

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY JULY 9TH 2019

Item 19 – Councillors Reports’

Village signs within Copythorne Parish – progress report.

Prepared by Steve Herra

Introduction

The subject of village signs was first raised last year following an article in the Lymington Times featuring the new style signs which had been placed in Landford (appendix 1). These signs are partially funded by the National Park Authority as they feature the NPA logo.

Village signs appeared as agenda item No. 10 at the Council meeting on Tuesday November 13th 2018 together with a map of proposed sites (appendix 2).

After further consultation, the proposal is to replace some existing village signs with the signage shown in appendix 1, this should negate the need to refer to the utility companies. But as well as showing the NPA logo at the top followed by the village name, it was suggested we add*within Copythorne Parish* underneath.

By having this addition to the signs, we would:

- Enhance the appearance of village signs within Copythorne Parish.
- Raise awareness of inclusion within the Nation Park.
- Raise awareness of inclusion and help to further promote Copythorne Parish.

The signs which could benefit by this new style would include:

- Winsor, Winsor Road/Southampton Road junction – photo 1
- Copythorne, Romsey Road from Ower – photo 2
- Copythorne, Romsey Road from Cadnam – photo 3
- Cadnam, Romsey Road from Pollards Moor Road – photo 4
- Newbridge, by Cadnam Lane – photo 5
- Newbridge, entering village from Romsey Road – photo 6



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6

The previous photographs cover four of the six villages within Copythorne Parish.

Ower, being outside the NPA would have a different sign without the NPA logo and will be considered at a later stage.



Bartley is rather unique in that the village sign is in the centre of the village rather than at the entrance. This sign may have historical connotations and will be discussed separately.



The existing budget in the current year for this proposal is £1250, the number and locations will be advised once the revised costings for the signs have been received.

Attachments to this paper are Appendix 1 and appendix 2.

Steve Herra

Vice Chair

New signs highlighting park status welcomed by villagers



NEW road signs have gone up in a village in the north of the New Forest to remind motorists to drive safely.

The replacement markers in four key locations in Landford, near Bramshaw, are the result of a project run by Landford Community Partnership (LCP) and Landford Parish Council in partnership with the national park authority.

Ken Parker, LCP co-chair, said: "The signs have already

generated tremendous positive feedback by many local residents.

"They are a great improvement on the old, bent and battered village signs, which did nothing to enhance the visual appearance of the area."

Sarah Kelly, NPA landscape officer, said: "These new village signs are a great example of how working with groups such as the Landford Community Partnership can result in

positive changes to the villages in the national park.

"The new signs contribute to the look of the village and also remind road users that they are in the New Forest National Park. It is hoped that, if other villages in the park like the signs, they will work with us to use the same design."

Pictured from left are Geoff Chase, LCP co-chair David Wilson, Keith Cameron, Mr Parker and Ms Kelly.

The above article appeared in the Lymington Times on August 31st 2018. I thought the signage looks really good and could enhance the current signage in the six villages within our Parish.

I propose to have this item included in the October agenda under "Other Business – Developments" for discussion and with the Parish Clerk contacting Ms. Kelly to determine the process involved.

Thank you.

Cllr. Steve Herra

APPENDIX 2 (to July 9th 2019 Report)

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2018

ITEM NO: 10 –Village signs within Copythorne Parish – progress report.

Prepared by Steve Herra

Introduction

New village signs have recently been introduced by the Landford Community Trust in partnership with Landford Parish Council and the National Park Authority. These signs now incorporate the New Forest Park National Park logo together with the village name.

A copy of the local newspaper article featuring the new village sign was circulated at the council meeting on September 11th with a view to this appearing on the agenda at the October meeting.

Councillors considered this proposal at the October meeting and decided additional detail was required, this detail to be formulated and presented to the next Finance Working Party, then to full Council.

At the preliminary finance meeting held on October 25th, it was suggested the NFNPA logo be substituted with the Copythorne Parish logo.

Progress

Discussions have taken place with Sarah Kelly, NPA Landscape Officer who requested a sample of Copythorne Parish Council logo to determine the potential costs of the signs.

