

**Item 14 – Clerk’s Report**

**1. 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/>).

**2. Local Government Re-Organisation**

Recommendations for the preferred make up of the new unitary authorities need to be submitted to Central Government by each of the existing fifteen Tier 1 and Tier 2 Councils in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight before the end of September.

Hampshire County Council (alongside East Hampshire District Council) has been working on its preferred groupings and all of the other Tier 1 and Tier 2 councils in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight have been doing the same.

NFDC has made it clear that they wish to see the whole of the current district remain as one within any new unitary authority. They have yet to decide on the “groupings” that they will be recommending/supporting.

The latest information can be found at:

FOR HCC

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/governmentinhampshire/future-hampshire-solent/local-government-reorganisation>

FOR NFDC

<https://www.newforest.gov.uk/lgr>

**3. Councillor Drop In Sessions**

There was no session in August. The next two sessions have been arranged for Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>, both between 2-3pm at Copythorne Community Café.

**4. Public Right of Way (“PRoW”) Inspections**

The majority of the PRoW inspections have now been undertaken by the allotted councillor or myself and a report of the findings will be an agenda item for the October 14<sup>th</sup> 2025 Council meeting.

**5. External Playground Inspection**

The external inspection of the playground will be undertaken in late September/early October, I am currently awaiting a confirmed date. Once the inspection has been completed and the report received it will be the subject of an agenda item at a Council meeting.

**6. Remembrance Sunday Parade – November 9<sup>th</sup> 2025**

I have completed and submitted to NFDC a request for a “rolling” Road Closure between 9.45-11.15am. The request covers Pollards Moor Road (full length) and Romsey Road (junction with Pollards Moor Road to Stanley’s Own Scout Hut).

**7. Matters reported to HCC/NFDC**

Attached (as Appendix A) is a list of matters reported by the Clerk to HCC that remain outstanding..

## APPENDIX A – Point 7 – Items reported to HCC/NFDC

### ISSUES REPORTED TO HCC/NFDC FAULT REPORTING WEBPAGE - ONGOING ENQUIRIES ONLY - (updated 1/9/25)

| DATE REPORTED       | REF. NUMBER         | BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE RAISED                      | REPORTED BY            | FIRST CHECK DUE     | LAST CHECKED        | LATEST COMMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 23/11/22            | 21631147            | Drain blocked near The Wilderness, Winsor Rd           | David Rigby            | 30/11/22            | 01/09/25            | Work undertaken in mid Jan 2025. Moderate rain in mid Aug 2025 suggests work has resolved issue. Will continue to monitor.                                                                            |
| <del>20/03/25</del> | <del>21794661</del> | <del>Blocked culvert issue in Pollards Moor Road</del> | <del>David Rigby</del> | <del>27/03/25</del> | <del>15/08/25</del> | <del>Culvert has been cleared</del>                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 28/05/25            | 21805354            | Vegetation over hanging road and ditch in Chinham Road | David Rigby            | 02/06/25            | 01/09/25            | 25/6 – HCC Highways not responsible, passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> party.<br>1/9 – Awaiting response to chaser                                                                                            |
| 26/06/25            | 7177688             | Query condition of New Inn Rd (direct to Highways)     | David Rigby            | 03/07/25            | 01/09/25            | 16/7 - E-mail response from County Cllr. Lulu Bowerman (HCC Executive Member for Highways):-<br>“..the road does not currently meet the criteria for resurfacing under our prioritisation framework.” |
| 10/07/25            | CS2424111           | Fly-tipping, near layby in Southampton Road            | David Rigby            | 17/07/25            | 01/09/25            | Awaiting an update on land ownership/responsibility for clearance                                                                                                                                     |

Number only = HCC

CS and Number = NFDC