

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY JANUARY 10TH 2023

Item 12 – To consider a response to the proposed NFDC Public Space Protection Orders

Background

NFDC are seeking views from members of the public and statutory consultees on their proposal to make two Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs). Whilst the Parish Council is not a statutory consultee it has been invited to submit an official response.

The responses to this consultation will inform any final decision on whether the proposed Public Spaces Protection Orders are made.

The two PSPOs are as follows:-

PSPO 1 – Relating to fires and BBQs

PSPO 2 - Relating to the feeding and petting of forest ponies, donkeys, horses and mules

The consultations run from 9am, 5 December 2022 to 5pm, 27 January 2023.

Full background information on the proposed PSPOs can be found via the following link:-
<https://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/3205/Public-Spaces-Protection-Orders-consultation>

All responses received by NFDC during this time will be considered by them when deciding whether or not to proceed with making the Public Spaces Protection Order Number 1 and/or Public Spaces Protection Order Number 2.

If the decision is made to make one or both of the proposed Public Spaces Protection Orders they will be published on the NFDC website and notices will be displayed in the area(s) covered by the order(s).

The questions from the two consultations are detailed in Appendices 1 & 2 attached.

ACTION REQUIRED

Councillors are invited to consider the questions and give their individual responses from which hopefully a consensus can be found and submitted by the Clerk as the Council's official response to each consultation.

David Rigby
Clerk to Copythorne PC
December 19th 2022

Appendix 1

Questions within Public Spaces Protection Order number 1: relating to fires and BBQs consultation (agreed Parish Council responses are labelled)

1. **How concerned are you about wildfires in the proposed Restricted Area?**
Extremely concerned – PARISH COUCIL RESPONSE
Concerned
Neither concerned or unconcerned
Unconcerned
Extremely unconcerned
2. **How much do you agree or disagree that the use of BBQs and the lighting of fires in the proposed Restricted Area are currently a DANGER TO PUBLIC SAFETY?**
Strongly agree – PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE
Agree
Neither agree or disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
3. **How much do you agree or disagree that the use of BBQs and the lighting of fires in the proposed Restricted Area is currently a DANGER TO THE LOCAL ECOLOGY (i.e. the land, the animals, the flora & fauna, etc.)?**
Strongly agree – PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE
Agree
Neither agree or disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
4. **Have you had any personal experience of problems with fires in the proposed Restricted Area in the last 2 years?**
Yes
No – PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE
5. **If yes to Q4 - Please can you give us some more detail about the problems you have personally experienced with wildfires in the proposed Restricted Area in the last 2 years.**
N/A – PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE
6. **Do you agree with the Council's proposal to introduce PSPO No. 1 which prohibits the use of BBQs and the lighting of fires in the proposed Restricted Area?**
Yes – PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE
No
7. **Do you have any further comments regarding the proposed PSPO No. 1?**
No – PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE
8. **How are you connected to the local (i.e. New Forest) area?**
Official Response from Copythorne Parish Council

Appendix 2

Questions within Public Spaces Protection Order number 2: relating to the feeding and petting of forest ponies, donkeys, horses and mules consultation
(agreed Parish Council responses are labelled)

- 1. How concerned are you about the feeding and petting of New Forest Ponies, Horses, Donkeys and Mules in the proposed Restricted Area?**
Extremely concerned – PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE
Concerned
Neither concerned or unconcerned
Unconcerned
Extremely unconcerned
- 2. How much do you agree or disagree that the feeding and petting of New Forest Ponies, Horses, Donkeys and Mules in the proposed Restricted Area is currently a DANGER TO PUBLIC SAFETY?**
Strongly agree – PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE
Agree
Neither agree or disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
- 3. Have you had any personal experience of problems with the feeding and petting of New Forest Ponies, Horses, Donkeys and Mules in the proposed Restricted Area of the New Forest in the last 2 years?**
Yes
No – PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE
- 4. If yes to Q3 - Please can you give us some more detail about the problems you have personally experienced with the feeding and petting of New Forest Ponies, Horses, Donkeys and Mules in the proposed Restricted Area in the last 2 years.**
N/A – PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE
- 5. If PSPO No 2 is not introduced, a potential impact could be that New Forest Ponies, Horses, Donkeys and Mules are withdrawn from the Restricted Area. If this were to happen, how do you think that the New Forest would be impacted?**
There would be a POSITIVE impact on the New Forest
There would be NO impact on the New Forest
There would be a NEGATIVE impact on the New Forest -PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE
Don't Know
- 6. Do you agree with the Council's proposal to introduce PSPO No. 2 which prohibits the feeding and petting of New Forest Ponies, Horses, Donkeys and Mules in the proposed Restricted Area?**
Yes – PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE
No
- 7. Do you have any further comments regarding the proposed PSPO No. 1?**
No – PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE
- 8. How are you connected to the local (i.e. New Forest) area?**
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