

MINUTES OF THE COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON NOVEMBER 11TH 2025 AT COPYTHORNE PARISH HALL

Members present: Cllr. Sherri Johnstone; Cllr. Jackie Rhodes; Cllr. Sylvia Wiggins;
Cllr. Ria Parry-Norton; Cllr. Graham Chillcott. Cllr. Graham Caton;
Cllr. Richard Fowler

In attendance David Rigby, Clerk/RFO

Fifteen members of the public were present.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Cllr. Sherri Johnstone (as Chair) invited those present to join members of the Council in a minute's silence to remember those who died in the two World Wars and conflicts since.

AGENDA ITEMS

164/25 Apologies

None

165/25 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

Cllrs. Chillcott and Wiggins declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 25/01158 (see Agenda Item 168/25).

166/25 Public Session

A member of the public spoke about the current public consultation on the NFNPA Local Plan Review.

A second member of the public raised four questions, one relating to items reported by the Council to NFDC and HCC Highways; another relating to the Parish Council owned defibrillator cabinet at Bartley Post Office; a third relating to Councillor's reports at Council meetings; and a fourth relating to a meeting of the Council's Flooding Advisory Committee in July 2025. These questions were noted.

167/25 County and District Councillors Reports

No County Councillor present or report received.

Dist. Cllr. Derek Tipp mentioned that there was no longer to be a footpath built on the eastern side of New Inn Road from the proposed housing development to the Haywain crossroads (note: a review of all the plans for the development on the NFNPA Planning Portal does not show such a path, only a pedestrian crossing from the east to the west side of New Inn Road). He advised that he was no longer a member of the NFNPA Planning Committee but was still a member of the NPA itself. He also reported that NFDC had paused their Local Plan Review to concentrate on the ongoing Local Government Re-Organisation.

168/25 Planning Applications; TPOs and Tree Works Requests

NFNPA Planning Applications

25/01158/DOC – Land to the east of New Inn Road, Bartley - Application to discharge conditions 4, 5, 8, 14, 16, 17 and 20 of planning permission 22/00498 for 10no. new dwellings; relocated vehicular and pedestrian access: associated parking and landscaping (AMENDED PLANS)

A number of residents spoke against the application, raising concerns about issues with the proposals for drainage, sewers, highways and tree protection in particular.

Parish Comment: Members agreed that a narrative response expressing - and supporting - concerns of residents should be submitted (see NFNPA planning portal for details).

Cllr. Caton proposed, Cllr. Parry- Norton seconded, all those eligible to vote in favour.

25/01121/PATC – New Forest National Park (Various locations) – Application under part 16 of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order in respect of proposed telecommunication infrastructure works within the New Forest National Park.

Parish Comment: 1 - We recommend PERMISSION for the reasons listed but would accept the decision reached by the NPA's Officers under their delegated powers (see NFNPA planning portal for details).

Cllr. Chillcott proposed, Cllr. Wiggins seconded, carried.

25/01011/FULL – Golden Larch Fencing, Romsey Road, Ower, SO51 6AF - Construct new sales and office building related to existing fencing business following demolition/removal of some existing buildings; air source heat pump; sewage treatment plant.

Parish Comment: 3 - We recommend PERMISSION for the reasons listed (see NFNPA planning portal for details). Cllr. Fowler proposed, Cllr. Chillcott seconded, all in favour.

25/01109/FULL - Oakgate, Southampton Road, Bartley, SO40 2NA - Single storey side extension; open porch; ground floor fenestration alterations; first floor window.

Parish Comment: 3 - We recommend PERMISSION for the reasons listed (see NFNPA planning portal for details). Cllr. Fowler proposed, Cllr. Wiggins seconded, all in favour.

25/01169/LDCP - Tintagel, Newbridge Road, Cadnam, SO40 2NX – Single storey extension.

No comment

NFDC Planning Applications

25/10957/FULL - West Wellow Service Station, Romsey Road, Ower, SO51 6GF - Installation of 4no. EVC bays with associated infrastructure and 6no. new car parking spaces.

Parish Comment: 3 - We recommend PERMISSION for the reasons listed (see NFNPA planning portal for details). Cllr. Fowler proposed, Cllr. Caton seconded, all in favour.

NFNPA Tree Works Requests

25/01187/TPO – Harvest Moon, Winsor Road, Winsor, SO40 2HE - Prune 7 x Oak trees (T1, T2 - T7 on the plan) (Trees are all part of G1 of TPO 59/93)

“Leave Decision to Trees Officer” (response sent prior to meeting due to deadline date).

25/01194 CONS – The Hollies, Barrow Hill Road, Copythorne, SO40 2PH - Prune 1 x Ash tree (T2 on the plan); Fell 1 x Willow tree (T3 on the plan); Prune 1 x Cedar tree (T4 on the plan); Prune 3 x Oak trees (T1, T5 & T6 on the plan)

Parish Response: Leave decision to the Trees Officer

NFDC Tree Works Requests

None

169/25 Planning Decisions made since last Council meeting

NFNPA Planning Applications

24/01399 - Le Cheval, Pollards Moor Road, Copythorne, SO40 2NZ - Approved conditionally (Legal Agreement)

25/00939 - Oakwood, Romsey Road, Cadnam, SO40 2NN - Grant subject to conditions

25/00325 - Land Adjacent to Pegasus, Barrow Hill Road, Copythorne, SO40 2PH – Permitted development

25/00905 - Squirrels Chase, Romsey Road, Cadnam, SO40 2NN – Grant subject to conditions

NFDC Planning Applications

None

NFNPA Tree Works Requests

25/01132 - Grey Gables, Copythorne Crescent, Copythorne, SO40 2PE - Raise no objections

NFDC Tree Works Requests

None

170/25 To Approve the Minutes and agreed actions of the Meeting of October 14th 2025

Proposed Cllr. Rhodes, Seconded Cllr. Chillcott, all in favour.

