

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY OCTOBER 14TH 2025

Item 10 – To receive and note an update on the Village Gateways Project

BACKGROUND

On November 14th 2023, an initial report was presented to Council by Cllr. Jackie Rhodes relating to the installation of “Village Gateways” along Southampton Road Bartley (a copy of that report is attached as Appendix A).

Members of the Council unanimously approved the report as presented and agreed the following action **“Cllr. Rhodes and Clerk to continue to work on the costs projections and possible grant funding**

CURRENT POSTION

An application to NFDC in late 2023/early 2024 for Community Infrastructure Levy funding to support the installation was unsuccessful. NFDC advised that we could re-apply when a future round of funding became available.

This option became available to us in October 2024 by when the initial location for a set of “Gateways” had been listed as part of the New Forest Local Cycling and Walking Plan.

An application for £4,000 of CIL funds - along with £3,000 of Council funds (already earmarked for the project) to support the installation of “Gateways” at three locations (map attached as Appendix B) was submitted in December 2024. We were advised in April 2025 that it had been successful.

Since then, I have been discussing the project in more detail with HCC Highways, whose approval is required. HCC Highways, as mentioned in Cllr. Rhodes November 2023 report to Council are also likely to be the contractor to install the gateways.

Those discussions are nearing completion and I hope to have an agreement and confirmed price for the required Highways licence and installation in the next few weeks. Once received a report recommending that we proceed with the project (which is aimed at helping to slow traffic at key points in the parish and enhance the look of the parish) will be presented to Council for approval.

David Rigby

Clerk to Copythorne Parish Council

October 8th 2025

APPENDIX A

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14th 2023

Item 10 - To receive, discuss and vote on a report regarding possible Village Gates on Southampton Road, Bartley

BACKGROUND

To help create a 'sense of place' when drivers drive through the Parish of Copythorne, I am suggesting we introduce village gateway gates.

Several areas have been highlighted as locations for these gates, but top priority will be given to Southampton Road at the point when travelling from Netley Marsh to Copythorne the speed drops to 30mph (prior to the New Inn Road/Winsor Roar crossroads). This crossroads is known to be an accident hot spot. It is also a busy school crossing during school opening and closing times. See photo below.



We already have the village name and speed limit signs, so a gate on each side of the road would be required similar to those in the photo below.



Estimates for the work

1. PURCHASE OF GATES

Glasdon (Lancashire)

Made from 100% recycled plastic

They can supply this gate in various sizes. The smallest 1.3m high and 1m wide costs £752 ex VAT each. Delivery is included. Cost of two would be £1,504 ex VAT

Street Furnishings Limited (Berkshire)

Made from 100% recycled plastic

They can supply this Oxford gate in various sizes. 1.5m wide costs £799 ex VAT each. Delivery £90

Watt Plastics(Yorkshire)

Made from premium PVC

They can supply various sizes. 1.3m high and 1m wide costs £145 (flat packed). Delivery is included.

2. INSTALLATION

We would then need to add the cost of installation (legs into wet pour concrete). We might be able to get NFDC to do this for us (likely cost based on the village signs would be circa £300 ex VAT).

3. LICENCES

It is likely that we will need a Section 171 (opening the Highway) licence, from HCC cost £454.

In addition, a Section 115 legal agreement regarding unadopted street furniture may also be required, cost circa £750

Recommendation

I would like to recommend that we use gates using recycled plastic possibly supplied by Glasdon. It would be good to complete this work next year but this would only be possible if sufficient funding was in place. To prepare for this work I recommend we allocate £3,000 to cover this cost from next year's precept.

Alternative funding options would be to accumulate funds over the next few years or seek grant funding from - as yet - unidentified sources.

Cllr. Jackie Rhodes
October 22nd 2023

APPENDIX B - Gateway Locations (mark by three red circles)



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