

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 26 November 2013
(7.00 p.m. – 9.58 p.m.)

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

107. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 22 October and 12 November 2013 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman, subject to the substitution of “Councillor Puttock” for “Councillor Tipp on the last line of page 26 (minute 93).

108. MATTERS ARISING

Hedges, Chinham Road: Repairs to footway fronting hedge next to bus stop opposite Shepherds Road are awaiting contractor. The owner of the hedge near the Post Office has been asked to remove the obstruction.

Shepherds Road: Works required to the gulley at the junction of Shepherds Road and Chinham are awaiting contractor.

Camper van, Southampton Road: Following investigations by PC Morant, the camper van has now been removed. A local resident has asked if NFDC will alter its policy to allow vehicles parked on a public highway and not moved for a lengthy period, to be treated as abandoned vehicles. Councillors Andrews and Puttock to pursue.

109. COPYTHORNE COMMON – RUBBISH CLEARANCE

PC Morant referred to accumulated rubbish on Copythorne Common and the proposal to organise a community clear up with the local Scouts. It was hoped that the Parish Council could help with disposal arrangements. Councillor Heron suggested contact with Colin Reid at NFDC who might also be able to supply litter picks and refuse bags. PC Morant to arrange a date for the clearance.

110. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Heron reported on the following:

- the recommendation being made to Cabinet for retention of Cranleigh Paddock care home at Lyndhurst
- an on-line survey seeking residents’ views on future budget priorities for the County Council in the context of further budget savings (a total of £130m had been saved over three years to 2013/14 and a further £90m was required for the years 2014/15 and 2015/16).

Councillor Goodwin enquired about on-line access to the Freedom of Information disclosure log. He agreed to send an e-mail to Councillor Heron to pursue this further.

Councillor Mans also reported on the further budget savings required and answered questions on the way HCC approached the exercise. Both Councillors Heron and Mans emphasised the focus on efficiency savings.

111. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Puttock reported on the following:

- Government proposals for individual electoral registration from 2014
- proposed discussions at the next meeting of Netley Marsh Parish Council on various concerns about operations at Tatchbury Mount

Councillor Andrews referred to the new NFDC planning website which incorporated frequently-asked questions and new links etc. NFDC were also about to analyse responses to a questionnaire on the pre-application planning service.

Councillor Goodwin also agreed to e-mail Councillor Andrews on the matter of access to the Freedom of Information disclosure log.

112. PARKING AT BARTLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL, WINSOR ROAD

The Chairman reported on his meeting on 18 November with the Headteacher of Bartley Junior School and David Kitson of HCC.

While the school and HCC acknowledged the parking problems they pointed out that conditions were worse at other sites. They were also reluctant to move back the railings at the front of the school (to provide additional parking space) because of the likely disproportionate cost. However, they were currently investigating the possibility of providing additional parking on a neighbouring site and would advise the Parish Council of the outcome.

113. PROVISION OF PLAY AREA

Consideration was given to the letters previously sent to Councillor Goodwin by pupils of Bartley Junior School (minute 95/10) requesting the provision of local play facilities.

Members noted that the Council had no land of its own on which to provide a play area. Costs were also likely to be high and resources would need to be set aside over a period of time. In the meantime, there might be opportunities through a section 106 agreement linked to any future development to secure play facilities.

The Clerk would reply to the school accordingly.

114. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Further to minute 102/11, members considered whether any further action was required following the presentation from the Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing (HARAH).

Members noted the housing waiting list figures from NFDC as cited at the last meeting. However, it was felt that a parish housing survey, as offered by HARAH, would help quantify the extent of housing need. Agreed, that HARAH be asked to carry out a housing survey in the parish as previously discussed.

115. STANDING ORDERS

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

116. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Members noted that it had not yet been possible to arrange the joint meeting with Bramshaw and Wellow parishes. It was agreed to proceed with the proposed meeting and that, in the meantime, Councillor Goodwin would meet with the Clerk to discuss documentation and other details.

117. CORRESPONDENCE

Groundwater Management Plan for Hampshire: Members received a letter from Pete Errington, HCC, concerning a consultation on the draft Groundwater Management Plan for Hampshire. Comments were particularly invited on action plans for the 10 ‘at risk’ wards in the county. However, members noted that the exercise was not relevant to Copythorne as surface water flooding was the primary issue rather than groundwater flooding. There was no need, therefore, to respond to the consultation.

Meanwhile, the Council had access to a separate document showing areas at risk of flooding in the New Forest (including Cadnam) which it was believed related to surface water or coastal flooding. Councillor Goodwin was making further enquiries.

Industrial unit, Old Lyndhurst Road, Cadnam: Members noted complaints from local residents concerning problems of noise (including unsocial hours) and odour from an industrial unit in Old Lyndhurst Road. The NPA had advised that the current planning consent did not stipulate trading hours. However, NFDC could assist with nuisance complaints and local residents were already in touch with Environmental Health on the matter.

Other correspondence: Members also noted receipt of the following:

- the October Safer Neighbourhoods Beat report
- an invitation to attend a Parish Engagement Event on 16 January 2014 at Ashburton Hall, Winchester (Chairman and Councillor Goodwin to attend)
- details of a national research project on recruitment to parish and town councils (Chairman to attend meeting at Southampton University on 9 January 2014)
- a letter from John Murray, Internal Auditor, on various financial matters (letter to be considered by the Finance Committee on 12 December)
- an e-mail from PC Rob Morant containing an update on police involvement in cycle events in the New Forest
- other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda

118. 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

905	M Derrick (Clerk’s salary and expenses – November)	£537.88
906	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (Remembrance Day wreath)	£30.00
907	TLC Online (Website maintenance, October to December, and domain name renewal)	£105.00
908	New Forest Disability Information Service (Grant)	£100.00
909	New Forest District Council (GIS Partnership, Oct 13 to Mar 14)	£50.00
910	Catts Tree Care (Works to Splitwind Pond)	£200.00

119. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

511 (Footpath inspections): A new Senior Ranger was now investigating the issues on footpaths 7 and 12

529 (Bartley crossroads – safety measures): Re-painting of road markings still awaited

531 (Caravans etc in Cadnam Lane): Date for further site visit to be agreed

533 (Splitwind Pond maintenance): Current work completed – delete item

534 Traffic issues, Old Salisbury Road): Surveyor to arrange for white lines at junction

120. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Lady Kara Hawks: Hedge at junction of Old Romsey Road and Romsey Road overgrown. Clerk to pursue.

121. PLANNING MATTERS

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

13/98995 The Yews, Southampton Road, Cadnam (Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for existing use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes). (5) (If Certificate is granted, number of permitted caravans to be limited. There is evidence to suggest that a number of caravans have only been recently introduced to the site)

CONS/13/ Butterflies, Winsor Lane, Winsor (Felling of oak). No objection
1019

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

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____