171/25 Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

153/25 The Clerk has undertaken the required action.

172/25 To receive and approve a report on Parish Council engagement with NFNPA & NFDC Local Plan Reviews

The Clerk presented a report (a copy of which is included in the supporting documents for this meeting on the Parish Council website).

RESOLVED: That the two recommendations in the report be accepted along with the timings for the Parish Council Drop in Session on November 24th 2025 agreed as 5-8pm (Small Room, Parish Hall).

Proposed by Cllr. Rhodes, seconded by Cllr. Caton, all in favour. **APPROVED.**

173/25 a. To receive and agree the Bank Reconciliation for October 2025

The Bank Reconciliation was presented to the meeting by the Clerk/RFO.

Proposed Cllr. Chillcott, Seconded Cllr. Fowler, all in favour. **APPROVED.**

By rotation, the Bank Reconciliation was signed by Cllr. Rhodes after the meeting.

173/25 b. To receive and agree the Payments Schedule for November 2025

The Payment Schedule comprising 12 payments for a total of £1,740.39, along with the supporting invoices/claims, was presented to the meeting by the Clerk/RFO.

Proposed Cllr. Rhodes, Seconded Cllr. Caton, all in favour. **APPROVED.**

By rotation, the schedule; and Electronic Payment instructions (EP47 to EP53) were signed by Cllr. Johnstone and Cllr. Parry-Norton after the meeting.

174/25 To receive and approve movements between 2025/26 Budget Lines and from Reserves.

The Clerk (as RFO) read through his report (a copy of which is included in the supporting documents for this meeting on the Council's website).

RESOLVED: That the two recommendations be accepted.

Proposed by Cllr. Chillcott seconded by Cllr. Parry- Norton, all in favour. **APPROVED.**

ACTION – Clerk to move £100 from the “Contingency” to “Stationery & Printing” Budget line; and transfer £500 from the Training Reserve to the General Account.

175/25 To receive and note reports of any meetings of the Council's Advisory Committees since the last Council meeting

The Clerk presented a copy of the above report (a copy of which is included in the supporting documents for this meeting on the Council website). Members noted a report from the Flooding Advisory Committee meeting held on October 7th 2025. A change of date for the next Finance Advisory Committee meeting from November 20th 2025 to November 26th 2025 was also noted.

176/25 Clerk's Report

The Clerk read through his report (a copy of which is included in the supporting documents for this meeting on the Parish website).

177/25 Chairman's Report

Cllr. Johnstone reported that she had attended:-

- A Greening Copythorne group meeting on October 20th.
- The HALC AGM/Conference on October 22nd.
- An HCC Community Led Transport Networking meeting on October 23rd.
- The Remembrance Parade & Service on November 9th and laid a wreath on behalf of the Council.
- A Plastic Free Copythorne Steering Group meeting on November 10th.
- The monthly Councillor Drop In Session with Cllr. Wiggins earlier today.

178/25 Councillors Reports

Cllr. Chillcott reported that:-

- He had attended the Parish Hall Committee meeting on Nov 4th.
- The Copythorne Amateur Theatrical Society will be performing Rapunzel as their Annual Panto on Nov 29th, 30th and Dec 6th at the Parish Hall.
- He would be asking members of the New Forest Association of Local Councils ("NFALC") to support a motion seeking the NFNPA's help in arranging meetings with Forestry England and the National Trust to progress concerns from parishes relating to flooding; ditches; and car parking.
- No update had been received from NFDC regarding the Fly-tipping along the A36 (Dist. Cllr. Derek Tipp has agreed to chase up this matter).
- HCC Highways has still to attend to the obscured signage near Cadnam Roundabout.
- He had also attended the Remembrance Parade and was very impressed with the turnout (over 200 people). Yet another example of how Copythorne Parish "*punches well above its weight*".

Cllr. Fowler reported that Catherine Chatters had left the Hampshire & IOW Wildlife Trust and ask if anyone knew whether she had been replaced as their New Forest Non-Native Plants Officer. The Clerk agreed to try and find out (*Post meeting note; Holly Fitzgerald has taken over this role*)

Standing Order 3z was suspended at 9pm to allow the meeting to continue.

Cllr. Parry-Norton reported that a couple of pothole issues in Cadnam had been reported to her. The Clerk asked that details be forwarded to him so that reports could be sent to HCC Highways.

179/25 Suggested Agenda Items for the November 11th 2025 meeting

As per the Forward Calendar presented to the meeting plus "Village Gateways" and an update on the possible Basketball Area at the Parish Hall.

180/25 To Confirm the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on December 9th 2025.

With no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.02pm.