

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 26 April 2011
(7.00 p.m. – 9.12 p.m.)

PRESENT: Councillor Lady Kara Hawks (Chairman); Councillors G James, I Mansell, M Moriarty and J Samways

New Forest District Council: Councillors H Forse and L Puttock

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Stenson, Mans and Tipp

173. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 22 March and 12 April 2011 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

174. MATTERS ARISING

Heatseekers project: Councillor Puttock advised that NFDC could provide further detailed information on this scheme.

North East Quadrant: Bob Morris had written to thank Copythorne for hosting the 29 March meeting and for its contributions to a well-attended meeting.

175. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

The following matters were raised with Councillor Heron:

Noise attenuation on the M27 at Cadnam – have the NFNPA made any representations? Councillor Heron to enquire

Flooding – where do responsibilities lie in the light of HCC's designation as lead local flood authority for Hampshire? Councillor Heron advised that the position was an evolving one in that the Environment Agency and district councils still retained respective powers in flooding matters. In its new role, the County Council would initially be focusing on flooding issues affecting large numbers of properties.

176. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Forse thanked the Parish Council for the good working relations during his time as District Councillor. The Chairman also thanked Councillor Forse for his efforts, particularly in relation to the motorbike noise issues at Cadnam.

Councillor Puttock referred to the following:

A further residents meeting on 19 April concerning the new speed limit between the Cadnam roundabouts. Following a change in local policing, the police were of the view that the measures taken to deal with the motorbike nuisance were 'an over-reaction' and unnecessary. Local residents were understandably disappointed at the police stance. Agreed, that the Parish Council write to the police to request a more supportive approach.

Parish and district council elections on 5 May, together with the referendum on the parliamentary voting system.

177. SPEEDWATCH

PC Dee Faulkner attended and gave a brief overview of the Community Speedwatch scheme. The scheme would involve community volunteers working alongside Hampshire Constabulary to identify vehicles exceeding the speed limit. Vehicle details were entered into a database after which a letter would be sent by the police to the registered owner. A warning letter would be issued if the same registration number was logged again within 12 months followed by more robust action in the event of a third 'sighting'.

PD Faulkner said that there were already a good number of volunteers from the three parishes, obtained principally through Neighbourhood Watch schemes. Those taking part would use a portable speed indicator device which, together with warning signs and high visibility jackets etc, would cost around £2500. It was hoped that the cost could be shared between the three parishes of Copythorne, Bramshaw and Minstead. Councillor Heron was hopeful that both he and Councillor Mans could assist with the cost through their devolved budgets.

Agreed that formal consideration of Copythorne's participation in the scheme take place at the next meeting on 17 May.

178. RED TELEPHONE BOXES

Mr Stuart Jarvis attended with other local residents for this item.

Mr Jarvis reported that a new door had now been fitted to the Winsor Road kiosk which had also been re-painted. An 'opening ceremony' had been arranged for 18 April, involving Dr Julian Lewis MP, but this had been postponed pending completion of the adoption formalities. Third party insurance was now in place which would require the fitting of a suitable lock to the kiosk.

It was also noted that Elisabeth Howard and Sylvia Atkinson wished to pursue adoption of the Newbridge Road kiosk Mr Jarvis agreed to enquire if his third party insurance could cover both the Winsor Road and Newbridge boxes. Agreed, that the principle of adoption of the Newbridge Road kiosk on the same terms as for Winsor Road be agreed.

Members also considered the draft contract for the adoption of red telephone boxes. It was noted in particular that, under clause 8.5, the Council acknowledged that it had taken or considered taking legal advice from a solicitor before entering into the agreement. Agreed, that the draft contract be accepted for adoption of the Winsor Road and Newbridge Road boxes, without the need for separate legal advice, provided the benefits and burdens of the agreement can be passed on to the new buyer(s).

