

Item 12 – Clerk’s Report

1. Councillor Vacancies update

Please see the report for Item 10 on the agenda for this meeting.

2. 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/>).

3. Advisory Committees

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

Personnel & Governance AC	May 29 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.

Flooding AC	July 1 st 2025
Personnel & Governance AC	September 4 th 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.

4. Local Government Re-Organisation

Along with the other 20 areas of England involved in this process, a Joint Interim Plan from the 15 current County/District/Borough/Unitary authorities in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on March 21st 2025 as requested by Jim McMahon the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution on February 5th 2025. A summary of feedback on the interim plans has been published on the gov.uk website, see link below:- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-government-reorganisation-summary-of-feedback-on-interim-plans/local-government-reorganisation-summary-of-feedback-on-interim-plans>

5. Councillor Drop In Sessions

Sessions has been arranged on Thursday June 12th, Tuesday July 27th, Thursday September 25th and Saturday October 11th. All 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.

6. Flooding Matters Update

HCC Highways Contractors have completed works in Shepherds Road and Chinham Road to lay new drains. We await with interest to see if they have resulted in improvements.

Investigations continue in Romsey Road to establish the cause of surface water flooding and hopefully resolve it.

The “Hampshire Property Flood Resilience Scheme” works being co-ordinated by HCC and the Environment Agency to help a number of properties owners near the Cadnam River and Bartley Water have begun.

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

June 3rd 2025

APPENDIX A – Point 7 – 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	02/06/25	Last quarterly survey advised no worked planned. The next survey was due to take place in April 2025. Details are awaited.
23/11/22	21631147	Drain blocked near The Wilderness, Winsor Rd	David Rigby	30/11/22	02/06/25	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	02/06/25	20/3/25 – Enquiry will be reviewed by a member of the HCC Highways team. Updated 6/5/25 details awaited.
28/05/25	21805354	Vegetation over hanging road and ditch in Chinham Road	David Rigby	02/06/25	02/06/25	30/05 – Enquiry updated. Details awaited

Number only = HCC

CS and Number = NFDC