

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 25 February 2014
(7.00 p.m. – 9.11 p.m.)

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

153. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 28 January and 11 February 2014 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

154. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Heron reported that HCC council tax had been frozen for 2014/15. Roads were in poor condition following the recent weather and defects should be reported as soon as possible. Dangerous potholes should be reported by telephone. Councillor Goodwin enquired whether the proposed resurfacing of New Inn Road had been re-scheduled. Councillor Heron agreed to check.

Councillor Mans was anxious to receive feedback on local flooding issues. Councillor Goodwin referred to the lack of co-ordination between the various agencies and the need for appropriate action from the County Council in their lead flood role. Councillor Heron agreed to provide further information on this.

Councillor Moriarty enquired further about the progress of superfast broadband. Councillor Mans confirmed that HCC had now approved an extra £9.9m to focus on areas which couldn't be commercially justified by BT. Councillor Mans would advise the Clerk as to Copythorne's position in the timetable.

155. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Tipp reported on the following:

- NFDC council tax frozen for 2014/15, albeit tax would rise overall because of increased Police expenditure
- parking charges in the Forest had been held for a further year
- NFDC were considering reducing the number of councillors albeit this would not take effect until 2019

Councillor Goodwin enquired whether NFDC still intended to cease the supply of sandbags. Councillor Tipp confirmed this to be the case but that NFDC would still respond to emergencies. The District Council would be giving advice to residents on alternative protection measures.

156. NATIONAL TRUST

Laura Baker, Outdoors Ranger with the National Trust, gave a presentation on maintenance of National Trust land in the area. In particular she outlined the planned improvement works to the ancient monument barrows at Stagbury. Laura also agreed to supply further information on the archaeological surveys, including the Lidar studies.

157. FLOODING

Councillor Goodwin gave an update on the local flooding investigations. The current focus was on areas around Romsey Road, Newbridge Road and Pollards Moor Road. Contour maps for these areas showed that water flows were mostly directed to the culvert under the motorway. The position appeared to be exacerbated by the new culvert at Paddock View (formerly Copperfield) having a pipe larger than the motorway culvert. Confirmation had also been received from Southern Water that the pumping station in Pollards Moor Road had not failed during the flooding incidents but had suffered a hydraulic overload.

Various follow-up actions were now proposed in light of the above information. In addition, the Parish Council was proceeding with the appointment of a Lengthsman which would help to identify future maintenance needs for watercourses. The Council thanked Councillor Goodwin for his continuing work.

158. CORRESPONDENCE

Local policing: Members received the January Safer Neighbourhoods Beat report. It was noted that a number of recent burglaries in the parish were not recorded. There was also a question about the effectiveness of the Speedwatch scheme bearing in mind the number of speeding motorists still being recorded. It was agreed to ask PCSO Lisa Quinn to report on these items at the Annual Parish Meeting on 12 March.

There was also reference to a collecting agency acting for the Royal British Legion calling on residents in the hours of darkness. The Clerk was asked to report the Council's concern to Roy Farmers.

Paths to Partnership Conference, Royal Victoria Country Park Netley, 5 June 2014: Agreed, Councillor Moriarty to represent the Council (together with the Chairman if available)

Other correspondence: Members noted other correspondence as shown in the list tabled at the meeting.

159. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Members discussed and approved a revised draft of the proposed housing needs survey questionnaire. A separate e-mail from Catherine Kirkham, Rural Housing Enabler, also asked for assurances that the Parish Council fully supported the questionnaire and the methodology being used. It was confirmed that the Parish Council recognised that there may be a need for further affordable housing and that it was content with the manner in which the survey was being conducted.

160. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

Members reviewed the Council's Standing Orders which had last been amended in June 2012. It was noted that possible legislative changes were imminent on the filming and use of social media at council meetings which would impact on Standing Orders. It was therefore agreed to leave the current Standing Orders unchanged for the time being.

161. FINANCE MATTERS

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

916	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – February)	£500.98
917	TLC Online (Website maintenance – January to March)	£90.00
918	2nd New Forest North (Stanleys Own) Scout Group - Magazine Account	£100.00
919	Campaign to Protect Rural England – annual subscription	£29.00

162. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

535 (*Highway seat repairs, Haywain crossroads*): Works to be carried out by Soffes

537 (*Lengthsman Scheme*): Netley Marsh PC had now confirmed that they wished to join the parish cluster for this scheme. Agreed, proceed with the Lengthsman advertisement as soon as possible

163. DELEGATES' REPORTS

Councillor Bullen-Jarvis: Attendance at the multi-agency meeting at Tatchbury Hospital on 5 February, a note on which had been circulated to all members.

164. STANDING ORDERS

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

165. PLANNING MATTERS

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

14/00054 Littlecott Farm, Brockishill Road, Bartley (Application for Certificate of Lawful Development for continued stationing of an existing mobile home). (5), provided the mobile unit is not used for residential purposes

14/00056 1 The Terrace, Old Lyndhurst Road, Cadnam (Single storey rear extension; demolition of existing single storey rear extension). Support (3)

TPO/14/0212 Land along fence line of paddock to rear of Sir John Barleycorn, Old Romsey Road, Cadnam (various tree works). No objection

Application 13/99146 (Land adjacent to Rambler Cottage, Chinham Road, Bartley – new dwelling and detached garage): Amended plans had now been submitted for this application which the Council had previously opposed. Agreed, that the Council's response to the amended plans be (5), albeit with concerns about the possible impact on Rambler Cottage of the rear projection in terms of height and proximity.

Decisions: None received.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____