

Item 15 – Clerk’s Report

1. NFNPA and NFDC “Local Plan” Reviews

It has been announced today (October 8th 2025) that as part of their Local Plan Review, the NFNPA Planning Team will be presenting a report at the Authority meeting on October 16th 2025 related to their proposals for the required “Regulation 18 – Part 2” consultation. The documents, which are currently proposals, will – if approved at the Authority meeting – be subject to a period of public consultation. The documents as currently drafted can be found via this link:-

<https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/documents/authority-meetings/new-forest-national-park-authority-meeting-16-10-25/>

Within the Annex 2 document <https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/app/uploads/2024/11/AM-727-25-Annex-1-Draft-Local-Plan-full-draft-Reg-18-Part-2-compressed.pdf> are details of a proposed site allocation within Copythorne Parish. This is titled “Policy SP38 – Land to west of Winsor Road, Bartley (see pages 112-113).

Connected to this is the recommendation to designate part of the Parish as a “Defined Village” (currently titled within the documents as “Cadnam-Bartley”). This is titled “DP27 – Residential Character of the Defined Villages” (see pages 87-89).

Once the NFNPA have decided on whether to approve the “Regulation 18- Part 2 consultation” the Parish Council will consider how it plans to respond to any proposals that relate to the Parish.

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

New Forest District Council as part of a group of 11 of the 15 Tier 1 and Tier 2 Councils in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight submitted its recommendation on a proposed structure for the re-organisation of Local Government to Central Government on September 26th 2025.

The joint submission is recommending four new unitary authorities in total with NFDC itself being part of a group with Test Valley, Winchester and East Hampshire.

Hampshire County Council (along with East Hampshire District Council) has submitted an alternative recommendation which sees the whole of the NFDC area combined with Test Valley, Eastleigh and Southampton.

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

The next sessions on Saturday October 11th (2-3pm at Copythorne Community Café) will have been held by the time the Council meets on October 14th. Dates and times for November, December and possibly January are still to be decided.

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

Due to other tasks it has not yet been possible to collate the report on the PRoW inspections that took place over the summer. This report will be presented at the November 11th 2025 Council meeting.

5. External Playground Inspection

The external inspection of the playground took place on September 19th 2025. The report is the subject of a separate report to this meeting.

6. Remembrance Sunday Parade – November 9th 2025

NFDC have approved the 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..

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Clerk to Copythorne Parish Council
October 8th 2025

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

ISSUES REPORTED TO HCC/NFDC FAULT REPORTING WEBPAGE - ONGOING ENQUIRIES ONLY - (updated 8/10/25)

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.
28/05/25	21805354	Vegetation over hanging road and ditch in Chinham Road	David Rigby	02/06/25	08/10/25	25/6 – HCC Highways not responsible, passed to 3 rd party. 1/10 – Awaiting response to further chaser
26/06/25	7177688	Query condition of New Inn Rd (direct to Highways)	David Rigby	03/07/25	08/10/25	16/7 - E-mail response from County Cllr. Lulu Bowerman (HCC Executive Member for Highways):- “..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	08/10/25	Awaiting an update on land ownership/responsibility for clearance. A further report has been submitted by Cllr. Chillcott to keep this a live issue.

Number only = HCC

CS and Number = NFDC