

Item 14 – Clerk's Report

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

As reported at the last Council meeting and detailed in the April 2026 newsletter the NFNPA approved the “Discharge of Conditions” application (NFNPA Planning ref: 25/01158/DOC) for the above on March 5th.

The NFNPA Planning Enforcement Team have - in a letter sent to the Parish Council - said that “..due to the size and nature of the development, this site will continue to be monitored at regular intervals in order to ensure ongoing compliance.”. The Parish Council welcomes this statement and will continue to monitor progress on the site and should the need arise raise concerns with the NFNPA and also with English Rural Housing Association and their contractor, Amiri Homes Ltd.

Amiri have been asked by the Parish Council to produce an updated timeline for key stages within the build programme. As soon as we receive this document it will be published via our website; the Parish Council noticeboard at the southern end of New Inn Road; and our Facebook page.

We also understand that Amiri plan to erect a noticeboard of their own near the entrance to the site to keep local residents updated.

2. Councillor Vacancy Update

As at April 7th 2026 no applications had been received for the Copythorne South Ward vacancy which will be filled by Co-Option. As a result, the period for the receipt of applications has been extended to May 31st 2026. Updated notices have been posted on the Council's noticeboards; website; Facebook page; and will be included in the May newsletter. Hopefully the co-option will take place at the June 9th 2026 Council meeting.

3. Alteration to Blue Star T3/T4 Bus Service

On April 2nd 2026, I received an e-mail from the HCC Passenger Transport Services Team to notify the Council that the days of operation of the above service would (with effect from the week commencing Sunday April 12th 2026) change from Tuesdays and Thursdays to Wednesdays and Thursdays. No prior communication relating to the change had been received and an e-mail has been sent in response seeking information relating to the reason for this change. I hope to be in a position to provide further information at the Council meeting on April 14th 2026.

4. Councillor Drop In Sessions

The dates for the next four “Drop In Sessions (all 2-3pm at Copythorne Community Café) are as follows:- Saturday April 25th; Wednesday May 27th; Wednesday June 17th; Thursday July 9th

5. Wheelie Bin Rollout

A reminder that Wheelie bin deliveries are currently underway throughout the phase 3 area) which includes the Parish of Copythorne) and collections are due to start in early May.

6. 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
April 7th 2026

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

ISSUES REPORTED TO HCC/NFDC FAULT REPORTING WEBPAGE - ONGOING ENQUIRIES ONLY - (updated 7/4/26)

DATE REPORTED	REF. NUMBER	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE RAISED	REPORTED BY	FIRST CHECK DUE	LAST CHECKED	LATEST COMMENTS
26/06/25	7177688	Query condition of New Inn Rd (direct to Highways)	David Rigby	03/07/25	07/04/26	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	07/04/26	2/2 – NFDC Streetscene have confirmed that they will clear the items flytipped at this location. 27/2 - Removal chased
05/12/25	21838801	Blocked drain – bottom of New Inn Road	David Rigby	12/12/25	07/04/26	10/02/26 - Repair to be undertaken as part of planned works 7/4/26 – Update sought
19/12/25	21843014	Surface water flooding, Southampton Road, Cadnam	David Rigby	26/12/25	07/04/26	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	07/04/26	15/1/26 – Works scheduled 16/02/26 – works to be rescheduled 7/4/26 – Update sought
13/01/26	21848518	Overhanging trees and tree debris in ditch, Pollards Moor Road	David Rigby	20/01/26	07/04/26	20/02/26 – Passed to 3rd Party 7/4/26 Update requested.
13/01/26	21848541	Flooding Riverside Close on Dec 18 th 2025	David Rigby	20/01/26	07/04/26	28/01/26 - Following a review of your enquiry, all necessary actions have been undertaken. 12/2/26 – Actions chased 7/4/26 – Discussions with affected parties continue.
27/03/26	21883773	Carriageway edge issue, Beechwood Road	David Rigby	03/04/26	07/04/26	27/3/26 - Passed to Highways engineer to inspect

Number only = HCC

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