

MINUTES OF THE COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON APRIL 8TH 2025 AT COPYTHORNE PARISH HALL

Members present: Cllr. Graham Chillcott Cllr. Sylvia Wiggins Cllr. Sherri Johnstone

In attendance David Rigby, Clerk/RFO

5 members of the public were present.

AGENDA ITEMS**49/25 Apologies**

Cllr. Jackie Rhodes and Cllr. Richard Fowler

50/25 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda.

None

51/25 Public Session

A member of the public once again 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.

52/25 County and District Councillors Reports

Dist. Cllr. Joe Reilly reported on a number of matters relating to NFDC including the following :-

- At the April 2nd 2025 Cabinet meeting NFDC set out the priorities for its Domestic Abuse Strategy for 2025-28
- Rollout of "wheelie bins" will commence shortly for Phase 1 of the new NFDC waste collection arrangements. They will be in use in the phase1 area from June 2025.
- CIL grant applications for larger infrastructure projects are currently being invited.
- District Councillor grant budgets are being increased to £1,000 for 2025-26.

53/25 Planning Applications; TPOs and Tree Works Requests**NFNPA Planning Applications**

25/00119 – Furzley Cottage, Blackhill Road, Bramshaw, SO43 7JJ – Front boundary wall; gates

Parish Comment: Option 1. We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's officers under their delegated powers.

(Due to a response being needed before this meeting the Council's Business Continuity Arrangements were used in respect of this application).

25/00285 – Paultons Park Ltd, Paultons Park, Ower, SO51 6AL – Application for screening opinion under Regulation 6 (schedule 2) of the Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 in respect of 85-95 units of holiday accommodation; restaurant building; shop building; welcome & reception building; entertainment room; games room; offices building; service area/yard; associated landscaping & works.

Parish Comment: No comment

NFDC Planning Applications

25/10238 – The Old Orchard, Whinwhistle Road, East Wellow, SO51 6BN – Proposed entrance walls and gates to the frontage, and ground mounted solar array comprising x12no. panels to north-east of site.

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

NFNPA Tree Works Requests

25/00276 CONS - Meadow View, Newbridge, Cadnam, SO40 2NW - Prune 2 x Hazel trees

25/00286 CONS - Halloween Cottage, Brockishill Road, Bartley, SO40 2LN - Fell 1x oak tree;
Reduce/Pollard 1 x Lime tree; Fell 1x Acacia tree

25/00299 CONS - Glensyde, Chinham Road, Bartley, SO40 2LF - Prune 1 x Oak tree

25/00335 CONS - Tanglewood, Winsor Road, Winsor, SO40 2HJ - Prune 1 Oak tree

25/00377 CONS - Anton Lea, Chinham Road, Bartley, SO40 2LL – Prune 2 x Oak trees

All “Leave decision to Tree Officer.

NFDC Tree Works Requests

None

54/25 Planning Decisions made since last Council meeting**NFNPA**

25/00057 - Cadnam Works, Southampton Road, Cadnam, SO40 2NG – Raise no objections

24/01462 - Newlands Farm, Winsor Road, Winsor, Southampton SO40 2HE – Grant subject to conditions

24/01410 - Paultons House, Paultons Park, Ower, SO51 6AL – Grant subject to conditions

24/01322 - Fairview Cottage, Southampton Road, Cadnam, SO40 2NF – Permitted development

24/01475 - White Hart Inn, Old Romsey Road, Cadnam, SO40 2NP – Not deemed lawful

25/00084 - Conifers, Southampton Road, Cadnam, Southampton SO40 2NF – Grant subject to conditions

25/00086 - Oakbank, Barrow Hill Road, Copythorne, Southampton SO40 2PH – Grant subject to conditions

25/00098 - Oak Cottage, Winsor Road, Winsor, Southampton SO40 2HP – Grant subject to conditions

25/00107 - Moorlea, Newbridge Road, Cadnam, Southampton SO40 2NX – Grant subject to conditions

NFDC

None

NFNPA & NFDC Tree Works Requests

None

55/25 To Approve the Minutes and agreed actions of the Meeting of March 11th 2025

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

56/25 Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

43/25 - The Clerk is undertaking the required action.

