

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 26 March 2013
(7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.)

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

155. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 26 February and 12 March 2013 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

156. MATTERS ARISING

Disposal of old smoke alarms: Councillor Tipp reported that the current advice from NFDC was to remove batteries from old smoke alarms and take the cases to a recycling centre. The alarms should not be placed in the black refuse sacks.

Allotments: NFDC had advised that it had no land in Copythorne suitable for allotments. Replies were awaited from HCC and the NPA.

157. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Tipp reported on release of his parish council grant.

Councillor Andrews reported on the following:

- allocation of her parish grant to an environmental garden project at Copythorne Infant School
- explosions in Lyndhurst caused by Royal Engineers removing WW1 ordnance in the Matley Wood area
- the formation of a Task and Finish Group at NFDC to deal with the needs of homeless young men over 25

158. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Mans reported on the signing of a contract between HCC and BT for high speed broadband. The targets were to achieve 90% with 20mb and 10% with 2mb by the end of 2015. Councillor Mans' aims were for all to sign up to the EU2020 Vision for broadband coverage and all new housing development to be connected to high speed broadband, preferably with fibre optic cable. It was also important for residents to make representations to achieve higher broadband speeds.

159. CORRESPONDENCE

Safer Neighbourhoods Beat Report: Members noted the report for February. Councillor Moriarty mentioned that various crime incidents were not included in the report which could not therefore be regarded as inclusive. It would be appropriate to raise this issue with the new Beat Officer when appointed. The Chairman also referred to a list of crime incidents received from a colleague, details of which he would report later. Reference was also made to a recent accident at the Haywain crossroads.

Defra Flood Resilience Scheme: Further to minute 143, an e-mail from Stuart Beaton, NFDC, advised that the earlier Bartley flood scheme was unlikely to meet the criteria for the Flood Resilience Community Pathfinder Scheme. In any event the deadline for applications for this Defra project had now passed. Members commented on the need to find ways of tackling the various flooding issues affecting the parish. In this context Councillor Mans referred to his intention to prioritise his increased devolved budget in 2013/14 on flood prevention.

Splitwind Pond maintenance: Further to minute 151, Naomi Ewald of Pond Conservation had offered to provide a free training session for volunteers undertaking pond surveys. To enlist possible volunteers, the Chairman agreed to arrange for a suitable sign to be displayed at the pond and the Clerk would approach the local WI.

As for the involvement of schoolchildren in pond surveys, Naomi advised that the techniques needed to carry out initial surveys may be too complex for a school group. It would be preferable to establish the baseline surveys first and then assess the scope for school involvement.

Parking in Winsor Road: Members discussed an e-mail from a local resident concerning parking issues in Winsor Road. Agreed that further representations be made to Bartley Junior School with a view to discussing alternative school parking/traffic arrangements.

Other correspondence: Members noted receipt of the following:

- a consultation from the NPA on the Draft Local Enforcement Plan (any issues arising to be discussed at the next meeting)
- notice of a temporary closure of the layby on the A336, Bartley from 1 April 2013
- other correspondence as shown in the list circulated with the agenda

160. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Members noted a list of matters raised at the Annual Parish Meeting on 13 March 2013. These included:

- caravans etc at Fuzzies Copse (reported to NPA Enforcement)
- publicity for the home lending library service (posters etc awaited from Councillor Heron)
- car park charges for Blue Badge holders in the New Forest (decision awaited from NFDC)
- Brockishill Road commoners dwelling (planning permission now granted) (see also minute 164)

The Council also discussed whether, in the context of the modest attendance at the meeting, an alternative date was needed for future APMs. Members concluded, however, that this was not necessary.

161. FINANCE MATTERS

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

879	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – March)	£524.70
880	HM Revenue & Customs (Clerk's tax – March quarter)	£352.80

Audit of accounts, 2012/13: Members noted that the calling date for external audit by BDO, the new auditors, was 25 June 2013. The internal audit would be conducted on 16 May and the final accounts presented to Council for approval at the AGM on 28 May.

162. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

523 (*Highway/drainage issues*):

Winsor Lane: Local residents had met with Rob Millar on 25 March to discuss the road defects. In summary, the Highway Authority's present remit was to patch potholes to keep roads safe. The structure of Winsor Road had failed and the road had been submitted for resurfacing; however it was unlikely to be included in next year's programme. In the meantime, ditching works were planned followed by a further investigation of the drainage system. A response was also awaited from Southern Water concerning a possible leak at the pumping station.

Old Romsey Road: Eroded road edges worsening. Report to Surveyor

535 (*Highway seat repairs, Haywain crossroads*): Chairman and Councillor Reilly to carry out necessary repairs

163. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Bullen-Jarvis: Referred to the many highway/drainage issues in the parish that were difficult to pursue in the present climate, particularly as the highway authority were concentrating on emergency surface repairs. However, it would be appropriate to discuss all outstanding issues at a future meeting.

164. PLANNING MATTERS

New applications: There were no current applications for discussion.

Application 12/97653 (Commoners dwelling, Brockishill Road, Bartley): The Chairman reported on his attendance at the NPA Planning Committee on 19 March which had resulted in planning permission being granted in this case. The Brockishill Road Residents Association were due to meet that evening to discuss possible further action, including a request for judicial review or a reference to the Local Government Ombudsman.

Decisions: Members noted the following decisions:

			<u>PC view</u>
12/98017	Land at Bartley Junior School, Winsor Road Polytunnel	Permission with conditions	Support (3)
13/98233	Land at Middle Field Farm, Salisbury Rd, Ower Solar park (13mw) and associated Infrastructure on 1 no site (26.7 ha)	EIA not required	-

Enforcement: Members noted the following:

EN/11/0032 Field adjacent to Winsor Road, Winsor (Stationing of a container without planning permission): Enforcement Notice complied with

QU/13/0032 Field east of The Haywain, Southampton Road, Bartley (Structure in field):
By design, the structure is a mobile field shelter. No planning breach

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____