

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 23 November 2010
(7.00 p.m. – 10.22 p.m.)

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

New Forest District Council:	Councillor Derek Tipp
New Forest National Park Authority:	Alison Barnes
	Bob Ainslie
	Sandy Tolmay
	Bob Morris
	Peter Frost

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Heron, Mans, Forse and Puttock

93. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Samways declared an interest in planning application TPO/10/0388 (Ivy Cottage, Barrow Hill Road).

94. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public complained about the lack of publicity for this meeting, bearing in mind the attendance of National Park Authority representatives.

95. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2010 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

96. MATTERS ARISING

Highway tour: Date yet to be arranged.

Road name signs: Road name plates were damaged at The Parade and at Barney Hayes Lane.

97. NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK

The Chairman welcomed the representatives of the National Park Authority to the meeting.

Alison Barnes, the Chief Executive, gave a presentation on the role of the Authority and its activities. There was particular focus on engaging with the large number of stakeholders in the area and addressing the complex issues arising. The presentation also included reference to existing funding opportunities (including the Sustainable Development Fund), the Coastal Heritage Project, the New Forest Tour, the provision of local information points and the Defra consultation on National Park governance.

The Parish Council had prepared a number of questions for Ms Barnes, and details of these, together with the responses, are shown in appendix 1 in the minute book. In addition, members of the public raised questions about the landfill site adjoining Copperfield, Pollards Moor Road, details of which are also contained in appendix 1.

Sandy Tolmay, Senior Enforcement Officer, also gave a presentation on planning enforcement issues. The Authority was currently reviewing its enforcement procedures with a view to reducing the number of 'live' cases and ensuring that staff resources were effectively targeted at breaches

which were causing most harm. This would include a formal priority ranking to assist the targeting process. Ms Tolmay offered to attend a future Parish Council meeting to give more details of the enforcement procedures.

Bob Morris also commented on various National Park issues and spoke of the challenges arising from the proposed Government savings. In addition, Mr Morris had circulated notes on the north-east quadrant meeting held on 16 November, together with some ground rules for future meetings. He also thanked Copythorne for offering to host the next quadrant meeting in January. The host parish for each meeting would be encouraged to identify a topic of general interest to all parishes.

Discussion also took place on a proposal for the erection of a National Park boundary marker on the A36 at Ower, near the entrance to Paultons Park. Members felt that a marker at this location was unnecessary and Ms Barnes agreed to take the Parish Council's views back to the National Park Authority.

98. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Tipp referred to the work undertaken on the NFDC Local Development Framework, consultation on which would take place in January 2011.

99. STANDING ORDERS

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

100. PLANNING MATTERS

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

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| 10/95772 | Sevyrdine, Winsor Road, Winsor (Roof alterations; single storey side extension; conservatory; porch; pitched roof to outbuilding (amended plans submitted). Support (3), subject to compliance with relevant policies. |
| 10/95812 | Winsor Croft, Winsor Road, Winsor (Two storey front extension; extension to conservatory; velux windows). Support (3). |
| 10/95854 | The Gables, Bartley Road, Woodlands (Replacement porch). (Netley Marsh parish). No comment |
| 10/95849 | Part Parcel O.S. 5289, Stables, Cadnam Lane, Cadnam Green (Retention of replacement stables and hard standing). Object (4) unless wc and tank are removed. <u>(The applicant spoke in favour of this application).</u> |
| 10/96261 | The Old Brickyard, Salisbury Road, East Wellow (Change of use to scaffold yard and retention of scaffold racking unit including stairs; increased height of scaffold racking unit; installation of security lighting). Object (4). <u>(A local resident spoke in opposition to this application).</u> |
| CONS/10/
0381 | Chinham House, Chinham Road, Bartley (Prune 1 Chamaecyparis). No objection |
| TPO/10/0388 | Ivy Cottage, Barrow Hill Road (Prune 2 oaks). No objection
<u>(Councillor Samways declared an interest in this application, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon).</u> |

New Forest National Park Core Strategy: Members noted an e-mail from Steve Avery containing a core strategy update. Following the earlier public inquiry, the Government Planning Inspector had found the strategy to be ‘sound’ and one that provided an appropriate basis for planning within the National Park up to 2026. The strategy would be presented to the Authority on 9 December 2010 for adoption. Appendix 2 in the minute book shows the main policy changes in the event of adoption.

101. CORRESPONDENCE

Review of the governance arrangements of National Parks: Members noted receipt of a Defra consultation paper on this topic. In particular, the review would look at ways in which the governance of NPAs could be made more effective and responsive to the concerns of local communities and whether different arrangements were appropriate for different NPAs. Comments were invited by 1 February 2011.

