



COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2022/23 COUNCIL YEAR

At it's Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday May 10th 2022, the Council confirmed the arrangements for it's meetings from now until the first meeting of the next Council year in May 2023.

Meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of every month (except in August when the Council doesn't meet).

They will start at 7pm and take place in the rear extension room of the Parish Hall in Pollards Moor Road.

A full list of the dates has been added to each of the seven parish noticeboards and on the Council's website.

David Rigby,

Clerk to Copythorne Parish Council



Please visit: <https://www.copythorne.org.uk/council-meetings/>

FURTHER UPDATE ON PAULTONS PARK ENTRANCE/EXIT IMPROVEMENTS

Following on from last months article on the entrance/exit improvements at Paultons Park. These improvements were prompted by the traffic congestion which occurred last summer outside Paultons Park during peak periods on the A36, A31, and surrounding routes.

The owners and management of Paultons Park appreciate the current situation is not acceptable for their neighbours and that is why they have been working on a permanent solution to significantly increase the access and egress into and out of the Park. This should also reduce the problems experienced on local routes.

Towards that aim Paultons have been in consultation with Hampshire Highways to agree a suitable traffic improvement scheme. A public consultation attended by over 200

people was held at Paultons in late March 2022 to view the latest plans for a roundabout and to ask questions. Representatives of Paultons came along to our Parish Council Meeting in April and gave us an update on their plans. Hampshire Highways have decided they will not allow the A36 to be closed or disrupted between the spring and autumn. Because of this it's likely that work will commence in September 2023 with a completion date of March 2024. The Paultons presentation can be found on the Parish Council website amongst the papers for our April 12th 2022 meeting..



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COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL AWARD 2022

The Parish Council Award is given every year to someone who lives or works in the Parish and in the opinion of the members of the Parish Council has done something exceptional with or for the local community. We are pleased to announce that this year's Parish Council Award has been given to Sunny and Daisy Saini of Forest Pharmacy.

They were presented their award on behalf of Copythorne Parish Council on Tuesday 17th May outside Forest Pharmacy by Cllr. Graham Chillcott (Parish Council Chair) and Cllr. Sylvia Wiggins.

May we take this opportunity to thank them for all the work they are doing for the local community.



Forest Pharmacy team with Cllr. Sylvia Wiggins far left and Cllr. Graham Chillcott between Sunny and Daisy

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GREENING COPYTHORNE

Congratulations are in order. The results are in.

CO₂

To our wonderful community you saved an amazing 260 tonnes of CO₂ by committing to and making small changes in your lives.

Although the carbon absorption capacity can vary, it is generally considered that it takes 6 mature trees to absorb 1 tonne of CO₂ per year. This means it would take 1560 mature trees (subject to tree

type) one year to offset 260 tonnes of CO₂.

Thank you for supporting the first phase of the Greening Campaign.

What's next?

Come and find us on Saturday 4th June at the Copythorne Jubilee afternoon event at Copythorne Parish Hall to find out more.



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LOCAL ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS TO CHANGE

New Forest District Council has started work on changes coming in over the next year that will alter some of the arrangements for voting in the New Forest.

These three areas of work include ward boundary changes following a 2019 Boundary Commission Review; legislation being brought in by Central Government which will change some ways of voting; and the May 2023 local district elections. For voters, the most notable change arising from new legislation in the Election Bill will be the need to have voter ID in polling stations. It is

estimated that 98% of the population has suitable ID. Electors without a suitable form of photographic ID will be able to apply to NFDC for a voter ID card later this year.

Changes arising from the boundary review will see the number of district councillors reduced from 60 to 48 across 26 rather than 34 NFDC wards. Copythorne (both north and south wards) will be part of the new Ashurst, Bramshaw, Copythorne and Netley Marsh ward to be served by two District Councillors.

On behalf of NFDC, Rebecca Drummond said "There are district

and parish council elections on 4 May 2023 and any differences that our residents need to know in order to vote will be clearly communicated. In the meantime, we are working to successfully implement these changes which should support people in casting their vote in a secure and accessible way."

David Rigby,

Clerk to Copythorne Parish Council



More details, when available, will be at:
<https://newforest.gov.uk/electoralservices>

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The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday June 14th 2022** in the Parish Hall.

Please check our website the week before to confirm the arrangements and view the agenda.

Details of individual Parish Councillors plus information on District and County Councillors may be found on the Parish Council website and on our community notice boards and information hubs. (the old red telephone boxes).

Printed copies are available from ♦ Forest Pharmacy ♦ Fourways Stores (Bartley Post Office) ♦ Budgens Woodington Feeds ♦ Coach and Horses, Compass Inn and The Empress of Blandings as well as the four information Hubs – the former red telephone boxes.