

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2018

ITEM NO: 9 –Copythorne Parish Council Adopted Telephone Boxes **Preliminary Study of Best Use -*Prepared by Graham Chillcott***

Summary

Copythorne Parish Council has adopted three ex BT Telephone boxes.

Their condition and maintenance varies from excellent to poor.

The Newbridge Kiosk is in good condition, is well loved and is looked after by local residents. The Winsor Road and Pound Lane kiosks both need work to bring them to an acceptable standard.

Minimum suggested standard for inside the kiosks is a local information panel, a brief local history panel, local photographs, and a book exchange.

Ask local residents to volunteer to look after the kiosks.

Introduction.

The purpose of this study is to ascertain their current condition and outline how best to maintain and preserve the Parish telephone boxes and at the same time how to make the best practical use of them.

According to Parish records Copythorne Parish Council has adopted 3 ex BT telephone boxes. They are all Silver Jubilee (K6 type) telephone boxes, designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott in 1936 for the Silver Jubilee of King George V. They are in various states of repair and community usage.

Inventory

According to the records the Parish Council has adopted 3 ex BT telephone boxes.

<u>Number of kiosk</u>	<u>Address</u>
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02380812293	Romsey Road/Pound Lane Copythorne, SO40 2PD
02380812103	Winsor Road, Winsor, SO40 2HJ
02380813107	Newbridge, Cadnam, SO40 2NW

Although not covered in this report, for completeness I have included the other telephone box that I have seen within the Copythorne Parish boundary.

Number of kiosk Address

02380812 tba New Inn Road Bartley SO40 2LR (BT Payphone)

Visual Condition Reports

Winsor Road Kiosk.

Condition generally satisfactory, but needs cleaning and painting inside and out.
Please see pictures below



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

Romsey Road/Pound Lane Kiosk.

Condition generally poor, needs cleaning and painting, inside and out. Kiosk has a distinct lean away from the road towards the ditch, which needs further investigation. Please see pictures below.



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

Newbridge Road Kiosk.

Condition judged to be excellent, both inside and out. Please see pictures below



Figure 7



Figure 8



Figure 9

Note. This telephone kiosk has been well maintained to an excellent standard by local residents. I have used this telephone box as an example of how we might use the inside of our other telephone boxes.

Examples of adopted, and un-adopted Telephone kiosks in and around the Copythorne area.

1. Silver Street, Emery Down SO43 7DX.

Adopted by the Parish Council and looked after by local Emery Down residents. It contains Local and New Forest information, a Lyndhurst footpath map, a brief history of Emery Down & K6 telephone boxes, a book exchange, and various knick knacks. See pictures below.



Figure 10



Figure 11



Figure 12



Figure 13

2. Newbridge Road, Cadham SO40 2NW

Adopted by Copythorne Parish Council and looked after by local residents. (Silvie Anderson, Elizabeth Howard, and Anthony Howard.)

It contains a brief history of the K6 telephone kiosk, a brief history of Copythorne, local photographs and a description of a wedding in St Marys Church etc. See pictures below.



Figure 14



Figure 15



Figure 16

3. Bartley Road/Shephards Road, Netley Marsh SO40 2LH

Stripped out, payphone removed September 2016 and put up for adoption by BT, but so far it remains un-adopted and is consequently not in use. See pictures below



Figure 17



Figure 18



Figure 19

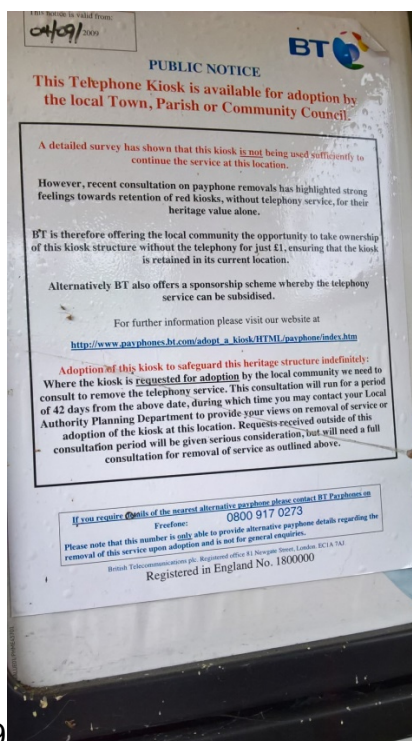


Figure 20

4. Winsor Road, Winsor SO40 2HJ

Adopted by the Parish Council, but not used. See pictures below



Figure 21



Figure 22

First thoughts on what could be done with the adopted Telephone Kiosks in Copythorne Parish

From the examples above there seem to be 3 models for adopted telephone boxes in and around the local area:

1. Leave bare and do nothing apart from an occasional clean and tidy. The result will be similar to the existing Winsor Road box.
2. Outfit the inside similar to the Newbridge Road kiosk. The kiosk is looked after and regularly maintained by enthusiastic local residents
3. Maximise use of the inside, similar to the Silver Street box. The kiosk acts as mini community centre and is looked after and regularly maintained by enthusiastic local residents.

So thinking outside the box

1. A fresh coat of bright Post Office red paint.
2. The immediate surrounding area to be kept clean and tidy

And thinking inside the box

1. A fresh coat of paint
2. Kept clean and tidy
3. Local information panel
4. Local Map panel
5. Brief History of Village
6. Brief History of Silver Jubilee K6 Telephone Boxes
7. Local photographs
8. Book exchange with donations to local charity
9. Install a Defibrillator

Please note there is a modest provision of £200 set aside in Parish funds to pay for the improvements.

Provisional Recommendations

1. Suggested minimum for outside clean and paint
2. Suggested minimum for inside kiosk:
 - a. Local Information panel,
 - b. Brief history of Copythorne and Silver Jubilee telephone kiosks,
 - c. Local photographs,
 - d. Book exchange (assumes local volunteers will manage).
3. Consideration is given to asking for local residents to volunteer to maintain their telephone box.
4. Approach the Copythorne History Society about providing a parish map and a brief history (I've already had a chat to Claire Mills about this topic).
5. Canvas the residents about their experiences with looking after the kiosk in Newbridge Road (I have already spoken to Silvie Anderson).

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