

MINUTES OF THE COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON JANUARY 13TH 2026 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

In attendance David Rigby, Clerk/RFO

Eight members of the public were present.

AGENDA ITEMS

1/26 Apologies

None. Cllr. Johnstone (as Chairman) announced the resignation of Cllr. Richard Fowler.

2/26 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

None.

3/26 Public Session

A member of the public raised four questions, one concerning a report to the December 9th 2025 meeting; one related to annual footpath inspection reports; a third relating to the Bartley defibrillator cabinet; and a fourth related to the Affordable Housing site in New Inn Road. The first three questions were noted and a prepared response to the fourth was read by the Chair. The fourth question and the response can be found on the Parish Council website (<https://www.copythorne.org.uk/affordable-housing-current/>).

A second member of the public raised a question relating to flooding in part of Bartley. This was noted.

A third member of the public raised a question related to the Flooding Advisory Committee meeting to be held on January 20th 2026. This was noted.

A fourth (young) member of the public ask why children couldn't be members of the Parish Council. This question was responded to by explaining that legally councillors must be aged over 18.

A fifth member of the public raised concerns about recent flooding in Bartley and the possible impact of the new housing to be built in New Inn Road. This was noted.

A sixth member of the public raised concerns about the current temporary traffic lights in New Inn Road and lines of sight for vehicles exiting Oakfield Road. This was noted.

4/26 County and District Councillors Reports

No County Councillor present or report received.

Dist. Cllr. Derek Tipp reported that the Central Government consultation on Local Government Re-Organisation for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight ended on January 11th 2026, a response on which suggested configuration of the proposed new unitary authority the Government had agreed upon is expected in Spring 2026 (The configuration preferred by NFDC is the "Mid Hampshire" option comprised of NFDC; TVBC; Winchester City Council and East Hampshire District Council). He said that with the LGR consultation over work would restart on the NFDC Local Plan and that the Local Plan would need to be consistent with changes to the National Planning Policy Framework that are due to be introduced soon. He also spoke about the "Solent Gateway 2" project which is to be treated as "Nationally Significant Infrastructure" with Central Government to determine the outcome of any related planning application.

5/26 Planning Applications; TPOs and Tree Works Requests

NFNPA Planning Applications

25/01327/FULL – Moorside Cottage, Winsor Road, Winsor, SO40 2HP – Two storey side extensions; replacement porch.

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.

25/01169/LDCP – Tintagel, Newbridge Road, Cadnam, SO40 2NX – Single storey rear extension; roof alteration to existing extension (Lawful Development Certificate Proposed).

No comment.

25/01464/DOC – American Golf Centre Ltd, Paultons Golf Centre, Salisbury Road, Ower, SO51 6AN Application for discharge of condition 9, 10, 11 and 15 of planning permission 25/00028FULL for extension to the existing driving range; contoured landscape safety feature to driving range to replace fence; associated landscaping.

No comment.

NFDC Planning Applications

None.

NFNPA Tree Preservation Order Proposed

TPO/0006/25 – Land situated between the properties of Abbotsford and Chinham Road.

G1 - Group of 8 Oak trees situated towards the northern boundaries of Aden Cottage, Sandlyn, Morningside, Anton Lea and Phoenix. G2 - Group of 2 Oak trees situated to the rear of Phoenix, Rambler Cottage, Fallow Wood Cottage and Bramble Cottage.

Parish Comment – TPO Supported. Cllr. Wiggins proposed, Cllr. Chillcott seconded, all in favour.

NFNPA Tree Works Requests

25/01400 CONS - Beechwood House, Brockishill Road, Bartley, SO40 2LP - Prune 1 x Oak tree (T1 on plan).

25/01421 – Ivy Cottage, Barrow Hill Road, Copythorne, SO40 2PH - Fell 1 x Oak tree (T1 on plan); Fell group of 30 Spruce/conifer trees (G1 on plan).

25/01473 TPO - Harvest Moon, Winsor Road, Winsor, SO40 2HE – Remove deadwood on 3 x Oak trees (T2, T3, & T8 on the plan); Prune 3 x Oak trees (T4, T7 & T9 on the Plan); Prune and deadwood 1 x Oak tree (T5 on the plan); Fell 1 x dead Lawson Cypress tree (*Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*) (T6 on the plan) (Trees T7, T8 & T9 are believed to be in G1 of TPO 59/93 T.B.C) (All other trees are conservation area protected).

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

25/01503 CONS - The Lodge, Cadnam Lane, Cadnam, SO40 2NS - Prune 1 x Common Lime tree (T1 on the plan); Fell 1 x Common Oak tree (T2 on the plan); Re-pollard 1 x Crack Willow tree (T3 on the plan).

Parish Response: Leave decision to the Trees Officer.

