

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 22 July 2014
(7.00 p.m. – 9.21 p.m.)

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

37. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A representative of a Cadnam resident referred to an offer to donate land near Pollards Moor junction to the Parish Council for affordable housing, subject to terms. The Council asked for the offer to be put in writing.

A resident also referred to rumours about a separate proposal for affordable housing on land in Pollards Moor Road. The Council was unaware of this but the Chairman referred to the current parish survey on affordable housing which, when completed, would allow for open discussion on the need or otherwise for such accommodation and possible locations.

38. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 24 June and 8 July 2014 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

39. MATTERS ARISING

Bartley Junior School – alarm system: The Chairman reported that he had been in contact with the Chair of Governors concerning faults with the school's alarm system. There had been no further incidents since then.

40. LOCAL POLICING

PC Rob Morant and PCSO Lisa Quinn attended for this item. Discussion took place on speeding and in particular the Speedwatch scheme and PC Morant agreed to supply further statistics. The Chairman also thanked PC Morant for arranging the recent clean-up on Copythorne Common and confirmed that there had been no motorcyclist incidents since. The Council would encourage local help for any further similar events in the future. PC Morant was also anxious to identify residents' concerns and prioritise the attention given, a task with which the parish council could assist.

41. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Mans reported on the following:

- the ongoing issues concerning organised cycle events in the New Forest (this led to a discussion on the role of the New Forest National Park Authority)
- the allocation of school places (no general problems in this area)
- further efforts to impress on Government the scale of the problem with damaged roads
- pleasing results on work with the local health service on facilities for the elderly

Following an earlier enquiry about cancellation of the bus service from Totton to Southampton General Hospital, Councillor Mans was not confident that this could be resolved. Money might be available from the Sustainable Transport fund but this would have competing bids.

There was also discussion on the need for publicity on the availability of superfast broadband.

42. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Andrews reported the decision of NFDC to refuse the planning application by McDonalds at Ower for the installation of additional lighting.

Councillor Tipp reported on the following:

- overall savings by NFDC in 2013/14 of £939,000 including additional income of £300,000 from health and leisure centres, £200,000 from development and £100,000 from recycling, together with £200,000 from the ongoing review of services and expenditure controls.
- a grant contribution of £200 he had made to the History Society towards their war memorial project

43. FLOODING

Councillor Goodwin gave an update on activities in the Bartley Study Area. In particular, the update showed properties eligible for a Repair/Renewal Grant all of whom who were being actively supported in their applications.

As previously reported, work was in hand to improve the road and surface water drainage system in Shepherds Road, measures which had originally featured in the 2000/01 Halcrow Report. In addition, the Environment Agency was proposing to investigate a new Bartley Water flood alleviation scheme which would include the village of Bartley.

44. CORRESPONDENCE

Riparian responsibilities: Members noted a letter from the Law Society to Dr Julian Lewis MP in response to a request for the Society to assist with advising landowners of their riparian responsibilities. The letter suggested that, whilst solicitors may wish to advise clients about these obligations, “it is a question of fact in each case and unlikely to come within the ambit of normal conveyancing instructions”. It was also suggested that local authorities could provide this sort of information to those with riparian obligations within their boundaries. The Clerk was asked to clarify how local authorities could undertake this task.

Bricky Lake Lane, A36: NFDC had consulted the council on a proposal to erect a street nameplate showing the name “Bricky Lake Lane” on the access road from Salisbury Road (A36) to Home Farm. NFDC suggested that a nameplate would assist deliveries and emergency services. However, a local resident had written to object to the proposal on the grounds that the track served as a public footpath and that a road sign would encourage more traffic movements. Notwithstanding this, members agreed to raise no objection to the proposal.

Copythorne Parish History Society – war memorial project: A letter from the History Society thanked the Council for its financial support for the war memorial project. The Society were holding a meeting on 29 July to discuss the matter further with relevant societies and had invited a representative of the parish council as custodians of the monument. Agreed, Chairman to attend.

Splitwind Pond: A local resident referred to the presence of a “snowball” shrub at Splitwind Pond which was likely to cause a problem if left untreated. Agreed, item to be dealt with as part of routine maintenance work.

Other correspondence: Members also noted receipt of the following:

- the June Safer Neighbourhoods Beat report
- other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda.

45. PARISH LENGTHSMAN APPOINTMENT

Members noted a delay with completing the Lengthsman contract. Firstly, no funding had yet been received from HCC, albeit hopefully this was now in hand. Secondly, the annual premium for the Lengthsman's own public liability insurance was likely to be extremely high. Alternative cover was being sought. The Clerk was asked to raise the problem of insurance cover with HCC.

46. PARISH FOOTPATHS

Members discussed arrangements for the inspection of parish footpaths and agreed the following:

	<u>Footpaths</u>
S Bullen-Jarvis	12
J Goodwin	7, 8, 17 and 18
G James	6, 9, 13, 501, 502, 504a and 504b
M Moriarty	1, 2, 4 and 5
J Reilly	3, 14, 15 and 16
Clerk	10, 11 and 503

47. RECRUITMENT OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS FOR 2015

The Chairman proposed that efforts be made to encourage candidates to come forward for the Parish Council elections in 2015. He proposed an open public meeting, with a speaker from the Hampshire Association of Local Councils, to publicise the elections and the role of parish councillors. It was agreed to hold a public meeting, if possible, in early December 2014.

48. FINANCE MATTERS

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

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		
938	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – July)	£519.16
939	Copythorne Parish Hall (Meeting accommodation, July – September + 14 May)	£66.50

49. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

511 (*Footpaths*): Pursue any outstanding maintenance issues after the proposed Councillor inspections

523 (*Highway/drainage issues*): Old Romsey Road – blocked drains now clear. Eroded road edges still outstanding

536 (*Parking at Bartley C of E Junior School, Winsor Road*): Police had been attending the site during the past month

538 (*Affordable housing survey*): Clerk to enquire when survey results will be published

540 (*Village Agent Scheme*): Clerk to enquire if Mr Herra would be interested in the post

50. STANDING ORDERS

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

51. DELEGATES' REPORTS

None received

52. MEMBERS' REPORTS

None received

53. PLANNING MATTERS

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

- 14/00475 The Cottage, Wittensford Lane, Brook (1 and 2 storey extensions (partial demolition of existing cottage). Support (3)
- 14/00519 Springwell, Winsor Road, Winsor (Outbuilding). Support (3)
- CONS/14/
0786 Forest House, Beechwood Road, Bartley (Fell 1 Monterey Pine). No objection
- CONS/14/
0808 Squirrel Gate, Beechwood Road, Bartley (Pollard 1 Oak). No objection, subject to the pollarding taking place in the winter
- CONS/14/
0821 Oakapple Cottage, Beechwood Road, Bartley (Prune 1 Hornbeam, 3 Willows, 1 Poplar and 1 Conifer). No objection

Decisions: Members noted the following decision:

		<u>Decision</u>	<u>PC comment</u>
14/11578	McDonalds Restaurant, Romsey Road, Ower 8 lights on 6m high lamp posts	Refused	(5)

Enforcement: Members noted the July schedules showing enforcement action in the National Park. The Clerk was asked to obtain an update on Warrawee Duck Farm in terms of compliance with previous planning conditions.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____