

Item 14 – Clerk's Report

1. Councillor Vacancies update

The notice of vacancy for a councillor in each of the Copythorne South and Copythorne North Wards was posted on February 14th 2025. It was posted on our noticeboards; website; Facebook page; and March newsletter. The expiry date for applications is March 31st 2025.

As at March 31st I had not received any applications although an expression of interest has been made. I will therefore wait to see whether an application is received by April 15th 2025 - which could be considered at the next Council meeting on May 13th – before deciding on the next steps for seeking to fill the vacancies.

2. NFNPA and NFDC “Local Plan” Reviews

Following the public information events held by NFNPA and NFDC (as the Local Planning Authorities) in connection with their separate Local Plan Reviews, member of the Council considered their responses to the initial consultations. Copies of the responses submitted to the NFNPA and NFDC have been added to the Planning page on the Council's website (<https://www.copythorne.org.uk/planning/>).

3. Advisory Committees

The following meeting has taken place since my last report to the March 2025 Council meeting:-

Flooding AC	March 25 th 2025
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At the time of writing, I am aware of the following meetings scheduled (or likely to take place) in the next few months.

Finance AC	April 24 th 2025	) Both expected to be rescheduled, please check via link below for new date(s)
Five Year Plan AC	April 24 th 2025	
Personnel & Governance AC	May 29 th 2025	
Flooding AC	July 1 st 2025	

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 Committee.

4. Flooding Matters Updates

Details of the latest updates can be found within the notes of the last meeting of the Flooding Advisory Committee held on March 25th 2025 (<https://www.copythorne.org.uk/committees/#FLOODING>)

5. Councillor Drop In Sessions

The following sessions has been arranged:- Saturday May 17th and Thursday June 12th. Both between 2-3pm at Copythorne Community Café.

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
April 1st 2025

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

ISSUES REPORTED TO HCC/NFDC FAULT REPORTING WEBPAGE - ONGOING ENQUIRIES ONLY - (updated 1/4/25)

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	01/04/25	Last quarterly survey advised no worked planned. The next survey is due to take place in April 2025. Details will be sought.
23/11/22	21631147	Drain blocked near The Wilderness, Winsor Rd	David Rigby	30/11/22	01/04/25	Works were undertaken in mid Jan 2025, results which won't be known until heavy rain happens are awaited with interest.
09/12/24	21774560	Catch pit gully problem, Southampton Road, Cadnam	David Rigby	16/12/24	01/04/25	10/12/24 – “No works required at this time” (To be monitored and photos sent if issues re-occur.
20/03/25	21794661	Blocked culvert issue in Pollards Moor Road	David Rigby	27/03/25	01/04/25	20/3/25 – Enquiry will be reviewed by a member of the HCC Highways team.

Number only = HCC

CS and Number = NFDC