179. CORRESPONDENCE

Bus services review: HCC were experiencing significant reductions in Government funds for supporting bus services. Views of the public were therefore invited on how finite funds were best targeted. Agreed that Cllr Moriarty complete and return the consultation response form on the Council's behalf.

M27 noise barriers: Members noted a letter from the Highways Agency sent to Dr Julian Lewis MP. The letter advised that the scheme for noise barriers on the Cadnam section of the M27 had not been successful for funding in 2011/12. As a separate exercise, the Environmental Noise Directive required strategic noise maps and action plans to be prepared for various locations to assist in noise management. This involved the designation of Important Areas and First Priority Locations. While Cadnam had not been identified as a First Priority Location, a decision on Important Area sites was expected in June.

Agreed that a letter be sent to Dr Julian Lewis MP asking him to maintain pressure on the Highways Agency to secure appropriate noise protection measures on the M27.

County Council flood risk map: A note from HCC confirmed the County Council's designation as lead local flood authority for Hampshire. The authority now had new responsibilities to identify areas of potential flooding and establish what was needed to mitigate any risks. Information was therefore being sought from various sources, including local residents, to help compile a map of identified flood areas in the county. Agreed, that Councillor Moriarty prepare a draft submission to the County Council of known flood areas in Copythorne. In addition, the Clerk would ask Bob Morris to invite representatives of the Environment Agency, HCC and NFDC to a future quadrant meeting to discuss flooding issues and responsibilities generally.

Other correspondence: Members noted the following:

- the March crime summary for Copythorne
- notice of the Annual County Civic Service on Sunday 19 June 2011 in Winchester Cathedral (Chairman to consider whether she can attend)
- a note from Netley Marsh Parish Council confirming that they had no objection in principle to changes to the Bourne Road/Chinham Road junction but would like to discuss any possible changes with residents (Clerk to ask NMPC to keep Copythorne advised of any progress).
- a letter from the Ministry of Defence concerning Armed Forces Day (Fly a Flag)
- details of the Greener Living Show on 8 May 2011 at Sandy Balls, Godshill

180. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 12 April 2011 (dealing with Standing Orders and Financial Regulations), as shown in appendix 1 in the minute book.

Agreed that the minutes be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.

181. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

511 (Footpath matters): Stile now installed on footpath 3. Agreed, delete item.

520 (Role of parishes in planning – NPA publicity): To be pursued with Steve Avery

521 (Review of Parish Flood Plan): To be finalised with Councillor James

523 (Items from highway tour, 11 March 2011): Passing bay installed at Barrow Hill Road

524 (Adoption of Winsor Road red telephone box): Add Newbridge Road box

182. FINANCE MATTERS

Current balances: Deposit A/c £4382.69 Current A/c £157.34

Payments: Agreed that the following expenditure be authorised:

Cheque no

798 M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses, April) £510.11

Grant application: The Clerk reported a grant application from Disability Awareness UK. Agreed that, in the absence of a grant budget for 2011/12, the application be declined. However, the Clerk to report all further grant requests during the year for information.

Accounts book: Agreed, that the Clerk be authorised to purchase a new Receipts & Payments Book from Shaw & Sons.

183. STANDING ORDERS

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

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184. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor James: A caravan had recently been parked in the Bartley layby but had now been moved.

Councillor Moriarty: Properties in Copythorne were due to switch to digital television in April 2012. Agreed, DigitalUK to be asked to provide a presentation at a future Council meeting to enable information to be passed on to local residents.

Councillor Mansell: Cars were being advertised for sale on highway land at various locations.

Councillor Samways: A planning application was still awaited for the use of Ivy Cottage, Pollards Moor Road to provide day support for adults with learning difficulties. Local residents were concerned to ensure that outstanding enforcement notices would be dealt with as part of any planning permission.

Councillor Lady Kara Hawks: Is the Parish Council planning to play a part in celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012? Agreed, raise matter with the new Council after the May elections.

185. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no current planning applications for discussion.

186. RETIRING MEMBERS

The Chairman thanked members for their services to the Council.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____