

Item 14 – Clerk’s Report

1. Councillor Vacancy

As advised at last month’s meeting the vacancy for a Councillor in the Copythorne North ward has been advertised on our noticeboards; website; newsletter; and via Facebook. The notice invited applicants to attend a Parish Council meeting (in accordance with the Co-option policy) before submitting an application (which need to be received by November 30th 2024). The co-option will hopefully take place at the December 10th 2024 meeting of the Parish Council.

2. Autumn Flooding

This subject was discussed at the Flooding Advisory Committee meeting that took place on October 29th 2024. Details of the discussions can be found within the notes of that meeting (see the item regarding Advisory Committee meetings below). A member of the public raised a number of points in the Public Session at the start of the meeting. Some of these points are currently being considered by myself and the Chair of The Flooding Advisory Committee. One of these is likely to form an agenda item at the next Flooding Advisory Committee meeting once further research has been undertaken

3. Property Marking Event

This event, hosted by the Parish Council and run by PCSO Richard Williams took place on Saturday November 2nd. A good number of people attended and some 15 kits were issued to enable residents to mark their valuables. PCSO Williams will also be at Bartley Post Office for his usual monthly Beat Surgery at 9am on November 18th 2024 and will have a few more of the kits with him.

4. Defibrillator Training

Two training sessions were run by Meon Valley Heartstart at the Empress of Blandings pub on Saturday November 2nd. 26 people attended across the two events.

5. Advisory Committees

The following meetings have taken place since my last report to Council dated October 1st 2024:-

Finance AC	October 3 rd 2024
Five Year Plan AC	October 3 rd 2024
Flooding AC	October 29 th 2024 (* Notes should be uploaded on Nov 7 th)

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.

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

Finance AC	November 14 th 2024
Flooding AC	January 7 th 2024
Five Year Plan AC	January 9 th 2024
Media & Publicity AC	To be arranged
Personnel & Governance AC	To be arranged

6. New Forest Town & Parish Council’s Community Forum

Cllr. Rhodes and myself will be attending the above event in Lyndhurst on December 4th 2024.

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7. 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
November 5th 2024

APPENDIX A – Point 7 – Items reported to HCC/NFDC

ISSUES REPORTED TO HCC or NFDC FAULT REPORTING WEBPAGE - OPEN ENQUIRIES - (updated 5/11/24)

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	05/11/24	Last quarterly survey advised no worked planned. The next survey is due in October 2024. Details have been sought
23/11/22	21631147	Drain blocked near The Wilderness, Winsor Rd	David Rigby	30/11/22	05/11/24	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	05/11/24	Investigative work took place on 18/06/24. Further works planned.
10/10/24	21764994	Utilities repair issue in Romsey Road, Ower	David Rigby	17/10/24	05/11/24	Southern Water will be returning to undertake further repair works.
10/10/24	21765150	Drainage issue in Shepherds Close, Bartley	David Rigby	17/10/24	11/10/24	11/10 Issue identified as being on private land. Resolved by resident.
11/10/24	21765184	Carriageway issues near Ford in Wittensford Lane, Cadnam	David Rigby	18/10/24	05/11/24	1/11 – Enquiry progressing

Number only = HCC

CS and Number = NFDC