

Item 12 – Clerk’s Report

1. Councillor Vacancy

At the September 10th 2024 Council meeting it was reported that following a resignation, a Councillor vacancy existed in the Copythorne North ward. A notice of vacancy was added to the Parish Council website and displayed on all noticeboards within the North Ward from September 12th to October 1st.

As no request for an election was made the Parish Council will now seek to fill the vacancy by Co-Option. A notice inviting applications (which need to be received by November 30th 2024) will be added to all noticeboards and the website on October 9th 2024 with the co-option hopefully taking place at the December 10th 2024 meeting of the Parish Council.

2. Autumn Flooding

I have been in communication with (and visited) a number of residents in Riverside Close, Bartley that was affected by surface water issues on September 8th. With the help of those residents I have pieced together details of what happened. Discussions are now being held with HCC Highways and other agencies about how we can work together collectively to mitigate such issues in the future. This issue will be discussed at the Flooding Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday October 29th.

3. Property Marking Event

Following a conversation at a recent Councillor Drop In Session, PCSO Richard Williams of the New Forest Heart policing team has arranged an opportunity for local residents concerned about burglaries from domestic premises and thefts from vehicles to attend a session outside the Parish Hall between 10am and 11am on Saturday November 2nd. Richard will talk individually to those attending about the benefits of property marking. With support from the Safer New Forest Team at NFDC, we also hope to have some property marking kits available to offer to some of those attending this even

4. Defibrillator Training

Following the installation of a defib on the wall of Brewgas in Old Lyndhurst Road, New Forest Rotary (in conjunction with Meon Valley Heartstart have arranged for Wessex Heartbeat to run two CPR and Defib training sessions at the Empress of Blandings pub on Saturday November 2nd (9.30am and 11.15am). Bookings can be made via www.heartbeat.co.uk

5. Copythorne Community Playground

The “baby swing” has been replaced and a replacement for the broken piece of protective rubber edging has been obtained. I hope to have it installed in the next few weeks. As reported last month, a donor has very kindly offered to cover the cost.

6. Advisory Committees

No Advisory Committee meetings have taken place since the last Council meeting on September 10th 2024.

At the time of writing, I am aware of the following scheduled (or likely to take place) in the next few months.

Finance AC	October 3 rd 2024
Five Year Plan AC	October 3 rd 2024
Flooding AC	October 29 th 2024
Media & Publicity AC	To be arranged
Personnel & Governance AC	To be arranged

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Agenda, meeting notes & papers for all Advisory Committee meetings can be found on the following page of our website (<https://www.coppythorne.org.uk/committees/>) in accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committees.

7. Public Right of Way ("PRoW") Inspections

All PRoW inspections have now been undertaken by the allotted councillor or myself. A number of the PRoW require vegetation clearance/attention to stiles etc. I am arranging a meeting with the HCC Countryside Access Team to discuss how best to approach the required maintenance and will report back to Council on the outcome.

8. 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 2nd 2024

APPENDIX A – Point 8 – Items reported to HCC/NFDC

ISSUES REPORTED TO HCC or NFDC FAULT REPORTING WEBPAGE - OPEN ENQUIRIES - (updated 2/10/24)

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	02/10/24	Last quarterly survey advised no worked planned. The next survey is due in October 2024. Details will be sought
23/11/22	21631147	Drain blocked near The Wilderness, Winsor Rd	David Rigby	30/11/22	02/10/24	01/07/24 – Investigations and potential remedies are being considered by HCC Highways. Repairs to drainage pipes nearby have taken place. Further work provisionally planned for Jan 2025
09/05/24	21740779	Drainage issue in Southampton Road, Cadnam	David Rigby	16/05/24	02/10/24	Investigative work took place on 18/06/24. Further works planned.
13/05/24	21741334	Drainage issue near Pollards Moor Road pumping station	David Rigby	20/05/24	02/10/24	4/9 – Chased for an explanation as to why this report has been closed without contact. Reply still awaited.
13/05/24	21741342	Vegetation clearance required on pavement near Pollards Moor Road pumping station	David Rigby	20/05/24	02/10/24	2/10 – Chased for an explanation as to why this report has been closed without contact.
16/09/24	21760851	Surface Water flooding issues in Riverside Close, Bartley.	David Rigby	23/09/24	02/10/24	01/10 Enquiry progressing

Number only = HCC

CS and Number = NFDC