

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 9 September 2014
(7.00 p.m. – 8.48 p.m.)

PRESENT: Councillor S Bullen-Jarvis (Chairman); Councillors J Goodwin, Lady Kara Hawks, M Moriarty, J Reilly and C Riddoch
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor James

58. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Goodwin declared an interest in planning application 14/00646 (Manor Farm, Winsor Lane, Winsor).

59. COPYTHORNE HOUSING NEED SURVEY

Discussion took place on the report of Action Hampshire on the recent Copythorne Housing Need Survey. Catherine Kirkham of Action Hampshire and Nick Evans of the New Forest National Park Authority attended for this item.

At the outset, the Chairman emphasised that the information circulated to residents of Old Lyndhurst Road about potential large-scale housing development in that area was incorrect. The Parish Council was unaware of any current proposals for new housing in the parish and this evening's meeting was purely to discuss the findings of the Housing Need Survey. No potential sites had been identified at this stage for any affordable housing.

Catherine Kirkham presented a summary of the report, highlighting the following principal issues:

- From the survey, 36% of respondents would support a small affordable housing scheme in the parish, 38% may support a scheme and 26% would not support a scheme
- Any affordable housing scheme would be limited to no more than 10 - 15 units, notwithstanding that the survey showed a need for considerably more
- The Parish Council would be fully involved in the process and selection of the site
- HARAH (Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing) would work closely with the Parish Council to ensure that the affordable homes were in keeping with the area
- People with a strong local connection to the parish would always be given first priority for occupation
- A section 106 Agreement would be put in place to ensure that the housing units remained affordable in perpetuity (Right to Buy would not apply)

Following the presentation, members of the public were given an opportunity to ask questions on the report. Some residents complained that the meeting had not been adequately advertised and that the Housing Need Survey was biased and unbalanced. Some other issues to arise were:

- Any affordable housing would be on green field sites with the potential to harm adjoining developments
- The potential for even further affordable housing in the future with an adverse impact on the character of the parish and other residents
- There was already pressure on local schools
- Inconsistencies in planning policies which allowed affordable housing but prevented other new build

Nick Evans explained that affordable housing had to be secured through exception policies so that land values could be contained. Affordable housing provided elsewhere in the New Forest National Park had been restricted to a maximum of 15 units. Generally a site should be easily accessible and be close to services such as shops and public transport. Because of economies of scale, all the units would normally be built on one site but it might be possible to spread the development.

There were a number of recommendations in the report (paragraph 9.1) which now had to be formally considered by the Parish Council. It was agreed that these would be considered at the Planning Meeting on 14 October 2014.

60. STANDING ORDERS

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

61. PLANNING MATTERS

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

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| 14/00457 | Grid ref SU646685, Field at Kewlake Lane, Cadnam (Agricultural barn; hardstanding). Support (3) |
| 14/00588 | Land adjacent The Terraces, Newbridge (Stable block). Support (3) |
| 14/00638 | Spindewater, Old Romsey Road, Cadnam (Roof alterations including enlargement of existing dormer at first floor to facilitate additional accommodation; rooflights). Support (3) |
| 14/00646 | Manor Farm, Winsor Lane, Winsor (Change of use of land to residential curtilage; use of existing outbuilding for residential purposes; new access (close up existing); hardstanding and associated landscaping). Support (3)
<u>(Councillor Goodwin declared an interest in this application, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon)</u> |
| 14/00674 | Paddock Wood, 9 Whitemoor Lane, Winsor (First floor addition; single storey extension; pitched roof to garage; external alterations (demolition of existing single storey extension)). Support (3) |
| CONS/14/
0926 | Canaseraga, Winsor Road, Winsor (Felling of 13 trees (Fir, Willow, Sweet Chestnut, Walnut, Horse Chestnut and Apple). Objection |
| CONS/14/
0948 | Storms Farm, Kewlake Lane (Crown reduction of 2 Oaks). No objection |

Decisions etc: Members noted recent decisions, as shown in the list accompanying the agenda (appendix 1 in the minute book).

Enforcement: Members noted the September schedules showing enforcement action in the National Park.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____