



COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER 2022

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers

UPDATE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE PARISH

NFNPA Planning Application Ref: 22/00498 - Land East of New Inn Road, Bartley, SO40 2LR

A response to this planning application was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 8 November 2022.

The agreed response was "We recommend REFUSAL for the reasons below".

The full response and further information can be found via an article on the home page of the Parish Council website www.copythorne.org.uk

In considering its response to the application, members of the Parish Council considered the comments made by several local residents that attended the meeting.

Details of the comments made at the "Parish Discussion Forum" held on September 27th 2022 were also read to those present.

NFNPA Planning Team staff and a representative of English Rural Housing Association (the developer) attended to answer issues raised by those local residents who spoke and from members of the Parish Council.

Whilst comments online have closed for application 22/00498 they can still be sent directly by post to Development Control, NFNPA, Lymington Town Hall, Avenue Road, Lymington, SO41 9ZG or via e-mail to planning@newforestnpa.gov.uk.

Please quote the application number 22/00498. At some point in the future, the NFNPA Planning Committee will consider the application at one of its monthly public meetings (usually held on the third Tuesday of the month in Lymington).

Members of the public and the Parish Council will be able to speak at the meeting.

More details will be published once the date of the meeting is known.

NFNPA Planning Application – Ref: 22/00190 – Hazelmere, Southampton Road, Cadnam.

As of November 10th 2022, a decision was still awaited on the above planning application for 5 Affordable Housing units on part of this site.

The Parish Council's agreed response to this application on May 10 2022 was to recommend REFUSAL.

We still understand from the NFNPA that the applicant is seeking to address the issues raised by some of the consultees so has been given the opportunity to do so.

No timeframe has been set by the NFNPA.

As the Parish Council has recommended REFUSAL of this application it will in due course be considered by the NFNPA Planning Committee as detailed above

David Rigby,
Clerk to Copythorne Parish Council.

WARM SPACES

New Forest District Council (NFDC) are running a "Warm Spaces" grant scheme this winter - with grants available from £200 to £1000.

The idea of the funding is to support a safe place where people can go to get warm, access food, chat over a hot drink, or learn about support available to them.

We are pleased to report that the new Community Café, which can be found at the rear of the Copythorne Parish Hall, has decided to submit an application to NFDC for a "Warm Spaces" grant.

If they are successful, they will be offering tea, coffee,

soup and a roll on Mondays between 2pm and 4pm and Wednesday between 9:30am and 11:30am.

The Cafe will make / have information available on any Govt. and Council benefit schemes available to help the struggling and also have a box of donated hats, gloves, scarves etc. for people to help themselves should they need them.



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POLICE SURVEY

The latest Police Survey, from the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Donna Jones, is asking residents if they would be prepared to raise the amount of council tax for policing next year.

The maximum amount the PCC is allowed to increase the council tax by for a Band D property for 2023/24 is £10 per annum (an increase of 83p per month). This equates to a 4.2% increase which is significantly below current

inflation figures. The survey proposes a range of options up to the £10 maximum per year.

The PCC survey runs until December 4th 2022 and can be found at Annual Police Budget Precept Consultation: Have Your Say <https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/90503016/Annual-police-budget-precept-consultation-have-your-say>



BEFORE

Over the past month Greening Copythorne volunteers have been working tremendously hard on Splitwind Pond.

GREENING CAMPAIGN

The willow, bramble and overhanging branches have been cut back and this lovely village pond is now back looking beautiful and visible for everyone to see and enjoy.

Thank you to those who took part and also to the wider community for your continued support for the Greening Campaign.

The photos show the pond before and after the maintenance work.



AFTER

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL Cost of living crisis help - Food Larders

Food larders are available for residents to access across the New Forest, the nearest to Copythorne is at Testwood Baptist Church in Totton.

Larders are run through a membership scheme and help people to make their money go further by reducing food shopping bills.

A bag will be prepared in advance with a variety of products to top up cupboards and fridges.

The bag will hold an average of £10.00 to £15.00 worth of products (dependent on household size).

To find out more about larder locations, cost and application, please visit the NFDC website:

<https://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/1638/Support-available-New-Forest-voluntary-organisations>

There is lots of information about cost of living help on the NFDC website: <https://newforest.gov.uk/costofliving>



HELP FOR HOUSEHOLDS

Countries around the world are facing rising goods and energy prices, inflation and cost of living pressures after the pandemic and Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

Many of the Help for Households measures and policies, including

Energy Bill Support and Cost of Living Payments, are the responsibility of the UK Government.

We know people are worried so the government is offering help for households. See what cost of living support you could be eligible for

by visiting <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/> or using the QR Code with your mobile device.



The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday December 13th 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).



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