

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 9th MARCH 2021
ITEM 18 – COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – JOHN GOODWIN

1. New Forest National Park Consultative Panel:

As the Council's representative for the New Forest National Park Authority's Consultative Panel, I will be attending the virtual meeting on Thursday 4th March 2021. A report of this meeting will be issued to the Clerk for circulation to all fellow councillors.

Members of the public can attend this Panel meeting as it will be recorded and available on the Consultative Panel website via YouTube for those who are unable to attend, see:

<https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/documents/consultative-panel/agendas-reports-and-minutes-04-03-21/>

2. Gully outside The Wilderness, Winsor Road, WINSOR:

As an update from last month I can report that white markings have now appeared on the adjacent kerbing and also on kerbs outside Gardenia. Updates will continue to be issued.



3. Pollards Moor Road: between Vicarage Lane and Romsey Road junction, COPYTHORNE:

i) Electricity Transmission Pole through Highway Drain

Following investigative work carried out by Scottish and Southern Electricity on Wednesday 24th February 2021, it has now been established that the pole was, when installed some 25 years ago, on the line of the existing 300mm highway drain. However, the excavation made has revealed that since this time sections of the damaged highway drain have been removed and the remaining ends of the highway drain sealed. This means that the highway drain cannot function, under any circumstance, and this could be the primary contributing factor to the downstream waterlogged condition of the footpath and area between Vicarage Lane and by Southern Water's pumping station. The sealing of this surface water drainage route may also be the major contributor to the surface water flooding incidents in Pollards Moor Road, which has led to the internal flooding on a number of occasions of a property further north in Pollards Moor Road.

Notes of site visits and meetings held with Hampshire County Council representatives in 2014, following the last major flooding incident in this area, show that HCC were aware of the pole obstructing the highway drain and had agreed to carry out the necessary work to reinstate the drain at this and other (pole) location where it was assumed a similar situation existed.

At a subsequent meeting today, Monday 1st March 2021, with Tom, the site foreman from SSE's sub-contractors Holmes of Southampton, he was to report back that the reinstatement work

required was a little more involved than originally envisaged. It is believed that a similar situation will be found at other pole locations along Pollards Moor Road. Further updates will be reported.



ii) Footpath/Road condition adjacent to Southern Water's Pumping Station

It was Christmas last year when Southern Water started tankering operations at this pumping station, following it being taken out of action to relieve the load on a pumping station further down the line where major works were being carried out. This work ceased in mid-January and as at the date this report was submitted, Monday 1st March 2021, there has still not been any action to reinstate the footpath, kerbing etc.

With schools scheduled to reopen on Monday 8th March 2021 this footpath, being only on one side of the road, will once again become one of the most well used footpaths in the Parish. A recently cleared section has confirmed that the full width of the footpath is 1.2m (4ft) and this is the width that should be cleared along the full length. With the information that has been found in the report above, HCC should really treat this reinstatement work with more urgency.



4. Blocked drain outside Oakfield House, New Inn Road, BARTLEY:

The blocked drain in New Inn Road outside Oakfield House, on the corner of Oakfield Road, was included in last month's report. It was hoped that a planned visit by HCC contractors would resolve the situation. However, this visit once again confirmed that there is a broken pipe under the adjacent footway at the top of Oakfield Road. HCC's contractor was able to partially clear the blockage so at least some of the time the ditch now can slowly drain away. The location of the blockage has been clearly marked to assist the next contractors visiting the site.



5. Damaged gully, outside Augustine, Southampton Road, CADNAM:

This damaged kerb gully (Ref: 21522789), outside Augustine, Southampton Road was reported on 18th October 2020, passed to contractor on 30th October 2020, programmed for repair on 22nd to 24th February 2021, yet still remains unrepaired as at the date of this report, Monday 1st March 2021.



6. Litter Bin at Splitwind Pond, Southampton Road, CADNAM:

It has been brought to my attention by a local resident that the litter bin at Splitwind pond is missing. It was previously located alongside the bus stop layby as shown below.



It was also mentioned that there was a proposal to try and have a litter bin located in the Ower/Wigley area along the A36 Romsey Road to reduce the amount of abandoned litter.

7. Telemetry adjacent to Riverside, Newbridge Road, CADNAM:

It has been noticed that a new camera-based telemetry system has been installed to monitor the trash screen on the Main River adjacent to Riverside at Newbridge Road.



8. Footpath along Southampton Road, BARTLEY & CADNAM:

Well done to Dave and Eve Warren of Winsor Road, with help from another local resident, for their work in clearing the footpath near the layby in Southampton Road which had become badly overgrown.



9. Road signs, various, BARTLEY:

The following local road signs in the village of Bartley need repair/attention:

- i) at the Chinham Road/Shepherds Road Junction;
- ii) Chinham Road approaching the Post Office and
- iii) Southampton Road by the Haywain.



10. New Inn Road, BARTLEY – Telephone Box and sign:

Councillors Sylvia Wiggins and Graham Chillcott have been taking advantage of the fine weather by starting work on the refurbishment of the Telephone Box and getting the post and rails ready to welcome back the refurbished Bartley sign. Photographs taken in the sun on Monday 1st March 2021.

