

## **COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY APRIL 14TH 2026**

### **ITEM NO. 9 – Update on planning for the 2026 Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and Parish Award**

#### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

As previously reported, the 2026 Annual Parish Meeting (“APM”) will take place on Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> 2026 at Copythorne Parish Hall. Refreshments will be available from 6.30pm and the meeting itself will start at 7pm.

Speaking invitations have been sent to The Rt. Hon. Sir Julian Lewis MP; The Leader of Hampshire County Council; Hampshire Police; Copythorne Community Speed Watch; Paultons Park; the New Forest Commoners Defence Association; and our District Councillors. An invitation will also be sent to the successful candidate - once known - for the role of County Councillor for the Lyndhurst & Fordingbridge Division of HCC.

Attendance invitations are also being sent to a number of local organisations and Parish Councillors are welcome to suggest bodies/organisations for me to invite.

As previously advised, a report on Flooding within the Parish will be included.

The final agenda for the meeting will be published (on our noticeboards, website and Facebook Page) by Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> 2026. The list of upcoming meeting dates on the noticeboards has already been updated to show the APM date.

#### **Annual Parish Award 2026**

As Parish Councillors already know, nominations are being sought from local residents for this award. To allow extra time for nominations to be received the deadline has been extended to Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>. A winner will be chosen by Parish Councillors between Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> using the process outlined in my report for Item 9 at the Council meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2026.

The winner will be announced at the Annual Parish Meeting

#### **Recommendation**

That Members of the Parish Council note the arrangements for the 2026 Annual Parish Meeting.

**David Rigby**  
**Clerk to Copythorne Parish Council**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026**