57/25 To receive an update on planning for the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Award

The Clerk presented a report (a copy of which is included in the supporting documents for this meeting on the Council’s website) regarding the Annual Parish meeting to be held on May 9th. Report noted.

58/25 a. To receive and agree the Bank Reconciliation for March 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. Chillcott after the meeting

58/25 b. To receive and agree the Additional Payments Schedule for March 2025

The Payment Schedule comprising 2 payments for a total of £51.69, along with the supporting invoices, was presented to the meeting by the Clerk/RFO.

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

By rotation, the schedule was signed by Cllr. Chillcott and Cllr. Wiggins after the meeting.

c. To receive and agree the Payments Schedule for April 2025

The Payment Schedule comprising 10 payments for a total of £2084.93, along with the supporting invoices/claims, was presented to the meeting by the Clerk/RFO.

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

By rotation, the schedule; and Electronic Payment instructions (EP1 to EP6) were signed by Cllr. Chillcott and Cllr. Wiggins after the meeting.

59/25 To receive a draft Year End budget report for 2024/25

The Clerk, as Responsible Finance Officer, read through his report (a copy of which is included in the supporting documents for this meeting on the Council's website). Report noted.

60/25 To confirm any potential conflicts with BDO LLP as external auditors to the Parish Council

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

RESOLVED: That the Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to sign a certificate to confirm that the Council and the Councillors have no conflict of interest

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

ACTION – Clerk to arrange for the certificate to be signed and sent to BDO LLP

61/25 To consider Grant Application received

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

RESOLVED: That the Council approves a Local Government Act 1972 s.137 grant of £500 for Cadnam Cricket Club using the "S.137 Grant provision" within the Council budget for 2025/26.

Cllr. Johnstone proposed, Cllr. Wiggins seconded, all in favour. **APPROVED**

ACTION – Clerk to arrange for the agreed £500 grant to be paid to Cadnam Cricket Club

62/25 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). Members were asked to note that the next meetings of Finance Advisory Committee and the Five Year Plan Advisory Committee have been moved from April 24th to May 1st 2025.

63/25 Chairman's Report

Cllr. Chillcott's report covered the following:-

- He attended the NFDC Civic Service on March 23rd 2025
- Copythorne Parish Hall committee meeting (update on the successful Lottery application; work on solar panel installation to commence shortly; change of broadband provider).
- Next meeting of the VE Day 80 group to be held on April 14th
- Repair needed to one of the "Red telephone boxes"
- That he attended the New Forest North East Quadrant meeting on April 3rd.
- Fly-tipping in the parish along the A36

64/25 Councillors Reports

Cllr. Wiggins, as the Council's representative to the New Forest North East Quadrant, reported on the Quadrant meeting that she attended on April 3rd 2025. Matters discussed included:-

- Forestry England:-
Struggling to "balance the books" due to lack of Central Government Funding for its activities
Possible introduction of car parking charges as a way of closing the funding gap.
Deer Culling; the success of ground nesting bird protections; successful introduction of species like Pine Martens.
Work being undertaken to restore heathland habitat when Inclosures are cleared by tree felling.
Some of this work will involve the possible increase of water retention by restoring natural channels.
- NFNPA :-
Government has allowed a marked increase in planning application fees to close the gap between costs of running Planning Departments vs income received.
Local Plan Review now underway.
Seeking to learn more about the impact of Devolution and the impact of the proposed new Strategic Authority to replace Hampshire County Council on the National Park and the NFNPA.

Cllr. Johnstone reported that the planned meeting of Plastics Free Copythorne had to be postponed. Following discussion with the NFNPA Planning Team the final draft of Parish Design Statement (PDS) has been accepted as suitable for recommending to the NFNPA Planning Committee that the public consultation on it can begin. A report to this effect will be discussed by the NFNPA Planning Committee at its meeting on April 15th 2025.

65/25 Suggested Agenda Items for the May 13th 2025 meeting

As per the Forward Calendar

66/25 To Confirm the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on May 13th 2025.

With no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.