPA Enforcement.

McDonalds Restaurant, Ower: NFDC were pursuing the matter of the unauthorised banner sign at the restaurant entrance.

The Yews, Southampton Road, Cadnam: The NPA advised that, in the event of the current appeal at this site succeeding, a financial contribution would be sought towards improving public open space within the parish. Details were requested of any relevant parish projects. Agreed, Clerk to advise NPA of intention to pursue the provision of play area facilities.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____