

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 25 June 2013
(7.00 p.m. – 9.50 p.m.)

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

22. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Steve Herra of Winsor Neighbourhood Watch referred to facilities for the creation of Community Resilience Plans to deal with emergency situations in a community. Further details would be supplied for the Council's consideration.

23. VILLAGE AGENT SCHEME

The Council received a presentation from Alan Edmunds of Age Concern Hampshire on the Village Agent Scheme. The scheme was aimed at increasing and improving the ways older people find and benefit from information in rural areas. The project relied on the recruitment of volunteers working on average 4 to 6 hours a week. Funding was available from Hampshire County Council to continue the scheme until August 2015, during which time it was hoped to recruit Village Agents in rural, market town and hamlet areas of Hampshire. It was felt that Copythorne might need two Agents to cover the whole parish.

Agreed that the Council support the scheme and advertise for volunteers.

24. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 28 May and 11 June 2013 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman, subject to the substitution of 'Bartley Junior School' for 'Copythorne Junior School' in minutes 4 and 10.

25. MATTERS ARISING

Land near The Haywain: Further to minute 10, a response had been received from the NPA outlining the discussions held with the site agent concerning possible housing development. Agreed, that further discussion take place at the next Council meeting, pending which a response from NFDC be pursued. The intention was to discuss the proposals with the site agent at the September Council meeting.

Highway and drainage issues: Further to minute 11 on flooding sites, the Area Survey advised that works orders had already been issued to clear roadside ditches at Newbridge Road and Beechwood Road. Pollards Moor Road would be submitted for resurfacing in the next financial year but would need to compete with other sites. The drainage system would be jetted on 27 June and the Parish Council would be advised of the outcome. Councillors Goodwin and Reilly agreed to meet Rob Millar on site while jetting was taking place.

Copythorne Community Group Sports Wall: The Clerk had sent a draft agreement (Copythorne PC/Copythorne Community Group) to Councillor Goodwin for initial comment.

26. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Andrews reported on the following:

- changes to planning legislation on permitted development (details to be presented to Council at the 9 July Planning meeting)
- beaches at Calshot, Barton-on-Sea, Milford-on-Sea and Lepe included as Marine Conservation Recommended in the “Good Beach Guide”

Councillor Puttock reported on the following:

- financial savings on certain Senior Officer posts at NFDC
- the commencement of glass collection from domestic properties in July (some leaflets recently delivered with collection boxes had been damaged by rain – NFDC would supply more where needed)

27. CORRESPONDENCE

Payment of allowances to parish/town councillors: Members considered a letter from NFDC enquiring if the Parish Council wished to pay allowances to its members as permitted under the Members Allowances Regulations. Agreed, that no allowances be paid to members.

Other correspondence: Members noted receipt of the following:

- the May Safer Neighbourhoods Beat report
- other correspondence as shown in the list circulated with the agenda

28. BARTLEY CROSSROADS

The Chairman reported on a meeting with highway officers on 17 June 2013. The conclusions were that the various casualty reduction measures previously introduced had resulted in a significant reduction in accidents and that no further measures were justified at this time. However, the road markings in the centre of the junction would be re-painted.

On the subject of “Think” signs, additional signs could be installed on existing posts in Southampton Road (opposite Fir Tree Road) and in Winsor Road (near The Old Post Office) so that signs were displayed in both directions.. These would cost an additional £65/£70 each. Agreed that two additional “Think” signs be purchased, preferably displaying the colours shown in the original design.

29. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Members reviewed the position concerning the Lengthsman scheme which was being operated again by HCC this year. It appeared that parishes adjoining Copythorne either had their own arrangements or did not wish to join the scheme, in which case Copythorne would need to proceed alone. Agreed, that HCC be advised that Copythorne would wish to join the scheme on an individual basis.

30. SPLITWIND POND MAINTENANCE

Further discussion took place on future arrangements for pond maintenance. It was agreed that the Chairman would approach Alex Catt regarding the possibility of a further maintenance contract, with the offer of displaying an advertising sign.

Following the earlier correspondence with Naomi Ewald concerning a pond survey, it appeared that a survey might already have taken place. The Clerk would therefore seek confirmation and also enquire if there were any other opportunities for training volunteers, either for pond surveys or pond maintenance.

31. FINANCE MATTERS

Financial statement: 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

890 M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – June) £732.08

891 HM Revenue & Customs (Clerk's tax, June quarter) £353.20

2013/14 Budget: The Clerk tabled a revised budget for 2013/14, showing the amendments agreed under minute 12/5/13.

Copythorne Community Group Sports Wall: Agreed, cover to be included under the Council's insurance policy for the Community Group's Sports Wall at the Parish Hall, as previously agreed in principle.

32. STANDING ORDERS

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

33. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

511 (Footpath inspections): Inspections to be made to see if obstructions still remain – fp 7 (Councillor Goodwin) and fp 12 (Chairman). Obstruction remains at Romsey Road end of fp 9

523 (Highway/drainage issues): Winsor Lane – Clerk to obtain update. Old Romsey Road – Surveyor checking on outstanding work

530 (Barrow Hill Road safety issues): New chevron signs to be installed shortly. Further request made to Surveyor to sweep outside of bend

532 (First Responder training): Response awaited from St John Ambulance

536 (Parking at Bartley C of E Junior School, Winsor Road): Report from new Beat Officer awaited. Council to raise issue with Councillor Mans at the next meeting.

34. DELEGATES' REPORTS

Councillor Moriarty: Agenda for next meeting of New Forest Consultative Panel does not include item on Commoners Dwelling Scheme, despite previous agreement. Clerk to pursue.

35. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Bullen-Jarvis: Reported on his attendance at a meeting of the Brockishill Road Residents Association concerning the commoners dwelling planning application.

Councillor Goodwin: Footpath obstructions in Chinham Road: Field entrance opposite Shepherds Road (Chairman to provide Clerk with address of landowner). Hedge near Bartley Post Office (Chairman to view to see whether any action needed).

Councillor James: Concern at the proposed sale of Warrawee Duck Farm in the context of the recent planning permission for enlarged manege. Council to write to NPA expressing concerns about injudicious planning decisions made contrary to Parish Council/local views and querying whether all buildings on site have consent.

36. PLANNING MATTERS

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

- 13/98483 Old Bartley Nursery, Southampton Road, Bartley (Application to vary Condition 3 of permission 12/97714 to allow activity on site between the hours of 7.30 am and 6.30 pm and allow access to the site on weekends and bank holidays). Object (4)
- 13/98504 White Hart Inn, Old Romsey Road, Cadnam (Single storey rear extension; garden room; relocation of fenced bin compound and log store). Support (3)
- 13/98505 White Hart Inn, Old Romsey Road, Cadnam (Demolition of bin compound, function/skittles room (Application for Conservation Area consent). Support (3)
- 13/98511 Yew Tree Cottage, Winsor Road, Winsor (Replacement garage). Support (3)

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

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____