

Item 13 – Clerk’s Report

1. Affordable Housing Development – Land to the East of New Inn Road

As at the date of this report the NFNPA have yet to determine the “Discharge of Conditions” application (NFNPA Planning ref: 25/01158/DOC) for the above. Work has separately commenced with (HCC Highways agreement) on the existing entrance to the field concerned.

Amiri Homes Ltd (the builders contracted by English Rural Housing Association) have delivered letters to residents of New Inn Road and Oakfield Road to update them on the development. A copy of the letter has also been posted on the noticeboard at the southern end of New Inn Road and added to the Affording Housing Page of the Parish Council website

(Link - <https://www.copythorne.org.uk/affordable-housing-current/>)

2. NFNPA Local Plan Review

As agreed at the last Council meeting, the Parish Council’s response to the Regulation 18 Part 2 consultation was submitted to the NFNPA Planning Policy Team. Below are the expected dates for the next stages of the review:-

Pre-submission publication	July – September 2026
Submission	December 2026
Independent examination	January 2027 – June 2027
Inspectors report issued	July 2027
Proposed modifications	August – September 2027
Adoption	December 2027

3. Annual Parish Meeting 2026

I am currently looking to arrange the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) for a date in April/May and expect to be in a position to confirm the agreed date at the February 10th 2026 Parish Council meeting. A number of local speakers will be invited. Details of the process for the 2026 Annual Parish Award will also be included in my report to the February meeting.

4. Councillor Drop In Sessions

At the time of writing this report the dates for the February, March and April “Drop In sessions” have yet to be finalised.

5. Village Gateways Project

I am still awaiting information from HCC Highways on the outcome of a feasibility study for possible work relating to the “Haywain crossroads” which may have an impact on at least one of the locations chosen for 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.

6. Matters reported to HCC/NFDC

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

APPENDIX A – Point 6 – Items reported to HCC/NFDC

ISSUES REPORTED TO HCC/NFDC FAULT REPORTING WEBPAGE - ONGOING ENQUIRIES ONLY - (updated 5/1/26)

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	05/01/26	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	05/01/26	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	05/01/26	Awaiting an update on land ownership/responsibility for clearance. A further report has been submitted by Cllr. Chillcott to keep this a live issue.
01/12/25	21837815	Pothole on Old Romsey Road/Cadnam Lane	David Rigby	9/12/25	05/12/25	Repaired
01/12/25	21837816	Pothole on Kewlake Lane	David Rigby	8/12/25	05/01/26	Works to be scheduled
02/12/25	21837820	Vegetation obscuring sightlines at Pollard Moor crossroads.	David Rigby	9/12/25	05/12/25	4/12/25 – No works required at this time.
05/12/25	21838801	Blocked drain – bottom of New Inn Road	David Rigby	12/12/25	05/01/26	10/12/25 - The issue that you raised has been inspected and works are required.
18/12/25	CS2471896	Abandoned caravan in Southampton Rd layby	David Rigby	25/12/25	22/12/25	Removed by NFDC.
19/12/25	21843014	Surface water flooding, Southampton Road, Cadnam	David Rigby	26/12/25	05/01/26	23/12/25 – Closed by HCC. “No works required at this time.” (Clerk will continue to monitor this location)

Number only = HCC

CS and Number = NFDC