

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON JUNE 9TH 2026 AT COPYTHORNE PARISH HALL

Members present: Cllr. Sherri Johnstone; Cllr. Sylvia Wiggins; Cllr. Ria Parry-Norton; Cllr. Graham Caton

In attendance David Rigby, Clerk/RFO

Five members of the public were present.

AGENDA ITEMS

105/26 Apologies

Cllr. Graham Chillcott and Cllr. Jackie Rhodes

106/26 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

None.

107/26 Public Session

A member of the public asked a question about the availability of Council responses to questions raised in the Public Session. The question was noted.

108/26 County and District Councillors Reports

As he was unable to attend, County Councillor David Millar provided a written report (a copy of which is included in the supporting documents for this meeting on the Council's website).

Dist. Cllr. Derek Tipp reported on the following items related to NFDC:-

- New Waste Collection scheme rollout – Final phase has generally gone well, a few collection issues to resolve.
- Community Infrastructure Levy Grants – Application window now open, closes in early August.
- Building Control – A recent report has suggested that this service provided by NFDC (and other Planning Authorities) might be nationalised.
- Local Plan – Consultation responses are still being worked through. NFDC is seeing several development applications being made for land outside of the current and emerging versions of the Local Plan.

109/26 Planning Applications; TPOs and Tree Works Requests

NFNPA Planning Applications

26/00491/DOC – Cadnam Cricket Club, Lyndhurst Road, Cadnam – Application to discharge condition 3 of planning permission 23/00499/FULL for artificial cricket wicket

Parish Response:- No comment made.

NFDC Planning Applications

None

NFNPA Tree Protection Order Proposed

TPO/0003/26 – Land to the south of the A31 and South West of Minstead Cottage - A1, Area includes all species of trees whatsoever, as shown on the plan.

Parish Response – Support, Cllr. Wiggins proposed, Cllr. Parry-Norton seconded, all in favour

Signed by the Chairman:

Date:

NFNPA Tree Works Requests

26/00562/CONS – Old Pollards Moor, Newbridge Road, Cadnam, SO40 2NX – Prune 2 x Oak trees

26/00582/CONS – Cherry Tree Cottage, Copythorne Crescent, SO40 2PE – Prune/pollard 1 x Cherry tree

“Leave decision to Trees Officer” response sent for both of the above.

NFDC Tree Works Requests

None.

110/26 Planning Decisions made since last Council meeting

NFNPA Planning Applications

25/01130/DOC– Dell Farm, Vicarage Lane, Copythorne, SO40 2PA – Refusal

NFDC Planning Applications

None.

NFNPA Tree Works Requests

26/00316/TPO – 11 Abbotswood, Bartley, SO40 2PN – Split decision (TP)

NFDC Tree Works Requests

None.

111/26 To Approve the Minutes and agreed actions of the Meeting of May 12th 2026

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

112/26 Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

91/26 The Clerk has undertaken the required actions.

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113/26 a. To receive and agree the Bank Reconciliation for May 2026

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

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

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

b. To receive and agree a Payments Schedule for June 2026

The Payment Schedule comprising 12 payments for a total of £2,483.70 along with the supporting invoices/claims, was presented to the meeting by the Clerk/RFO.

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

By rotation, the schedule; and Electronic Payment instructions (EP15 to EP19) were signed by Cllr. Johnstone and Cllr. Caton after the meeting.

114/26 To receive and note reports of any meetings of the Council’s Advisory Committees since the last Council meeting

The Clerk read through his report (a copy of which is included in the supporting documents for this meeting on the Council’s website). Members noted reports from the Personnel & Governance Advisory Committee and the Finance Advisory Committee meetings, both held on May 21st 2026.

115/26 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).

Signed by the Chairman:

Date:

116/26 Chairman's Report

Cllr. Johnstone reported that:-

- May 29th - The Annual Parish Meeting was held with a good turnout and some interesting conversations. The Clerk was thanked for organising a great agenda.
- June 2nd - She attended the Parish Hall Committee meeting on June 2nd on behalf of Plastic Free Copythorne to talk about a possible environmental sculpture, which was agreed in principle.
- June 4th - She attended the New Forest Association of Local Council's ("NFALC") AGM which focused on the issue of Local Government Re-Organisation ("LGR"). NFALC agreed to support New Forest Together's campaign to keep the NFDC area wholly in one new Unitary Authority.
- June 6th - She attended the Copythorne Carnival, at which she hosted a stall for Plastics Free Copythorne; held a Councillor "Drop In Session"; and was involved with judging some of the carnival floats.
- June 9th - She attended an online meeting of the HCC Passenger Transport Forum.
- June 11th - She will be attending the Hampshire Association of Local Council's summit on LGR.

117/26 Councillors Reports

Cllr. Chillcott provided a written report that was read by the Clerk, it included the following:-

- June 2nd - He had attended the Parish Hall Committee meeting on June 2nd. Topics discussed included the ongoing upgrades to the café; vandalism to the newly planted hedge in the rear field; the designation of the hall as an HCC emergency "Rest Centre".
- June 4th - He had attended the NFALC AGM and made mention of the need for a joined up approach to flooding across the New Forest. This point will also be made at the next NFNPA North East Quadrant meeting.
- That the Phone box in Winsor Road has been repaired. It needs repainting and volunteers are invited to help with this.
- That flooding and ditching matters had been raised (by Cllr. Johnstone) in her report to the Annual Parish Meeting which also sought support for a "Flood Prevention Committee" for Copythorne. Sadly the request was met with silence from the audience.
- NFDC have been chased again regarding the fly tipping on the A36.
- HCC are still to approve the plans for the new access road into the New Inn Road housing development.

Cllr. Wiggins reported that the quantity of rubbish in the playground bin was growing following the success of the café and the fish & Chip van. Maybe another bin is required? She has also noticed that the Bartley road sign at the crossroads has disappeared. The Clerk will report this to HCC Highways for replacement.

Cllr. Parry-Norton reported that a number of properties in Newbridge were having issues with missed bin collections. She will continue to encourage those residents to report the issues to NFDC to enable proper monitoring of the situation so that a resolution to the problem can be found.

118/26 Suggested Agenda Items for the next meeting

As per the Forward Calendar presented to the meeting.

119/26 To Confirm the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on July 14th 2026.

With no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.02pm.

Signed by the Chairman:

Date: