



COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Five Year Plan Advisory Committee was held via Zoom Video Conference on Friday December 1st 2023 starting at 12pm.

Present:

Voting:- Cllrs Rhodes (Chair); Wiggins; and Johnstone

Non Voting:- Mr. David Rigby – Clerk and RFO

A G E N D A (with DRAFT notes of discussion)

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllrs. Graham Chillcott & Raquelle Atherton

2. Declarations of Interest.

None

3. Review of notes of previous meeting (September 1st 2023)

All members present at the last meeting were happy that the notes of the meeting held on September 1st 2023 accurately reflected the discussions.

4. Update on Parish Environmental Activities (JR)

JR gave a quick summary on recent activities which included:-

- Working party sessions on clearing some of the vegetation at Splitwind Pond.
- Involvement with the CPRE Hampshire Hedgerow project
- A visit to a Solar Farm near Lyndhurst

SJ added an update on her work to promote a campaign for a reduction in the use of “Single Use Plastics”. She has signed up as a community champion for Copythorne and wants to encourage the Parish Council to be involved. DR is trying to gain information from other local town/parish councils that have signed up to this campaign on what they are doing.

5. Update on Telephone Boxes Project (GC)

In the absence of GC, DR reported that there were no issues with any of the boxes and that since he cleared the Newbridge box of books in mid November no others had been added.

6. Update on Benches Project (DR)

JR advised that a bespoke new wooden back for the bench at Splitwind Pond had been carved by a member of the Greening Campaign. DR will now arrange for the existing bench to be dismantled and refurbished early in the New Year and the new back installed. DR is also going to look into the possibility of a new commemorative bench to be installed near the War Memorial to replace an existing bench that is decaying.

7. Update on Village Gateway Sings Project (JR)

JR advised that a report to the November 14th 2023 Parish Council meeting had been approved and that DR was now in discussions with HCC Highways about the installation arrangements. Once resolved, formal quotes for the “gates” for Southampton Road, Bartley would be obtained.

8. Initial discussions on setting new objections for the next few years

SJ suggested that with many of the original Five Year Plan projects reaching a conclusion we need to consider more new priorities and test these with residents. It was agreed to have an informal “brainstorming session” on Thursday February 8th 2024 to bring out suggestions ahead of a discussion at the next Annual Parish Meeting.

9. Discussion of other matters relating to the Aims and Responsibilities of the Five Year Plan Advisory Committee.

SJ wondered whether the time might now be right to re-visit the idea of a Parish Design Statement or even a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Copythorne. Other members advised that GC had done a great deal of research in this area and that that it would be a good idea to talk to him.

10. Agree date for next meeting

Thursday February 22nd 2024, 12pm (provisional)

Meeting closed at 12.44pm

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Item 3 – Review of notes of previous meeting (September 1st 2023)

A meeting of the Five Year Plan Advisory Committee was held via Zoom Video Conference on Friday September 1st 2023 starting at 11am.

Present:

Voting:- Cllrs Jackie Rhodes (Chair); Graham Chillcott; Sylvia Wiggins; Raquelle Atherton

Non-Voting:- Mr. David Rigby – Clerk and RFO

A G E N D A (with DRAFT notes of discussion)

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr. Sherri Johnstone

2. Declarations of Interest.

None

3. Review of notes of previous meeting (June 2nd 2023)

All members present at the last meeting were happy that the notes of the meeting on June 2nd 2023 accurately reflected the discussions.

4. Update on Parish Environmental Activities (JR)

JR reported that focus was on beautifying the village and a donation of wild flower seeds will help with this. With potential grant funding available possible locations for small scale solar farms were being identified. Similar research was being undertaken for Electric Vehicle charging points.

5. Update on Noticeboard replacement programme (DR)

DR advised that this project was now complete with all seven noticeboards in place. Former Parish Councillor Chairman, Simon Lucas, had been thanked for his help with this project. The completion of the project would be the subject of a Parish Council newsletter article in October.

6. Update on Telephone Boxes Project (GC)

GC reported that the Newbridge box had been repainted by the “local custodians”. The depositing of books in the box was still an issue and a notice will be added to the box to discourage this. GC would seek to identify a possible alternative location for such books.

7. Update on Benches Project (DR)

DR has asked JR to report back on the previous offer by a local resident to help refurbish the Splitwind Pond bench.

ACTION – JR to update DR by Sept 22nd 2023

8. Discussion of other matters relating to the Aims and Responsibilities of the Five Year Plan Advisory Committee.

In connection with the “Village Gateways” project JR advised that she had been researching possible locations and types of gateways. It was agreed that Dr would discuss with HCC Highways the suitability of the possible locations & types of “gateway” and report back to members of this Advisory Committee. At the same time, JR would investigate the likely cost of purchasing and installing the gateways.

9. Agree date for next meeting

Thursday November 16th 2023, 11am (provisional)

Meeting closed at 11.48am