Agreed, that the document be copied to all members with a view to responses being made in time for the New Forest Consultative Panel meeting on 6 January 2011.

New Forest Passenger Transport Forum: Councillor Moriarty would be attending the next meeting of the Forum on 6 December 2010.

Other correspondence: Other correspondence on the agenda was deferred to a future meeting.

102. FINANCE MATTERS

County Councillor grant: Noted that Councillor Mans had approved a grant of £925 for purchase of a new Parish Council computer and printer.

Current balances: Deposit A/c £9232.69 Current A/c £701.65

Payments: Agreed, that the following payments be authorised:

Cheque no

778	Royal British Legion, Copythorne Branch (Remembrance Day wreath)	£30.00
779	M Derrick (Clerk’s salary and expenses, November)	£463.00

103. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2011

The Clerk referred to the parish council elections scheduled for 5 May 2011 and suggested that the Annual General Meeting be held on Tuesday 17 May 2011 (3rd Tuesday of the month). The Planning meeting would also be moved to Tuesday 31 May (5th Tuesday). Agreed, that the proposed May 2011 meeting dates be agreed, subject to the availability of accommodation.

104. DEFERRED BUSINESS

In the absence of sufficient time, the following items were deferred to a future meeting:

- Matters pending
- Members’ reports
- Delegates’ reports on the North East quadrant parish meeting held on 16 November and the inaugural meeting of the new New Forest Association of Local Councils held on 18 November 2010
- Recent planning decisions

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL – 23 NOVEMBER 2010
ITEMS DISCUSSED WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NEW FOREST
NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

When are long-standing enforcement issues such as Golden Meadows (Netley Marsh parish) to be resolved?

Hopefully, very soon. Enforcement action had been postponed because of the status of the occupier of one of the caravans on site; however, the situation had now changed and further action was planned.

Why are different dates/periods used to secure compliance with enforcement action?

Depends on the nature and severity of breach. Item will be covered further in a presentation to be made to a subsequent Parish Council meeting.

Why, seemingly, are there inconsistencies in the approach to handling different enforcement cases?

Again, item to be covered further in the proposed presentation.

Is the current NPA budget sufficient to cater fully for the needs of the National Park?

The budget would reduce as a result of the Government measures but details were awaited. The NFNPA's current budget was £4m in the context of a total of £50m for all National Parks. Priorities would be set to ensure, in particular, that statutory responsibilities were met. Efficiency savings would also be sought. Inevitably, however, some projects would be affected.

How do you balance the need to preserve the qualities of the National Park with the desire to attract more visitors?

This was a key Core Strategy function. However, it was not the NP's role to attract more visitors, rather to promote opportunities for understanding and enjoyment by the public. With regard to preserving the qualities of the area, all public bodies must have regard to the National Park and regular liaison meetings were held.

There was also discussion on the continued threat of re-development of Southampton Port.

What is the present position on the landfill enforcement at Copperfield, Pollards Moor Road and when will positive action be taken to resolve the issue?

Members of the public also raised questions on this item, as a result of which the following essential information emerged:

- the further 'intrusive investigation' of the site would commence in January and take approximately 13 weeks, weather permitting. The results would determine whether the site contained materials harmful to human health, as opposed to the previous investigation which focused on any dangers to watercourses.
- there was no funding available at present to deal with the consequences of the landfill, other than to carry out the further intrusive investigation. The results of this further study would

be reported to NPA members who would then decide whether there was a need and/or ability to fund any further work, e.g. removal of any offensive materials. It was hoped to present a report to members in April/May 2011.

- it was not possible to remove landfill materials from the site ahead of the further investigation. The NPA had to follow strict enforcement procedures in order to preserve the integrity of the process. This ruled out a suggestion made by a member of the public that materials could be removed and tested as taken off site.
- the NPA were liaising with the Environment Agency and NFDC Environmental Health on a design brief for the further investigation

There was also discussion on enforcement issues relating to maneges and mobile field shelters.

Maneges: In one recent case, enforcement had not been pursued. Sandy Tolmay advised that, in this particular case, the owner claimed that the facility would only be for personal use and not for commercial purposes. In the absence of a planning application, the Authority had to consider whether it would permit the development in any event.

Mobile field shelters: These would be permitted provided they were of appropriate size and suitably sited. Again, in the absence of a planning application, the Authority couldn't pursue enforcement if permission would ultimately be granted. Members queried whether this gave the wrong message and encouraged the 'by-passing' of planning procedures.