

Item 20 – Clerk’s Report

1. Water Leak (?) along Lyndhurst Road

I have received an e-mail from a resident advising of a water “leak” a few metres into the woods along the A337 Lyndhurst Road (opposite and along from the Cricket Ground). Resident has advised that Southern Water say it is nothing to do with them. I have suggested that contact is made with Forestry England as it is likely to be on their land.

2. Councillor Vacancies update

The latest notice of vacancy for a councillor in each of the Copythorne South and Copythorne North Wards was posted on April 22nd 2025. It was posted on our noticeboards; website; Facebook page; and May newsletter. With the agreement of NFDC Electoral Services it has no specific end date.

3. NFNPA and NFDC “Local Plan” Reviews

There have been no further developments for either of these reviews. In both cases the Local Planning Authorities are reviewing the comments made in response to the public consultations on the scope of the reviews. More information and links to the relevant sections of the LPA websites can be found on the Parish Council’s website (<https://www.copythorne.org.uk/planning/>).

4. Advisory Committees

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

Finance AC	May 1 st 2025
Five Year Plan AC	May 1 st 2025

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

Personnel & Governance AC	May 29 th 2025
Flooding AC	July 1 st 2025
Finance AC	September 11 th 2025
Five Year Plan AC	September 11 th 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.

5. Local Government Re-Organisation

On April 9th, Cllr. Chillcott and I attended a training session on the issues to be aware of in connection with the possible passing down of assets and services to Town and Parish Councils by a District Council.

On April 28th, along with Cllrs Chillcott and Rhodes I attended a meeting hosted by NFDC on the position regarding the proposed Local Government Re-Organisation as it is currently known.

6. 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. The focus of the June session will be helping local residents - who qualify - to register for the various Priority Service Registers run by utility providers (more details to follow in next month’s newsletter and Clerks report).

7. Flooding Matters Update

On April 28th, HCC Contractors started works in Shepherds Road to lay a new drain to take – directly in Bartley Water - the surface water which (after heavy rain) pools on the road. The work was delayed due to complications discovered but was expected to finish by May 9th.

On May 6th/7th work was due to be undertaken in Winsor Road (near the junction with Winsor Lane) to dig out the “balance pond”. This will hopefully to help managed the flow of water eastwards after heavy rainfall.

On May 12th, work is expected to start In Chinham Road to install a new section of drain (to replace a failed section) on the northern side of the carriageway, roughly opposite the junction with Shepherds Road.

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
May 6th 2025

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

ISSUES REPORTED TO HCC/NFDC FAULT REPORTING WEBPAGE - ONGOING ENQUIRIES ONLY - (updated 1/5/25)

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	01/05/25	Last quarterly survey advised no worked planned. The next survey was 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	01/05/25	Works were undertaken in mid Jan 2025, results which won't be known until heavy rain happens are awaited with interest.
20/03/25	21794661	Blocked culvert issue in Pollards Moor Road	David Rigby	27/03/25	01/05/25	20/3/25 – Enquiry will be reviewed by a member of the HCC Highways team. Chased 30/4/25
17/04/25	21799295	Issue with advertising signage on Southampton Road, Cadnam (raised by resident)	David Rigby	24/04/25	01/05/25	24/04/05 – HCC Highways dealing direct with business

Number only = HCC

CS and Number = NFDC