

Item 14 – Clerk's Report

1. NFNPA "Local Plan" Review

See report for Item 9 on the agenda for this meeting.

2. Defibrillator at Bartley Post Office/ Fourways Store

Since the "ram raid" at Bartley Post Office/Fourways Stores back in the Summer of 2023 it has been hoped that the defibrillator (currently located inside The Haywain) would be able to be returned to where it has been located since 2016 when the Copythorne Community Group installed it there.

For a number of reasons, the owners of Bartley Post Office/Fourways Stores have asked that the cabinet which houses the defibrillator be removed and the Parish Council will arrange for this to be done as soon as is practical.

Removing the cabinet will result in cutting the wiring which means that it is likely that the Parish Council will need to purchase a replacement cabinet before the defibrillator can be re-located and return to being available at all times. Consideration is currently being given to possibly relocating the Defib. in the Bartley Telephone kiosk. For now, it will remain located at The Haywain and be available daily between 9am and 10pm.

3. Local Government Re-Organisation

On 19 November the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government launched consultations on local government reorganisation in Hampshire Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton.

The consultations are open to everyone and are about the proposals for local government reorganisation in these areas. MHCLG is seeking views from councils affected by the proposals, neighbouring councils and any other appropriate persons, including local residents.

<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/hampshire-isle-of-wight-portsmouth-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>

4. Councillor Drop In Sessions

The next sessions are on Thursday December 11th and Saturday January 10th. Both between 2-3pm at the Copythorne Community Café (Parish Hall)

5. Village Gateways Project

I have been advised by HCC Highways that they are currently undertaking a feasibility study for possible work relating to the "Haywain crossroads" and that this may have an impact on our Village Gateways project. As a result, no further progress will be possible until the outcome of the HCC Highways study is known. The Parish Council remains committed to this project.

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6. Public Right of Way ("PRoW") Inspections

Whilst progress continues to be made on collating the report on the PRoW inspections that took place over the summer it has yet to be completed.

7. Basketball Area at the Parish Hall

Earlier this year, the Parish Council was approached about the possibility of having an area of "hard standing" in front of the basketball hoop next to the Council owned and maintained playground at the Parish Hall.

This has been discussed with the Parish Hall Committee who are not averse to the idea subject to the area of "hard standing" not impacting on other users for that location.

A meeting is due to be held later this month with a playground installation company to discuss possible options.

8. Matters reported to HCC/NFDC

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

David Rigby

Clerk to Copythorne Parish Council

December 2nd 2025

APPENDIX A – Point 8 – Items reported to HCC/NFDC

ISSUES REPORTED TO HCC/NFDC FAULT REPORTING WEBPAGE - ONGOING ENQUIRIES ONLY - (updated 2/12/25)

DATE REPORTED	REF. NUMBER	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE RAISED	REPORTED BY	FIRST CHECK DUE	LAST CHECKED	LATEST COMMENTS
28/05/25	21805354	Vegetation over hanging road and ditch in Chinham Road	David Rigby	02/06/25	28/11/25	25/6 – HCC Highways not responsible, passed to 3 rd party. 28/11 – Awaiting response to further chaser
26/06/25	7177688	Query condition of New Inn Rd (direct to Highways)	David Rigby	03/07/25	14/11/25	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	28/11/25	Awaiting an update on land ownership/responsibility for clearance. A further report has been submitted by Cllr. Chillcott to keep this a live issue.
1/12/25	21837815	Pothole on Old Romsey Road/Cadnam Lane	David Rigby	8/12/25		Acknowledgement awaited
1/12/25	21837816	Pothole on Kewlake Lane	David Rigby	8/12/25		Acknowledgement awaited
2/12/25	21837820	Vegetation obscuring sightlines at Pollard Moor crossroads.	David Rigby	9/12/25		Acknowledgement awaited

Number only = HCC

CS and Number = NFDC