

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY APRIL 12TH 2022

Item 15 - Correspondence & Clerks Report

1. Affordable Housing in the Parish

On March 21st 2022, ERHA advised that their soils investigation contractor would be requiring access to the site to the Rear of The Haywain, bringing in machinery for digging trial holes to enable checks on the subsoil for permeability and structure over the two day period of April 4th/5th 2022. The leaseholder has been advised of the nature of the planned works.

2. Advisory Committees

As at April 5th 2022 I am aware of the following meetings that have been scheduled for the next few months.

Flooding AC	April 6 th 2022 (delayed from Mch 22 2022)
Media & Publicity AC & Personnel & Governance AC	April 29 th 2022
Flooding AC	May 20 th 2022
Finance AC & Five Year Plan AC	May 27 th 2022

Agenda, meeting notes & papers for all Advisory Committee meetings can be found on the following page of our website (<https://www.copythorne.org.uk/committees/>).

3. HCC – Parish and Town Council Event – March 17th 2022

The Clerk along with Cllr. Sylvia Wiggins added the above event in Winchester hosted by County Cllr. Keith Mans (the Leader of HCC). The event was to give Parish and Town Council's an to update Parish and Town Council colleagues on the latest economic recovery position as well as the usual update and discussion session on Hampshire Highways and related service issues. Areas covered included the fiscal impact of COVID over the last few years and going forward; the Governments Levelling Up plans; Climate Change Initiatives; details of how thinly spread the Highways budget is.

The Clerk took the opportunity to share with County Cllr. Russell Oppenheimer (Transport Lead) the frustration of residents of the Parish with the condition of roads.

4. Riparian Responsibilities Letters

On March 22nd 2022, following a period of heavy rainfall, letters were - at the request of the Flooding Advisory Committee - sent to six residents asking them to check (and if needed) clear their ditches. At the time of this report responses confirming that work has been done have been received from two of the recipients.

5. NFDC Town and Parish Clerks meeting – March 30th 2022

The Clerk along with others Clerks from within the District attended the above event in Lyndhurst, hosted by Kate Ryan, the NFDC's CEO. She ran through what she sees as her priorities over the next few years. These include preparations for the "re-warding" from 60 to 48 District Cllrs and the May 2023 elections for all of those wards; continuing the skills audit of NFDC staff; looking for ways of working smarter to save costs; delivering the new Waste Strategy once approved by the Council.

It is expected that these meetings will be held 2-3 times a year.

6. *Matters reported to HCC/NFDC - Attached (as Appendix A) is a list of matters reported by the Clerk to HCC that remain outstanding. Also included are matters reported by councillors or residents who have then supplied the reference number to me.*

David Rigby, Parish Clerk
April 5th 2022

APPENDIX A – Point 5 – Items reported to HCC/NFDC

ISSUES REPORTED TO HCC or NFDC FAULT REPORTING WEBPAGE - OPEN ENQUIRIES - (updated 05/04/22)

DATE REPORTED	REF. NUMBER	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE RAISED	REPORTED BY	FIRST CHECK DUE	LAST CHECKED	LATEST COMMENTS
09/02/20	21481011	New Inn/Oakfield Road, ditch issue	John Goodwin	16/02/20	05/04/22	4/2/22 Work started, return awaited, chased for a date
11/04/20	7061319	Query condition of New Inn Rd (direct to Highways)	David Rigby	27/04/20	05/04/22	21/03/22 Feb 2022 inspection reports no work required
06/10/20	21520848	Blocked drain under Southampton Rd (The Parade)	Graham Chillcott	13/10/20	05/04/22	10/8/21 - Work passed to contractor. Jetting due 07/04/22
22/10/20	21523620	Blocked ditch near The parade, Southampton Road	Graham Chillcott	29/10/20	05/04/22	See 21520848 above (connected reports)
03/11/20	21525785	Drain blocked near The Wilderness, Winsor Rd	David Rigby	10/11/20	05/04/22	4/1 Chased. 3/2 HCC Investigations continue
16/03/21	21548975	Broken Signpost at Bartley Crossroads	David Rigby (1)	23/03/21	05/04/22	Mch 22 - Work stated and stopped? 4/522 chased
24/02/22	18001714	School parking issues, Winsor Road	David Rigby	03/03/22	05/04/22	10/03/22 - HCC advise no action required. Meeting being arranged by Clerk with school to discuss.

Number only = HCC

CS and Number = NFDC

(1) = For Cllr. Goodwin

(2) For Cllr. Chillcott