

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 24 July 2012
(7.00 p.m. – 9.38 p.m.)

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

42. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 26 June and 10 July 2012 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman, subject to the substitution of 'WI' for 'WE' in minute 38/7/12.

43. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Andrews reported on:

- continuing efforts to establish whether there had been any breach of operating hours at the scaffolding site at Salisbury Road, East Wellow
- a food hygiene prosecution at a restaurant in Lyndhurst

Councillor Puttock reported on:

- his attendance at the New Forest Show
- a further savings review by NFDC
- continuing concerns about aspects of the Localism legislation which were likely to impose additional financial burdens on parish councils

44. CORRESPONDENCE

Safer Neighbourhoods report: The Council received the Beat report for June. In relation to crime statistics, Parish and District Councillors reported on various recent incidents where the response from the Police appeared lacking. It was also noted that, under the Speedwatch scheme, incidents of speeding were recorded on a country-wide database, not simply for the local area.

Mobile library service: Further possible changes were being considered to the mobile library service following the major review in 2011. Some of the stops had little or no custom (including Pundle Green, Bartley) and would be withdrawn in October unless there was potential for increased use.

Other correspondence: Members noted receipt of the following:

- submission by NFDC to the Secretary of State of Part 2 of its Local Plan – Sites and Development Management document
- the NPA planning enforcement quarterly report, April to June 2012
- consultation on the NFDC's Gambling Policy
- Clerks & Councils July 2012 issue

45. BARTLEY CROSSROADS

Members received a summary of the issues discussed at the further meeting with Highway officers on 29 June 2012:

- advisory speed limit 'posters can be supplied (approximately £210 for each post and sign). HCC to be asked if signs can be attached to existing street furniture

- confirmed that 'New speed limit in force' sign can only be used where a 30 limit has been extended into an adjacent road
- extension of 30 limit eastwards past the Chinham Road junction probably not viable, albeit a buffer 40 limit may be more achievable. Further request to be made for the extended 30 limit, citing also the large, well-used layby opposite the Chinham Road junction
- HCC to enquire whether the A336 can become a camera route and have associated signage
- vehicle activated sign to be reset to nearer the 30 limit threshold, if possible (36 mph). HCC also to check whether SIDS can be re-instated at various locations around the village
- speed check data supplied
- HCC noted PC's concerns over current safety record at the crossroads and the potential for further accidents. Reduction in severity of accidents is encouraging and HCC will continue to monitor site for full three year period (to February 2013). Meanwhile, HCC to request refurbishment of road markings.
- ownership of seats on either side of junction being investigated. Subsequently confirmed that seats not owned by HCC. Agreed therefore that Parish Council will assume responsibility for repair and future maintenance. Councillor Reilly to assess initial requirements.

46. PARISH LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Following the presentation at the Parish Engagement Event on 25 May, further discussion on the Parish Lengthsman Scheme had taken place at the North East Quadrant meeting on 23 July. HCC had indicated that the scheme was now closed for the current year but the Chairman had expressed Copythorne's interest in the scheme for 2013/14. Members endorsed this approach and agreed to discuss the project in more detail in due course.

It was noted that adjoining parishes, Ashurst and Minstead, each had their own Lengthsman. Netley Marsh used a local person to carry out local tasks.

47. SPLITWIND POND

Councillor Reilly had now carried out limited maintenance to deal with obstructed warning signs but urgent work was needed to address the pond's current condition. However, no alternative contractor had yet been identified and there was also a limited budget for annual maintenance (currently £200). In addition, work on the pond could be constrained by the presence of Great Crested Newts. Members also noted the absence in the Management Plan of any reference to the problem of New Zealand Pygmyweed.

It was agreed initially to organise a working party to carry out strimming and perimeter tree cutting - provisional date of Saturday 25 August. Working party to comprise Councillors Bullen-Jarvis, Goodwin and Reilly (with Councillor James if willing). Further work on the pond itself to be considered at a later date.

48. FINANCE MATTERS

Members received the monthly financial statement and authorised the following payments:

Cheque no

852	M Derrick (Clerk's salary & expenses – July)	£529.89
853	HALC (Clerk's Day, 19 June 2012)	£36.00
854	Copythorne Parish Hall (Meeting accommodation, June to Sep)	£76.00
855	Age Concern New Forest (Grant for computer club for older people (minute 38/7 refers))	£150.00
856	Copythorne WI (Grant for bursary for residential college place (minute 38/7 refers))	£100.00

49. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

511 (Footpath matters): Councillor Goodwin to inspect footpath 7 with HCC if inspection has not already taken place

523 (Highway/drainage issues): Long-standing items to be referred again to Surveyor for early action. Suspected water leak outside Soffes in Pollards Moor Road to be reported to Southern Water. Councillor Lady Kara Hawks also to write formally to the Parish Council concerning a drainage issue outside her property.

530 (Barrow Hill Road safety issues): Clerk to request update from County Councillors

Items 518 (Copperfield enforcement) and 520 (Role of parishes in planning) deleted.

50. DELEGATES' REPORTS

North East Quadrant, 23 July 2012 (Councillors Bullen-Jarvis and Lady Kara Hawks): Topics included:

- Parish Lengthsman scheme
- Paths for communities (grants available from Natural England for creating new countryside paths or expanding paths to become bridleways)
- Planning update, including landfill tax

New Forest Passenger Transport Forum, 18 July 2012 (Councillor Moriarty): Main messages:

- Waterside bus services being renegotiated
- Blue Star amenable to considering 'looping' of services 10 and 11
- Increased bus services unlikely – parishes should be considering promotion of community transport facilities etc.

51. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Goodwin: Consideration being given to installing a youth sports wall facility in the Parish Hall grounds, funded by the Copythorne Community Group (Jubilee event organisers). Members endorsed this proposal and agreed that Councillor Goodwin should approach the Parish Hall Committee to discuss siting etc and also obtain a consensus opinion from local youths.

52. STANDING ORDERS

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

53. PLANNING MATTERS

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

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| 12/97431 | Avebury, Shepherds Road, Bartley (Front extension/dormer; two storey rear extension; velux rooflights (amended description and plan)). Support (3), provided the floorspace requirements are met. |
| 12/97568 | Whitemoor Pines, Whitemoor Lane, Winsor (Conservatory). Support (3) |
| 12/97608 | Courtesy Filling Station, Romsey Road, Cadnam (Relocation of twin diesel fuel pump dispenser and water/air inflator machine; alterations to parking layout and landscaping). Support (3) |

- 12/976217 Holly Farm House, Pound Lane (Conversion from dairy building to offices (use class B1); new access (Extension of time to implement permission 08/93075, appeal ref APP/B9506/A/09/2097205). Object (2)
- 12/97622 Aspen Cottage, Southampton Road, Cadnam (Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for an existing use of land as residential curtilage). Object (4)
- CONS/12/0235 The Old Post House, Winsor Road, Winsor (Tree works). No objection

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

Land adjacent to Copperfield, Pollards Moor Road: The Chairman reported on the outcome of the NPA Planning Committee meeting on 17 July which had resulted in the section 106 agreement being authorised. However, the requirement for officers to liaise with the Highway Authority and relevant landowners to secure the removal of obstructions to culverts and ditches in the locality, had been removed from the agreement.

Members agreed to formulate the Parish Council's response to the decision once the formal minutes of the meeting were published.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____