

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 26 October 2010
(7.00 p.m. – 9.08 p.m.)

PRESENT: Cllr Lady Kara Hawks (Chairman); Cllr I Milsom, Cllr M Moriarty, Cllr G James and Cllr J Samways

County Councillor E Heron	- by invitation
County Councillor K Mans	- by invitation
District Councillor L Puttock	- by invitation

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mansell, Forse and Tipp

82. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 28 September and 12 October 2010 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

83. MATTERS ARISING

NFDC refuse collections: Cllrs Lady Kara Hawks and Moriarty had still not received advice letters on the new refuse collection arrangements. Cllr Heron explained the distribution problems and advised that letters were now only being sent to residents with a changed collection day.

HALC AGM: An 8% increase in HALC fees had been agreed for 2011/12. A further meeting would be convened in the event that HCC withdrew its present funding support.

Highway matters: Rob Millar had agreed to the request for a highway tour to discuss outstanding issues and the Clerk would therefore arrange a suitable date (Cllrs Lady Kara Hawks, Moriarty and Samways to attend).

Councillor Moriarty had written to Rob Millar about the ongoing flooding issues at the New Inn Road/Chinham Road crossroads and had received a reply outlining further planned works (correspondence to be copied to all members). A separate reply would be sent concerning the changed road markings at the Bartley crossroads and, in addition, the Clerk had requested a site visit to discuss the matter.

Cllr Puttock reported that the 30 mph speed limit request for Southampton Road would be delayed by funding issues. However, Cllr Heron agreed to pursue the matter further through the HAT team. The Clerk had received data from the speed sign near the Haywain crossroads. Installation of the sign had reduced the 85thile eastbound speed from 43.4 mph to 40.9 mph, with the number of vehicles travelling over 40 mph reducing from 24% to 14%. The location would continue to be monitored but it was unlikely at present that the trigger speed would be lowered.

New Forest Association of Local Councils: The agenda for the inaugural meeting of the new Association on 18 November had now been received (copied to all members).

First Responder training: The Totton & Cadnam Community Responder Group had supplied contact details for possible First Responder training. Agreed, Clerk to pursue further.

84. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Mans referred to the proposed staff savings designed to protect front line services. The overall Government grant settlement for next year was now known but not individual Council allocations. The Government would provide extra funding for those authorities who avoided council tax rises.

Arrangements for the new concessionary fares administration were still under review with the focus on obtaining value for money.

Councillor Heron also reported on the expenditure review and referred to possible reductions in the mobile library service. Partnership working would be a key feature in limiting the effect of any service changes.

85. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Puttock reported on the following:

- a forthcoming meeting to consider the details of the Government spending review
- his concerns about some aspects of the Localism Bill, in particular the ability of parishes to take on responsibility for additional functions
- a recent New Forest Road Safety meeting which had revealed a 19% reduction in drink driving/drug offences in 2010 compared to the previous year.

86. CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted the following:

- crime figures for Copythorne for September
- a draft Traffic Order for a 50 mph speed limit on the A31, Cadnam (between Cadnam roundabout and the M27 Interchange)
- an invitation to the North East Quadrant parish meeting on 16 November at Bramshaw Village Hall (Chairman and Vice-Chairman to attend)
- an invitation to a meeting on Tuesday 9 November at Winchester concerning the County Council's winter service arrangements for highways
- proposed changes in 2011 to allow parishes to use modern banking methods instead of cheques
- a letter from an unidentified resident sent to the Highways Agency requesting implementation of the noise barrier scheme on the M27 (between junctions 1 and 2)
- a letter from a local resident sent to PC Dee Faulkner concerning parking in the bus layby in Romsey Road between Barleycorn Walk and the BP garage

87. PARISH FLOOD PLAN

Members discussed a review of the Parish Flood Plan which had been prepared in 2004. Councillor James agreed to review the contents/detail to allow further discussion in January.

88. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

511 (Maintenance of footpaths): Provision of stile at Pound Lane end of footpath 3 still outstanding. Clerk to pursue

519 (Bartley crossroads): Delete 'Vehicle Activated Sign'

89. FINANCE MATTERS

Grant request: Consideration was given to a letter from the Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group requesting grant-aid. Agreed that no grant be offered.

Current balances: Deposit A/c £97239.73 Current A/c £671.14

Payments: Agreed, that the following payment be authorised:

Cheque no

777 M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses, October) £449.91

90. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Moriarty: Meeting of New Forest Consultative Panel scheduled for 25 November. Progress with Copperfield enforcement to be raised.

Councillor James: Copythorne map unavailable on parish website. Clerk to check.

Councillor Samways: 40 mph sign still on roadside at Empress of Blandings. Item to be included in proposed highway tour.

Councillor Lady Kara Hawks: Road name sign damaged. Clerk to be supplied with further details.

91. STANDING ORDERS

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

92. PLANNING MATTERS

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

10/95583 Betulas, The Brickyard, Winsor (Attached garage (replacement of existing); conservatory). Support (3)

10/95695 2 Moulands Cottages, Winsor Road, Winsor (Outbuilding). Support (3)

10/95689 Vine Cottage, Romsey Road, Ower (Change of use to Class B1 Light Industrial; new access track). Support (3)

Application 10/95644 (Myrtle Cottage, Romsey Road, Cadnam – single storey side extension and conservatory). Since the last meeting, the NFNPA had issued the briefing note for this application and had expressed concern about the impact of the proposed development on this attractive property and on the street scene. Agreed, that the Council's response be confirmed as Support (3).

Tree applications: The following responses were agreed to current tree works applications:

CONS/10/ Manor Farm, Kewlake Lane, Cadnam No objection
0333

CONS/10/ Copythorne Lodge, Romsey Road Objection. Council is concerned at the
0338 cumulative effect of this and previous applications

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

Planning policy and procedure issues: Members noted the following response from Steve Avery following recent representations:

- the NPA were happy to look at the possibility of including additional information in standard letters and on the website to make the public aware of the parish council planning role
- on the Uncle Tom's Cabin application, the NPA were disappointed with the Inspector's decision but had decided there were insufficient grounds to mount a legal challenge. However, while the decision would make it difficult to resist the principle of replacing a mobile home with a dwelling, it was not felt that a precedent had been set for elsewhere in the National Park on the basis of 'each case on its merits etc'. The emerging Core Strategy also retained the proviso that mobile homes should not be replaced by permanent dwellings.

Attendance of Alison Barnes, Chief Executive of the NPA, to the Council meeting on 23 November 2010: Members agreed the following questions for the forthcoming visit of Alison Barnes:

- when are long-standing enforcement issues such as Golden Meadows (Netley Marsh parish) to be resolved?
- why are different dates used to secure compliance with enforcement action?
- why, seemingly, are there inconsistencies in approach to handling different enforcement cases?
- what is the present position on the landfill enforcement at Copperfield, Pollards Moor Road and when will positive action be taken to resolve the issue?
- is the current NPA budget sufficient to cater fully for the needs of the National Park?
- how do you balance the need to preserve the qualities of the National Park with the desire to attract more visitors?

Members were asked to advise the Clerk of any other appropriate questions.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____