NFDC Tree Works Requests

None.

6/26 Planning Decisions made since last Council meeting

NFNPA Planning Applications

25/00959 - Tanglewood, Winsor Road, Winsor, SO40 2HJ - Allowed
25/01435 - Land at 'Little Meadow', Newbridge Road, Newbridge, Cadnam, SO40 2NW - Allowed
25/00954 - Splinters, Winsor Road, Winsor, SO40 2HJ – Grant subject to conditions
25/01011 - Golden Larch Fencing, Romsey Road, Ower, SO51 6AF – Grant subject to conditions
25/01241 - Springers Farm, Kewlake Lane, Cadnam, SO40 2NT – Grant subject to conditions
25/01396 - Paultons House, Paultons Park, Ower, SO51 6AL - Allowed

NFDC Planning Applications

25/10957 - West Wellow Service Station, Romsey Road, Ower, SO51 6GF – Grant subject to conditions

NFNPA Tree Works Requests

25/01349 - The Oak, Chinham Road, Bartley, SO40 LF – Raise no objections
25/01400 - Beechwood House, Brockishill Road, Bartley, SO40 2LP - Raise no objections
25/01421 – Ivy Cottage, Barrow Hill Road, Copythorne, SO40 2PH – Raise no objections

NFDC Tree Works Requests

None.

7/26 To Approve the Minutes and agreed actions of the Meeting of December 9th 2025

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

8/26 Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

189/25 The Clerk undertook the required actions on December 12th 2025
192/25 The Clerk undertook the required action on December 10th 2025

9/26 To receive and approve a Parish Council contribution to the New Forest Association of Local Councils response on the HCC Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure plan (“LCWIP”) for the New Forest area.

Cllr. Chillcott, as the Council’s representative on Transport presented the above report (a copy of which is included in the supporting documents for this meeting).

RESOLVED: That the proposed response be approved.

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

10/26 a. To receive and agree the Bank Reconciliation for December 2025

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

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

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

10/26 b. To receive and agree the Payments Schedule for January 2026

The Payment Schedule comprising 11 payments for a total of £1626.61 along with the supporting invoices/claims, was presented to the meeting by the Clerk/RFO.

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

By rotation, the schedule; and Electronic Payment instructions (EP58 to EP61) were signed by Cllr. Johnstone and Cllr. Caton after the meeting.

11/26 To receive and note the Q3 2025/26 Budget Report

The Clerk, as Responsible Finance Officer, read through his report (a copy of which is included in the supporting documents for this meeting on the Council’s website). Report noted.

12/26 To receive and approve the Council's Internal Financial Risk Assessment of 2025/26

The Clerk, as Responsible Finance Officer, presented the above report (a copy of which is included in the supporting documents for this meeting) and asked that it be approved.

RESOLVED: That the Risk Assessment be approved as written.

Cllr. Wiggins proposed, Cllr. Caton seconded, all in favour.

Members thanked the Clerk/RFO for the work involved in managing the Council's finances.

13/26 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).

14/26 Chairman's Report

Cllr. Johnstone started by thanking her fellow members and the Clerk for their work throughout 2025, especially in preparing and agreeing the Council's response to the NFNPA Local Plan Reg.18, Part 2 consultation. She reported on a successful Councillor "Drop in Session" on January 10th which included PCSO Richard Williams talking to residents about how to avoid scams and frauds. She added that the prize (tickets to Paultons Park) for the Plastic Free Copythorne Eco-Quiz had been presented to the delighted winner.

15/26 Councillors Reports

Cllr. Rhodes reported that the Parish Lengthsman had done an excellent job on cutting back vegetation around Splitwind Pond and that permitted work to reduce the vegetation in the pond would be undertaken later in January by members of Greening Copythorne. She also reported that Bartley Horticultural Society had agreed to support Greening Copythorne in the running of a front garden competition later this year.

Cllr. Wiggins reported that she has attended the January 2026 meeting of the Parish Hall Committee.

Cllr. Chillcott reported that he :-

- Had, alongside Cllr. Johnstone and the Clerk, attended a meeting with representatives of Netley Marsh Parish Council and Totton & Eling Town Council about local transport provision.
- Would be attending the NFNPA NE Quadrant meeting on January 15th at which the subject of NFNPA support in engagement with Forestry England and the National Trust would be raised.
- Was awaiting the outcome of an approach by the New Forest Association of Local Councils to the NFNPA on the same subject that was to be discussed at the NE Quadrant meeting.
- Was still trying to get answers from NFDC Streetscene regarding fly-tipping on the A36 and A336.

16/26 Suggested Agenda Items for the February 10th 2026 meeting

As per the Forward Calendar presented to the meeting along with "Local Government Re-Organisation".

17/26 To Confirm the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on February 10th 2026.

With no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm.