

MINUTES OF THE COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON MARCH 11TH 2025 AT COPYTHORNE PARISH HALL

Members present: Cllr. Graham Chillcott Cllr. Jackie Rhodes; Cllr. Sylvia Wiggins
Cllr. Sherri Johnstone Cllr. Richard Fowler

In attendance David Rigby, Clerk/RFO

8 members of the public were present.

AGENDA ITEMS**33/25 Apologies**

None

34/25 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda.

Cllr. Johnstone declared an interest in planning application 25/00086

35/25 Public Session

A member of the public expressed disappointment that he still hadn't received a response to an issue raised with the NFNPA some time ago.

Another member of the public raised four points relating to Parish Council administration.

36/25 County and District Councillors Reports

Dist. Cllr. Derek Tipp reported on a number of matters including the following:-

- New NFDC waste collection arrangements to commence in the parish from Spring 2026.
- The recent successful audit of the NFDC Building Control Team
- NFDCs allocation from the 2025 UK Prosperity Fund (£0.3m compared to £1.5m in 2024)
- Street naming and numbering of new developments to be a charged for service.
- The public consultation on the "scope" of the NFDC Local Plan Review and the "Call for Sites".
- An update on the Devolution and Local Government Re-Organisation currently taking place, including the possibility of a greater role in local services for some town and parish councils.
- That he still has £300 of his District Councillors grant fund to allocate.

37/25 Planning Applications; TPOs and Tree Works Requests**NFNPA Planning Applications**

25/00084 – Conifers, Southampton Road, Cadnam, SO40 2NF - First floor extension and roof alterations, front porch, external rendering, flue and solar panels

Parish Comment: 3 - We recommend PERMISSION for the reasons listed (see NFNPA planning portal for details). Cllr. Wiggins proposed, Cllr. Johnstone seconded, all in favour.

Having declared an interest in the next item Cllr. Johnstone left the room.

25/00086 – Oakbank, Barrow Hill Road, Copythorne, SO40 2PH – Extension to outbuilding

Parish Comment: 3 - We recommend PERMISSION for the reasons listed (see NFNPA planning portal for details). Cllr. Fowler proposed, Cllr. Wiggins seconded, all those able to vote were in favour.

Cllr. Johnstone re-joined the meeting

25/00028 – Paultons Golf Centre, Salisbury Road, Ower, SO51 6AN - Extension to the existing driving range; contoured landscape safety feature to driving range to replace fence; associated landscaping
Parish Comment: 3 - We recommend PERMISSION for the reasons listed (see NFNPA planning portal for details). Cllr. Fowler proposed, Cllr. Rhodes seconded, all in favour

25/00053 – Providence House, Copythorne Crescent, Copythorne, SO40 2PE - Single-storey extension; 1no. window; demolition of existing extension and conservatory; 1no. garage window
Parish Comment: 3 - We recommend PERMISSION for the reasons listed (see NFNPA planning portal for details). Cllr. Chillcott proposed, Cllr. Wiggins seconded, all in favour.

25/00098 – Oak Cottage, Winsor Road, Winsor, SO40 2HP- Timber Pergola
Parish Comment: 3 - We recommend PERMISSION for the reasons listed (see NFNPA planning portal for details). Cllr. Fowler proposed, Cllr. Rhodes seconded, all in favour.

25/00107 - Moorlea, Newbridge Road, Cadnam, SO40 2NX – Shed
Parish Comment: 1 - We recommend PERMISSION for the reasons listed but would accept the decision reached by the NPAs Officers under their delegated powers. Cllr. Johnstone proposed, Cllr. Rhodes seconded, all in favour.

25/00166 - Spirit Pub Co Ltd, The Vine Inn, Romsey Road, Ower, SO51 6AE - Installation of a feeder pillar and associated underground cabling from the feeder pillar to an existing on-site substation.
Parish Comment: 3 - We recommend PERMISSION for the reasons listed (see NFNPA planning portal for details). Cllr. Johnstone proposed, Cllr. Wiggins seconded, all in favour.

NFDC

None

NFNPA Tree Works Requests

None

NFDC Tree Works Requests

None

38/25 Planning Decisions made since last Council meeting

NFNPA

24/00694 - Brewgas, Old Lyndhurst Rd, Cadnam, SO40 2NL - Grant subject to conditions
24/00890 - Bartley Manor Coach House, Bartley Manor, Brockishill Road, Bartley, SO40 2LN – Withdrawn
24/00891 - Bartley Manor Coach House, Bartley Manor, Brockishill Road, Bartley, SO40 2LN – Withdrawn
24/01404 - Fairview Cottage, Southampton Road, Cadnam, SO40 2NF – Grant subject to conditions

NFDC

None

NFNPA Tree Works Requests

25/00095 CONS - Fairview, Copythorne Crescent, Copythorne, SO40 2PE – Raise no objections

NFDC Tree Works Requests

None

39/25 To Approve the Minutes and agreed actions of the Meeting of February 11th 2025

Proposed Cllr. Chillcott, Seconded Cllr. Rhodes, all in favour.

40/25 Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

25/25 - The Clerk is continuing with this task.

41/25 a. To receive and agree the Bank Reconciliation for February 2025

The Bank Reconciliation was presented to the meeting by the Clerk/RFO.

Proposed Cllr. Chillcott, Seconded Cllr. Johnstone all in favour. **APPROVED**

By rotation, the Bank Reconciliation was signed by Cllr. Johnstone after the meeting

b. To receive and agree the Payments Schedule for March 2025

The Payment Schedule comprising 10 payments for a total of £2,239.08, along with the supporting invoices/claims, was presented to the meeting by the Clerk/RFO.

Proposed Cllr. Wiggins, Seconded Cllr. Fowler, all in favour. **APPROVED**

By rotation, the schedule; and Electronic Payment instructions (EP62 to EP66) were signed by Cllr. Chillcott and Cllr. Rhodes after the meeting.

42/25 To receive and approve the Council Asset Register as at February 28th 2025

The Clerk presented the above report (a copy of which is included in the supporting documents for this meeting on the Council's website).

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

Proposed Cllr. Johnstone, Seconded Cllr. Rhodes, all in favour.

43/25 To receive and approve a report on transfers from the 2024/25 budget to reserves

The Clerk presented the above report (a copy of which is included in the supporting documents for this meeting on the Council's website).

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

Proposed Cllr. Chillcott, Seconded Cllr. Wiggins, all in favour.

ACTION – The approved transfers will be undertaken in accordance with the recommendation.

44/25 Clerk's Report

The Clerk read through his report (a copy of which is included in the supporting documents for this meeting on the Parish website).

45/25 Chairman's Report

Cllr. Chillcott's report covered the following:-

- Copythorne Parish Hall committee meeting (update on Lottery application; agreement for part of the car park to be used Monday evenings by a Fish & Chip van; CATS Spring Play – 22nd & 29th March)
- Update on plans for VE Day 80 events on May 8th (commemoration) and May 10th (celebration)
- That he attended the New Forest Consultative Panel meeting (as an observer) on March 6th.
- Fly -tipping in the parish

46/25 Councillors Reports

Cllr. Rhodes reported that the Greening Campaign provided thermal imaging of properties to four local residents who found the information provided very interesting. Further vegetation clearance work on the perimeter of Splitwind Pond will be taking place before the end of the month, followed by further planting of native plants.

Cllr. Johnstone reported that as a result of better weather recently no flooding issues in the Barrow Hill Road area had been reported to her. She further reported that the Parish Design Statement (PDS) Working Group were very close to being able to submit a final draft of the PDS for review and hopefully presentation to a meeting of the NFNPA Planning Committee. Finally, she reported that further sign ups to the Plastics Free Copythorne project were continuing.

Cllr. Wiggins reported on the New Forest Consultative Panel Meeting on March 6th 2025 that she had attended on behalf of the Council. Topics discussed included:-

- The re-election of Brian Tarnoff as Chair of the NFCP for as further year.
- David Illsley (NFNPA) - The review of the NFNPA Local Plan.
- Steve Avery (NFNPA) - An update on National Planning Policy; impact of Local Government re-organisation on the National Park.
- Derek Tipp (NFDC) - Changes to Local Government - Regional Devolution and re-organisation of Tier 1 & T2 bodies; update eon the NFDC Local Plan review.
- Craig Harrison (Forestry England) - Update on tree planting; increase in rare bird species; issues with fly tipping; Public Space Protection Order and continued education of visitors; possible introduction of car parking charges in Forestry England car parks to fill a gap in funding from Central Government.
- Anthony Passmore (Verderers) - Spoke about concerns regarding the impact on Commoners on building on parcels on land relied upon by them and also the further impact on forest verges that the introduction of car park charges might have

47/25 Suggested Agenda Items for the April 8th 2025 meeting

As per the Forward Calendar

48/25 To Confirm the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on April 8th 2025.

With no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.42pm.