

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 25 November 2014
(7.00 p.m. – 9.08 p.m.)

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

99. MINUTES

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

100. MATTERS ARISING

Affordable housing: The Chairman and Councillor Goodwin were meeting Catherine Kirkham and Nick Evans on 27 November to discuss potential sites for affordable housing.

Further to the enquiry from a member of the public about housing targets, members noted responses from both the National Park and NFDC. Neither authority had targets for affordable housing, only for houses generally. The National Park had a target of 220 houses for the period 2006 to 2026, with 157 completed by the end of 2013. Outside the Park, NFDC had a requirement for 3920 dwellings for the period 2006 to 2026, with 2220 completed so far.

101. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Heron had no specific items on Copythorne to report. However, the Chairman referred to the ‘Working Together’ event on 24 November which had revealed possible funding cuts for the Lengthsman scheme. Councillor Heron was hopeful that any savings could be achieved by retrieving unspent allocations but would welcome the views of parishes on the subject. He was reminded that HCC were the lead flood authority and of the importance of Lengthsmen in this context. Councillor Heron asked for any available information on recent Copythorne flooding.

102. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Andrews reported on the following:

- the activities of Dementia Friends, a national initiative run by the Alzheimer’s Society. The organisation was funded by the government and aimed to improve people’s understanding of dementia and its effects
- publication of NFDC’s revised Statement of Community Involvement setting out how residents can have their voices heard on district-wide planning strategy and on individual planning applications

Councillor Puttock expressed disappointment at the prospect of reduced funding for Lengthsmen and hoped, in particular, that this would not impact on parish precepts. He also expressed concern at the letter from the Department of Transport on the matter of M27 and A31 traffic noise (see minute 104)

103. FLOODING

Councillor Goodwin introduced his presentation by noting the Met Office prediction that this coming winter would be the wettest for 30 years. The review highlighted the positively improved situation regarding the progress on flood mitigation works in the parish. In particular, HCC had confirmed that the planned works in Shepherds Road Bartley, Old Romsey Road Cadnam and Pollards Moor Road/Romsey Road Copythorne would be completed by this Christmas.

Members also received a letter from residents of Barrow Hill Road thanking the Council for assistance with their Repair and Renewal grant application.

The next flooding update would at the PC meeting on 27 January 2015.

104. CORRESPONDENCE

Local policing: Members noted the October Safer Neighbourhoods Beat report. PC Rob Morant and PCSO Lisa Quinn were in attendance and answered questions on future beat arrangements and Speedwatch.

Cadnam Community Responders: An e-mail from Sylvie Atkinson sought the Parish Council's support for a Basic Life Support and Awareness evening to be run by Cadnam Community First Responders at the Parish Hall. Agreed, that the Council meet the cost of hall hire.

M27/A31 traffic noise: Members noted a letter from the Department for Transport to Dr Julian Lewis MP in response to an enquiry from a local resident. The letter confirmed advice given previously that Defra's Noise Action Plans had not identified junction 1 of the M27 as an 'Important Area' and that site specific noise mitigation measures were not therefore being considered at this location. However, resurfacing of the M27 between Cadnam and Newbridge was planned during the 2015/16 financial year which would incorporate a lower noise resurfacing material.

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

105. REDUCED BUS SERVICES AND PROVISION OF COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

106. 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

951	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – November)	£503.56
952	Kevin Bennett (Lengthsman payment)	£320.00
953	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (Remembrance Day wreath)	£30.00

107. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

511 (*Footpath inspections*): All outstanding inspections to be completed as soon as possible

523 (*Highway/drainage issues*): Area Surveyor would be addressing all outstanding issues in Old Romsey Road shortly

108. DELEGATES' REPORTS

None received.

109. MEMBERS' REPORTS

None received.

110. NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK

Sally Arnold, Chairman of the North East Quadrant, presented a report on National Park matters, including the following topics:

- concern expressed by all National Parks at government proposals to restrict the requirement for affordable homes to schemes of over ten units
- a recent court case resulting in a homeowner paying £4500 in costs for refusing to remove an unauthorised conservatory in a Conservation Area
- plans to reduce the visual impact of electricity infrastructure in nationally protected landscapes gathering momentum, following a new study by the National Grid. One of the protected landscapes was the New Forest National Park.

For the next meeting of the NE Quadrant (in January 2015) the Chairman had asked for speakers on flooding, local cycling, affordable housing and planning enforcement.

111. PLANNING MATTERS

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

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| 14/00721 | Foxbury, Blackhill Road, East Wellow (3no cabins; compost toilet; creation of boardwalk; jetty and car park; 4no interpretation boards; upgrade to access track). Support (3) |
| 14/00888 | Canaseraga, Winsor Road, Winsor (Two storey extension; first floor extension; alterations to front porch; new side porch). Object (4) |
| CONS/14/
1221 | Homeleigh, Barrow Hill Road (Various tree works). Objection |
| CONS/14/
1224 | Rockram House, New Road, Bartley (Fell Monterey Pine). No objection |
| CONS/14/
1253 | Pegasus, Barrow Hill Road (Various tree works). No objection |

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

Tree works consultations in the National Park: An e-mail from Paul Hocking commented on development of the consultation process for tree works applications. Agreed, that the Council request an item to be included in a future North East Quadrant meeting to discuss the Council's concerns about the level of tree felling.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____