

## **COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY OCTOBER 10th 2023**

### **Item 14 - Correspondence & Clerks Report**

#### **1. Affordable Housing in the Parish**

At the NFNPA Planning Committee meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup> 2023, members of the Planning Committee voted unanimously to defer a decision on the planning application for Land to the East of New Inn Rd (22/00498).

The deferral was to seek additional detailed information on the applicant's proposals for surface water drainage. All other possible grounds for refusal were considered by the Planning Committee to have been addressed by the applicant's submissions.

A deferral by the Planning Committee of a decision on a planning application is a rare event and reflected the desire of its members to be able to satisfy their concerns as to the impact of the development on both existing residents of the local area and on the residents of the development with regard to surface water drainage and potential flooding if consent was to be granted.

I have written to the NFNPA asking for details of what information they will be seeking from the applicant and will keep Council members and local residents updated.

#### **2. Pollards Moor Road – Sewer repairs update**

All of the overground sewer pipe has now been removed and Southern Water's contractors have identified the remedial works that need to be undertaken along Pollards Moor Road as a result of their work. I am awaiting an expected timeframe for these works. This will be shared once received.

#### **3. Advisory Committees**

The following meetings have taken place since the last Council meeting:-

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| Media & Publicity AC & Personnel & Governance AC | September 28 <sup>th</sup> 2023 |
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At the time of writing, I am aware of the following meetings scheduled for the next few months.

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| Flooding AC                                      | October 20 <sup>th</sup> 2023  |
| Finance AC & Five Year Plan AC                   | November 16 <sup>th</sup> 2023 |
| Media & Publicity AC & Personnel & Governance AC | December 21 <sup>st</sup> 2023 |

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/>) in accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committees.

#### **4. External Playground Inspection**

The half yearly inspection of the playground was undertaken on September 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 and the inspectors report was received on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023. The report contains details of a number of low and medium risk issues that need to be considered and this will be done in conjunction with discussions with the company that constructed the playground. I expect to be in a position to provide a detailed report on the works to be undertaken at the next council meeting.

#### **5. Overhanging hedges**

A local resident has raised concerns about some hedges along Southampton Road which are obstructing the pavement and needs cutting back. The issue will be investigated and – if required – letters issued asking the property owners concerned to cut back their hedges.

#### **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**  
**October 3rd 2023**

## APPENDIX A – Point 6– Items reported to HCC/NFDC

### ISSUES REPORTED TO HCC or NFDC FAULT REPORTING WEBPAGE - OPEN ENQUIRIES - (updated 03/10/23)

| DATE REPORTED | REF. NUMBER | BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE RAISED                  | REPORTED BY      | FIRST CHECK DUE | LAST CHECKED | LATEST COMMENTS                                                                                                                            |
|---------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11/04/20      | 7061319     | Query condition of New Inn Rd (direct to Highways) | David Rigby      | 27/04/20        | 03/10/23     | Last quarterly survey advised no worked planned. Next survey due in October 2023.                                                          |
| 06/10/20      | 21520848    | Blocked drain under Southampton Rd (The Parade)    | Graham Chillcott | 13/10/20        | 03/10/23     | 23/04/22 – Discussed with HCC Highways (Manager – South) ongoing issue.                                                                    |
| 22/10/20      | 21523620    | Blocked ditch near The parade, Southampton Road    | Graham Chillcott | 29/10/20        | 03/10/23     | See 21520848 above (connected reports)                                                                                                     |
| 23/11/22      | 21631147    | Drain blocked near The Wilderness, Winsor Rd       | David Rigby      | 30/11/2022      | 03/10/23     | Issue being chased with support of County Cllr. Nick Adams-King 1/3/23 – update rec'd, further work delayed by Pollards Moor Road closure. |
| 15/02/23      | 21678263    | Concerns about a tree along Romsey Road            | David Rigby      | 22/07/2023      | 03/10/23     | 02/08/23 – HCC advise that Tree to be felled to a “monolith” in next few months. Diarised to check.                                        |

Number only = HCC

CS and Number = NFDC