

MINUTES OF THE COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON DECEMBER 9TH 2025 AT COPYTHORNE PARISH HALL

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

In attendance David Rigby, Clerk/RFO

Thirteen members of the public were present.

AGENDA ITEMS

181/25 Apologies

Cllr. Richard Fowler; Cllr. Sherri Johnstone (Cllr. Jackie Rhodes chaired the meeting)

182/25 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

None.

183/25 Public Session

A member of the public spoke about the NFNPA Local Plan Review and his opposition to the proposed allocation of a site for new housing in Winsor Road. Their comments were noted.

A second member of the public raised four questions, relating to matters connected with the Parish Council's response to the NFNPA Local Plan. These questions were noted.

Cllr. Rhodes, as Chair of the meeting, reminded those members of the public present to ensure that they send any comments on the Local Plan Review to the NFNPA Policy Team.

184/25 County and District Councillors Reports

No County Councillor present or report received.

Dist. Cllr. Joe Reilly reported that NFDC had recently awarded just over £1m of Community Infrastructure Funds to a number of local organisations. He advised that Phase 3 of the new NFDC Waste Strategy (which includes Copythorne Parish) would commence in Spring 2026 with the distribution of the new "wheelie bins" starting early in the New Year. As part of a review of the rollout so far, it has been agreed that all properties in "Livestock Areas" would continue to have their food bins collected from behind their gates to avoid issues with animals getting at the food waste. He concluded by reminding those present that all NFDC operated car parks would be free to use on December 20-21st 2025 to encourage people to shop locally.

185/25 Planning Applications; TPOs and Tree Works Requests

NFNPA Planning Applications

25/00954/FULL - Splinters, Winsor Road, Winsor, SO40 2HJ - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement (Amended Plans).

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

25/01241/FULL - Springers Farm, Kewlake Lane, Cadnam, SO40 2NT - Equestrian building (demolish existing stables)

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. Wiggins proposed, Cllr. Parry-Norton seconded, all in favour.

25/01332/SCP – Paulton’s Park Ltd, Paulton’s Park, Ower, SO51 6AL - Application for Scoping Opinion under regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 for 122 units of holiday accommodation, etc. (see NFNPA Planning Portal for full details).

No comment

25/01130/DOC - Dell Farm, Vicarage Lane, Copythorne, SO40 2PA - Application to discharge conditions 4 and 5 of planning permission 24/01248FULL for one and two storey extensions; roof alteration and extension to first floor; 2no. dormers; alterations to doors and windows (AMENDED PLANS).

No Comment

NFDC Planning Applications

None

NFNPA Tree Works Requests

25/01269 CONS - Beechwood Farm House, Brockishill Road, Bartley, SO40 2LN - Prune 1 x group of Laurel and Plum (G1 on the plan); Fell 2 x Ash trees (T2 & T3 on the plan); Fell 1 x dead False Acacia tree (T5 on the plan)

25/01298 TPO - Thimble Thatch, Winsor Road, Winsor, SO40 2HP - Prune 1 x Oak tree (T1 on the plan) (Tree is T2 of TPO NFNPA/0021/11)

“Leave Decision to Trees Officer” (responses sent for both above prior to meeting due to deadline dates).

25/01349 CONS - The Oak, Chinham Road, Bartley, SO40 2LF - Move/relocate 1 x Plum tree to a new site within the curtilage of the property.

Parish Response: Leave decision to the Trees Officer

NFDC Tree Works Requests

None

186/25 Planning Decisions made since last Council meeting

NFNPA Planning Applications

25/00981 - Forest Pharmacy, Southampton Road, Bartley, SO40 2NA – Grant subject to conditions

25/01027 - 12 Romsey Road, Ower, SO51 6AE – Discharge of conditions allowed

25/01121 - New Forest National Park (*various locations in National Park*) - Approval without conditions

24/01226 - Newlands Farm, Winsor Road, Winsor, SO40 2HE – Decline to determine

25/01109 – Oakgate, Southampton Road, Bartley, SO40 2NA – Grant subject to conditions

NFDC Planning Applications

None

NFNPA Tree Works Requests

25/01187 Harvest Moon, Winsor Road, Winsor, SO40 2HE - Grant (TP)

25/01194 The Hollies, Barrow Hill Road, Copythorne, SO40 2PH - Raise no objections

25/01269 Beechwood Farm House, Brockishill Road, Bartley, SO40 2LN - Raise no objections

25/01298 Thimble Thatch, Winsor Road, Winsor, SO40 2HP – Grant (TP)

NFDC Tree Works Requests

None

187/25 To Approve the Minutes and agreed actions of the Meeting of November 11th 2025

Proposed Cllr. Parry-Norton, Seconded Cllr. Chillcott, all in favour.

