

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 27 July 2010
(7.00 p.m. – 9.53 p.m.)

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

County Councillor K Mans	- by invitation
District Councillor H Forse	- by invitation
District Councillor D Tipp	- by invitation
PC D Faulkner	- by invitation

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs James, Milsom and Puttock

36. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor J Samways declared an interest in planning application 10/95305 (The Beaters, Barrow Hill Road).

37. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 22 June and 13 July 2010 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

38. MATTERS ARISING

Cadnam: Verges now cut on central reservation of the dual carriageway.

NFALC meeting, 29 July: Chairman, Councillor Samways and Clerk to attend

39. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillors Tipp and Forse reported on the following:

- an objection from Netley Marsh Parish Council to the Woody Bank, Whitemoor Lane planning application (day school)
- a review of refuse collection arrangements with a view to efficiency savings (there were no plans to change from the weekly service)

40. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Mans reported on the following:

- the proposed temporary speed limit and additional road markings between the Cadnam roundabouts following the recent public meeting regarding motorbike nuisance
- the need for County Council budget savings, resulting in a review of middle management, a freeze on recruitment, together with a review of statutory and non-statutory functions

On the motorbike issue at Cadnam, Councillor Moriarty queried the wisdom of road hatchings in the context of road safety (the markings could make the road slippery). He also referred to the speedy outcome of highway safety proposals following the public meeting in contrast to the Parish Council's long-standing efforts to secure a 30 mph speed limit in Southampton Road. Councillor Mans suggested that the Council could usefully invite Tim Lawton to a meeting to discuss this issue and the matter of road markings at the Haywain crossroads. Councillor Mans would also enquire whether the National Park Authority could contribute financially to any proposals that would enhance the National Park.

41. CORRESPONDENCE

Local policing: PC Dee Faulkner presented the Cadnam area beat report for June and gave an update on local crime figures. Beat surgeries were continuing but with a fairly low number of visitors. The Forest Watch presentation was now taking place at Bramshaw on 31 August.

New Chief Executive, NPA: Members received a proposal for the new Chief Executive of the National Park Authority, Alison Barnes, to introduce herself at a Parish Council meeting on 23 November 2010. This was part of a programme of visits to all Parish Councils. Agreed, that the proposal be accepted.

M27 Junctions 1-2, Sound Barriers: Members received a letter from the Highways Agency to Dr Julian Lewis MP on this subject. The letter advised that, in comparison with other schemes competing for funds in this financial year, the noise barrier proposal had not achieved a high enough priority to progress. In addition, a spending review of public finances would be undertaken shortly in the context of the current economic climate and all planned highways expenditure would be considered as part of this review.

Sign clutter: An e-mail from the NPA referred to liaison with the highway authority to reduce the number of unnecessary or poorly designed road signs within the National Park. Agreed, topic to be deferred to a later meeting.

Other correspondence: Members noted other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda.

42. PLANNING MATTERS

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

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| 10/95305 | The Beaters, Barrow Hill Road (Two storey side extension). Object (4)
<u>(Councillor Samways declared an interest in this application, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon)</u> |
| 10/95374 | Grove Cottage, Southampton Road, Bartley (Rear conservatory). Support (3) |
| 10/95381 | Lay-by, Southampton Road, Bartley (Continued siting of a mobile hot food takeaway (renewal of planning permission 91704 with additional hours of operation). Object (4) but Council would support with current operating hours |
| 10/95382 | Mortimers Industrial Estate, Romsey Road, Ower (Erect two industrial buildings (demolition of buildings 3 & 4 and construct one replacement building (2A); demolition and replacement of building 1). Support (3)
(The applicant spoke on this application during public participation) |
| 10/95399 | Part parcel OS 5289, Stables, Cadnam Lane, Cadnam Green (Retention of replacement stables and hard standing). Object (4) |
| 10/95416 | Jessamine, Chingham Road, Bartley (Two-storey side extension). Support (3), subject to meeting 30% rule |

Application 10/95306 (Home View, Pollards Moor Road – replacement porch; gates and wall). The Council had supported this application but the NPA were currently minded to refuse. The proposal involved the replacement of a significant section of the boundary hedge and vegetation, with a double wooden entrance gate, two brick piers (with lights on top) and a section of brick wall. Planning officers were concerned that the proposals would represent a harsh suburban form of boundary frontage in this rural location and had asked if the Parish Council wished to review its response.

Members felt that, overall, the proposal was acceptable and agreed that the Council's response should remain as Support (3). However, the applicant, during public participation, offered to make alterations involving provision of close-boarded gates and removal of the lights on the piers. The Council agreed to support these changes.

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

43. STANDING ORDERS

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

44. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and noted the following:

460 (*Bartley flooding*): Councillor Moriarty has requested copies of flood plans from NFDC

497 (*Road drainage, Chingham Road/New Inn Road*): No recent rain to assess current position

506 (*Splitwind Pond ownership claim*): Application now submitted

518 (*Matters from APM, 10 March 2010*): Delete 'Acoustic barriers, M27' and 'External lighting, The Haywain'

519 (*Bartley crossroads*): Vehicle activated sign – Clerk to pursue speed data
Road lining changes – 6 months trial ends 31 August

45. MOTORCYCLISTS, CADNAM ROUNDABOUTS

Members received and noted the minutes of the public meeting held on Friday 16 July, a copy of which appears as Appendix 2 in the minute book. As a result of the meeting, a temporary speed limit was to be imposed on the dual carriageway between the Cadnam roundabouts pending consideration of a permanent speed reduction. Other speed control methods, including road hatchings, were also being explored.

46. FINANCE MATTERS

Grant requests: Members considered the following applications for funding:

Copythorne Amateur Theatrical Society – request for small grant to assist with current financial situation. Agreed, one-off grant of £100 to be made.

(Councillor Stenson declared an interest in this item, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon)

Emma Treadwell – request for assistance with costs of Girlguiding South West England Region trip to Namibia in 2011. Agreed, that no grant be made as the Council is unable to use section 137 powers to support an individual resident.

Current balances: Deposit A/c £6129.73 Current A/c £1788.07

Payments: Expenditure was authorised as shown in appendix 3 in the minute book (cheques 757 to 765).

47. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Moriarty: The Chairman and Councillor Moriarty had attended the concessionary fares forum at Lyndhurst on 19 July. From April 2011 administration of concessionary fares would pass to the County Council who were consulting on the features of a new scheme. Presently, district councils offered different additional benefits to the national scheme. Government funding would be a factor in determining the new scheme provisions.

Councillor Moriarty had also received the minutes of a transportation meeting in January which included an item on Totton railway station. In particular, there was an issue about the high cost of fares to London compared to longer journeys from other stations.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____