

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 28 October 2014
(7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.)

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

81. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 23 September and 14 October 2014 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

82. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Mans reported on the following:

- further proposed financial savings on bus services
- ongoing discussions on how to achieve quality services in the context of reductions in Government grants
- discussions on the provision of a specialist dementia extra care facility at Cranleigh Paddock, Lyndhurst
- the decision of Public Health England not to proceed with water fluoridisation

Members also raised queries on the following:

- the position concerning sale of Stocklands, the former care home at Calmore (Councillor Mans to make enquiries)
- proposals for refurbishment of Hythe Hospital
- proposals for further HCC staff savings and the arrangements for contracting out services to other authorities
- the withdrawal of the bus service from Totton to Southampton General Hospital (this appeared to be the result of a non-viable commercial service)

83. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Tipp had no issues to raise affecting Copythorne.

84. FLOODING

Councillor Goodwin gave a brief update on local flooding issues. Work was now well advanced on installing flood resilience measures at many of the properties in the parish which had been awarded a government Repair and Renewal grant. A more comprehensive update would be given at the 25 November meeting, the last in 2014. Councillor Mans agreed to check on the progress of the ditch upgrading work in Shepherds Road Bartley which was now in HCC's work programme.

85. CORRESPONDENCE

Changes to Safer Neighbourhoods in the New Forest: An e-mail from PC Robert Morant referred to changes to Hampshire Police to meet funding reductions from 2016. In particular, the beats of Safer Neighbourhood Teams would be aligned to Parish Council boundaries. As a result, beat

officers would change and Copythorne's beat officer from April 2015 would be PC 1416 Andy White. The Clerk was asked to clarify PC White's operational area.

Romsey Road footways: An e-mail from a local resident referred to the lack of adequate footways in Romsey Road both in a northerly and southern direction from the junction with Pound Lane. Agreed, refer matter to the Area Surveyor.

Parish War Memorial inscriptions: Members considered a letter from the Royal British Legion on the History Society's proposals for additional war memorial inscriptions. In particular, the letter suggested that the names of deceased service personnel should not appear on the Copythorne memorial if they were already represented on other memorials elsewhere. However, members agreed they were content with the History Society's proposals as presented to the Council previously. The Chairman would prepare a suitable response.

National Park Management Plan Update 2015-20: The NPA had published an initial draft of the National Park Management Plan update which was designed primarily to bring the actions of the 2010 Plan up-to-date. The 'Call for Views' consultation would run until 19 December 2014 and members were asked to bring forward any comments for discussion at the next meeting. A number of drop-in sessions were also being held by the NPA at various venues.

Quiet Lanes in the New Forest National Park: A letter from Hampshire County Council gave details of the Quiet Lanes project being jointly promoted by HCC and the NPA. Quiet Lanes were a designated network of rural lanes with low flows of traffic at low speeds that were suitable for use by walkers, cyclists and horse riders. The objective was to improve awareness that there may be a variety of different users in the road and to encourage through traffic to use other routes. Members agreed to express an interest in becoming a pilot area for the scheme.

Other correspondence: Members noted receipt of the following:

- the September Safer Neighbourhoods Beat report
- an e-mail from Councillor Keith Mans, on behalf of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, for parishes to identify any brownfield sites in their area
- other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda.

The list of Other Correspondence included details of NFDC's new policy on sandbags. Members suggested that this should have been the subject of a press release and Councillor Tipp agreed to pursue this further.

86. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Further to minute 78/10, members received an e-mail from Catherine Kirkham on this topic. In particular, it was noted that NFDC already used five-year fixed term contracts which could be applied in Copythorne's case. However, it would be necessary also for Hyde Housing Group to agree. In addition, a copy of a standard Section 106 agreement had been supplied.

The next step would be to look for potential sites in the parish which would then be sent to NPA Planning for assessment. It was suggested that a parish site visit be undertaken and it was agreed that the Chairman and Councillor Goodwin would join Catherine Kirkham and Nick Evans for this purpose. The Clerk was also asked to request that the parish council be kept informed of all sites that arose for discussion, not just those that were HARA-related.

87. FILMING/RECORDING AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Further to minute 68/9, the Clerk had prepared a draft protocol for Copythorne parish on this subject. Agreed, that the protocol be approved.

88. FINANCE MATTERS

Budget monitoring: Members noted the September quarter budget monitoring figures, as circulated with the agenda.

Lengthsman: The Lengthsman's first task had now been completed at Wellow. The work had involved extensive footpath clearance and required two men, both being remunerated at the Lengthsman's contract rate. The Chairman agreed that, in Copythorne's case, he would not arrange for sizeable tasks of this nature without the Council's consent.

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

948	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – October)	£547.56
949	Kevin Bennett (Lengthsman payment)	£340.00

Pay negotiations: Members received details of a local government pay consultation which would shortly be conducted by the NJC.

89. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

511 (Footpath inspections): To be completed in time for 25 November meeting.

90. DELEGATES' REPORTS

None received.

91. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Moriarty: Enquiry as to responsibility for checking contents of salt bins. Agreed, task to be included in the parish council's quarterly health and safety inspections.

92. PLANNING MATTERS

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

14/00766	Karoo, Old Lyndhurst Road, Cadnam (Outbuilding). Object (2)
14/00800	Willow Cottage, Chinham Road, Bartley (Rear conservatory (demolition of existing conservatory)). Support (3)

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

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____