

Item 16 – 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 still not determined the “Discharge of Conditions” application (NFNPA Planning ref: 25/01158/DOC) for the above. Preparatory works have continued at the site ahead of a decision by the NFNPA. Up to and including Friday January 30th the NFNPA Planning Team have confirmed that these actions are not in breach of the planning consent granted under application 22/00498.

I will continue to discuss/check matters with the NFNPA and liaise with both English Rural Housing Association and their builders, Amiri Homes Ltd.

2. NFDC Local Plan Review

NFDC are planning to restart the New Forest District (outside the National Park) Local Plan Review. The first step will be a “Spatial Options and Policy Direction Regulation 18 Public Consultation”

The Local Plan Spatial Options and Policy Direction Regulation 18 Consultation Document will be considered by the NFDC Cabinet on February 4th 2026. Subject to Cabinet approval they will then begin consultation on the document on Friday February 6th 2026 for 6 weeks until March 20th 2026. The papers for the NFDC Cabinet meeting are available on their website: [Agenda for Cabinet on Wednesday, 4th February, 2026, 10.00 am Council Services](#)

The Local Plan Spatial Options and Policy Direction sets out NFDC’s emerging vision, preferred policy directions and options for how future development needs, such as housing, jobs, infrastructure and the natural environment, could be planned for across the district (outside of the National Park). It does not present final policies or allocate sites, and NFDC is seeking public feedback at this stage before the detailed draft Local Plan is prepared. Further information on our Local Plan can be found on their website ([Local Plan review - New Forest District Council](#)).

As with the NFNPA Local Plan Review, the Parish Council will respond to the Consultation and the response will be discussed as an agenda item at the March 10th Council meeting.

3. Councillor Drop In Sessions

The dates for the next three “Drop In Sessions are as following:- Thursday February 12th; Tuesday March 3rd; and Saturday April 25th. All will be at 2-3pm and be held at Copythorne Community Café.

4. Village Gateways Project

HCC Highways have provided the Council with a quotation for the installation of a pair of Village Gateways to be located around 100 metres east of the entrance to the Haywain (at the point where the speed limit changes from 50mph to 30mph).

The quotation will be discussed at the Five Year Plan Advisory Committee meeting due to be held on March 5th 2026.

5. 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
February 3rd 2026

APPENDIX A – Point 5 – Items reported to HCC/NFDC

ISSUES REPORTED TO HCC/NFDC FAULT REPORTING WEBPAGE - ONGOING ENQUIRIES ONLY - (updated 3/2/26)

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	03/02/26	25/6 – HCC Highways not responsible, passed to 3 rd party. 15/1 – Awaiting response to further chaser
26/06/25	7177688	Query condition of New Inn Rd (direct to Highways)	David Rigby	03/07/25	03/02/26	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	2/2 – NFDC Streetscene have confirmed that they will clear the items flytipped at this location.
01/12/25	21837816	Pothole on Kewlake Lane	David Rigby	8/12/25	14/01/26	13/01/25 – Works completed
05/12/25	21838801	Blocked drain – bottom of New Inn Road	David Rigby	12/12/25	03/02/26	10/12/25 - The issue that you raised has been inspected and works are required. 3/2/26 - Chased
19/12/25	21843014	Surface water flooding, Southampton Road, Cadnam	David Rigby	26/12/25	03/02/26	23/12/25 – Closed by HCC. “No works required at this time.” (Clerk will continue to monitor this location)
09/01/26	21847244	Pavement breaking up, junction of Chinham Rd & Shepherds Road	David Rigby	16/01/26	14/01/26	15/1/26 – Works scheduled 3/2/26 – Chased for new date.
13/01/26	21848518	Overhanging trees and tree debris in ditch, Pollards Moor Road	David Rigby	20/01/26	03/02/26	20/1/26 – “We are currently progressing your enquiry.”
13/01/26	21848541	Flooding Riverside Close on Dec 18 th 2025	David Rigby	20/01/26	03/02/26	28/01/26 - Following a review of your enquiry, all necessary actions have been undertaken. 3/2/26 – Actions chased

Number only = HCC

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