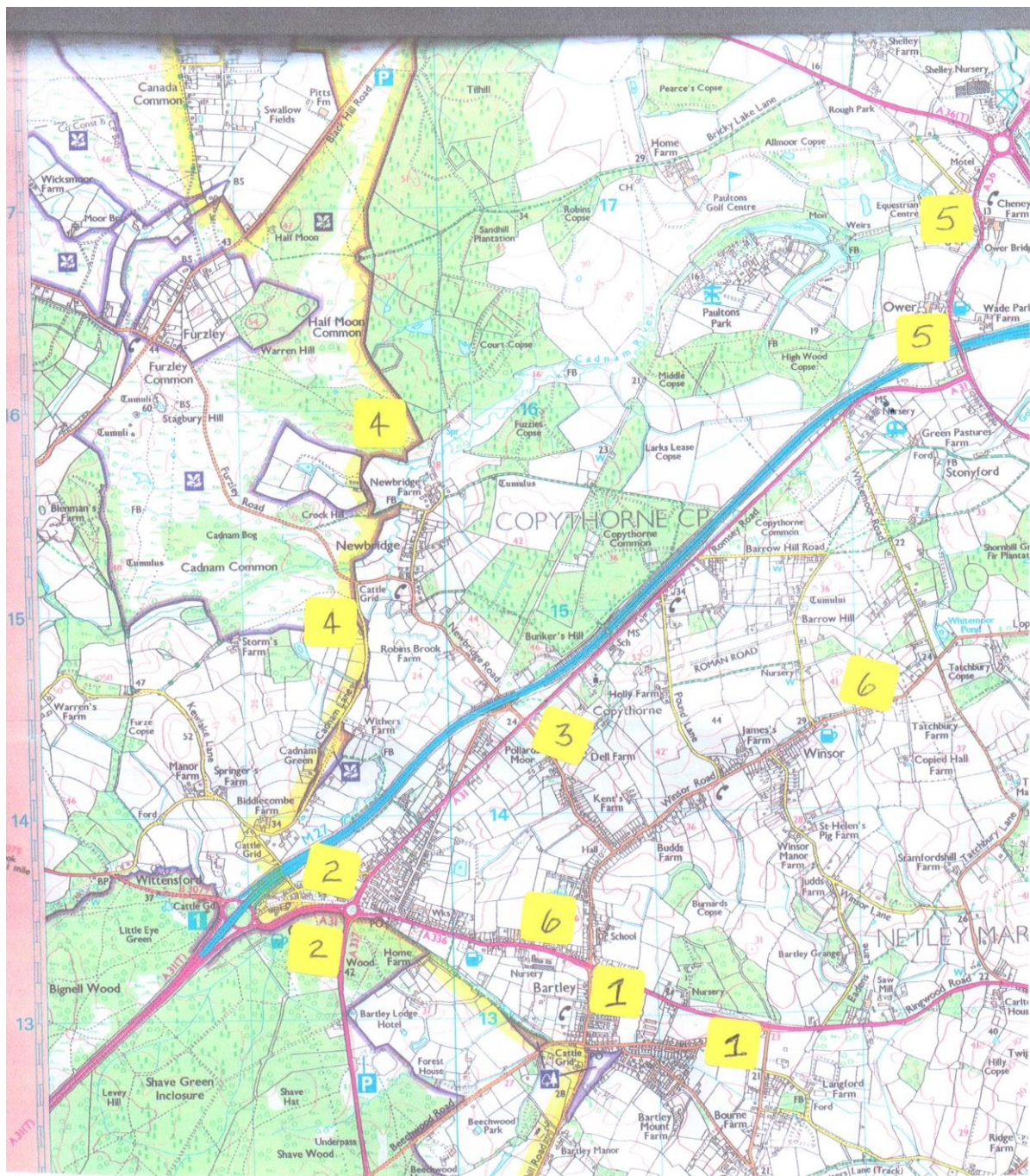
With six villages within Copythorne Parish, the requirement would be for 11 new signs. When these estimates are received, they will be presented to the Finance Working Party and full Council.

Discussions will take place with the local utility companies to discover if there are any cable or pipes close to the suggested sites, also the Highways Authority will also be consulted.

A map showing the proposed sites is attached.

Future progress will be circulated at a later date.

Steve Herra 05/11/18



LEGEND

- 1 BARTLEY
- 2 CADNAM
- 3 COPYTHORNE (DOUBLE SIDED)
- 4 NEWBRIDGE
- 5 OWER
- 6 WINSOR