188/25 Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

174/25 The Clerk has undertaken the required action.

189/25 To discuss and approve the Parish Council response to the NFNPA Local Plan Reg.18 (Part 2) Consultation

The Clerk presented a report (a copy of which is included in the supporting documents for this meeting on the Parish Council website), A detailed discussion of the Council's responses to the 64 policies contained within the Draft Local Plan Review ("LPR") document then took place.

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

RESOLVED: That the three recommendations detailed below be accepted:-

That members consider the collated comments along with resident's comments and agree on a Parish Council response to the NFNPA Regulation 18 (Part 2) Consultation.

1. The Clerk submits the Parish Council's agreed response to NFNPA by the deadline of Dec 19th 2025
2. The Clerk adds the Parish Council's response to the Planning Page of the Council's website as soon as it is submitted.

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

ACTION - Clerk to undertake the two actions resolved.

At the conclusion of this item, Cllr, Rhodes thanked the Clerk for his help with the Council's Local Plan Review Drop-In Session; the gathering together of all the comments; and the report for this meeting.

190/25 a. To receive and agree the Bank Reconciliation for November 2025

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

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

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

190/25 b. To receive and agree the Payments Schedule for December 2025

The Payment Schedule comprising 8 payments for a total of £1662.19 along with the supporting invoices/claims, was presented to the meeting by the Clerk/RFO.

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

By rotation, the schedule; and Electronic Payment instructions (EP54 to EP57) were signed by Cllr. Rhodes and Cllr. Wiggins after the meeting.

191/25 To receive the RFO's estimate of year end spending against 2025/26 budget & approve budget for 2026/27

The Clerk, as Responsible Finance Officer, presented the above report (a copy of which is included in the supporting documents for this meeting on the Council's website) which included the Finance Advisory Committee's recommendation of a £30,640 budget for 2026/27 (£375 – 1.2% increase on 2025/26 budget).

RESOLVED: That the 2026/27 budget recommendation in the report be accepted.

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

192/25 To receive and approve the 2026/27 Precept Request

The Clerk (as Responsible Financial Officer) presented the recommendation (a copy of which is included in the supporting documents for this meeting on the Parish website).

RESOLVED: The recommendation to seek a precept of £30,340 from NFDC for 2026/27 be approved.

Proposed Cllr. Parry-Norton, Seconded Cllr. Caton, all in favour. **APPROVED**

ACTION - Clerk to submit request to NFDC before January 15th 2026 deadline.

193/25 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 Finance Advisory Committee meeting held on November 26th 2025.

194/25 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).

195/25 Chairman's Report

Cllr. Johnstone was not present to give a report.

196/25 Councillors Reports

Cllr. Rhodes reported that she has attended a performance of this year's Copythorne Amateur Theatrical Society's ("CATS") Pantomime, Rapunzel, and was very impressed with the quality of the well-attended show. She also wanted to place on record her thanks for the help received from CATS regarding the ECO Quiz being run by Plastics Free Copythorne.

Cllr. Parry- Norton reported that she had attended an NFDC online briefing regarding the ongoing Local Government Re-Organisation process.

Cllr. Wiggins reported that she had attended the December 4th 2025 meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel.

Cllr. Chillcott reported that he :-

- Had attended the Parish Hall Committee meeting on December 2nd 2025.
- Had attended a meeting of the New Forest Association of Local Councils on November 18th 2025 and presented a proposal relating to the NFNPA supporting engagement with Forestry England and the National Trust, which was approved.
- Had attended an NFNPA led Transport Summit on November 20th 2025
- Had attended the New Forest Consultative Panel meeting on December 4th 2025
- Was awaiting an update from Cllr. Derek Tipp on two fly-tipping issues.
- Had attended former councillor, Lady Kara Hawks funeral on November 24th 2025

197/25 Suggested Agenda Items for the January 13th 2026 meeting

As per the Forward Calendar presented to the meeting.

198/25 To Confirm the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on January 13th 2026.

With no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.47pm.