



## **COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL**

**NEWSLETTER: JULY 2017**

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### ***The Parish Council Newsletter***

Welcome to the July 2017 edition Parish Council Newsletter. An enlarged version of the Newsletter will also be available on the Council's website early in July. In addition, paper copies will be available from the Bartley Post Office, Mace Store at Cadnam and the Courtesy Filling Station shop, Romsey Road.

### ***New Forest National Park (NFNPA) Local Plan Review – Alternative Housing Sites Consultation: June – July 2017 - Copythorne Consultation Event***

The NFNPA is currently in the process of conducting a further consultation on the Local Plan (Alternative Housing Sites), for the whole of the National Park. Under this review and following its earlier public consultation in 2015 and 2016, it is due to be publishing the Submission draft version of the Local Plan in October 2017 for a final 6-week period of public consultation. The Local Plan will then be submitted for the Secretary of State, in spring 2018 for independent examination.

Given the statutory framework for the review of the NFNPA Plan, in terms of the consultation and feedback processes required, this is a major vehicle for the identification of suitable sites for housing development in communities across the National Park. In particular, this covers the potential for affordable housing development.

The National Park Authority has run its own 'Call for Sites' processes in both 2015 and 2017 and a number of the sites considered by Copythorne Parish Council have also come forward through the NFNPA Local Plan work (see also the item below regarding a decision by the Parish Council at its meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017).

The NFNPA has reviewed the site submissions it has received and has recently launched a targeted set of local consultations on potential alternative housing sites between 14<sup>th</sup> June and 26<sup>th</sup> July. The NFNPA is very keen to create a coordinated approach to the development of the Plan Review.

To that end, one of the consultation events run by the NFNPA will take place at the:

***Copythorne Parish Hall on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, between 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.***

While this is near to the end of the consultation period (the consultation ends on 26<sup>th</sup> July), Parishioners are encouraged to submit their views direct to the NFNPA and, if they wish, also advise their Parish Councillor of their views. The Parish Council will be seeking to make its own response to the consultation, following its meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> July.

The NFNPA Local Plan Review document and feedback information can be downloaded from:

***[http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/info/20040/planning\\_policy/361/local\\_plan](http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/info/20040/planning_policy/361/local_plan)***

We will also place a copy of the consultation document on the Parish Council website and once the deadline is passed, the response made by the Parish Council to the consultation

### **Copythorne Parish Council – Affordable Housing**

In the light of the above consultation being undertaken by the NFNPA, a report was presented to the Parish Council at the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June by the Council's Affordable Housing Working Party regarding the future of the Parish Council investigations into Affordable Housing in the Parish.

Given that the NFNPA consultation is now under way and centres on possible housing sites across all of the New Forest, including, of course, in Copythorne, the report recommended that the Parish Council cease its own investigations and focus its attentions to the NFNPA's Local Plan Review – Alternative Housing Sites Consultation. This was in the light of the fact that the NFNPA Review would become the key vehicle for both consultation and the reference document for any future development applications.

The Parish Council voted in favour of the report recommendations and therefore, its own investigations into the potential for Affordable Housing have now ceased. The Parish Council will be working closely with the NFNPA as their Local Plan Review evolves.

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### **Parish Council Meeting Dates – Change of Monthly Meeting Schedule**

Readers will know from the previous June Newsletter that the Parish Council has voted to move the day of the Parish Council meetings from the Tuesday of the fourth week of every month to the Tuesday of the second week of every month.

A number of readers have asked that we re-publish the forward meeting schedule of dates. (Please note that at the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June, members of the Parish Council also voted to cancel the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017, owing to the fact that it would have taken place only 2 weeks after the previous meeting and was also within the general holiday period.)

### **Current Meeting Schedule – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017@ 7.00 p.m. - Full Parish Council Meeting

### **New Meeting Schedule – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month**

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| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2017: 7.00 p.m.     | - | Meeting Cancelled                       |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2017: 7.00 p.m. | - | Full Parish Council Meeting             |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2017: 7.00 p.m.   | - | Full Parish Council Meeting             |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2017: 7.00 p.m.  | - | Full Parish Council Meeting             |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2017: 7.00 p.m.  | - | Full Parish Council Meeting             |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2018: 7.00 p.m.    | - | Full Parish Council Meeting             |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2018: 7.00 p.m.  | - | Full Council Parish Meeting             |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2018: 7.00 p.m.     | - | Full Parish Council Meeting             |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2018: 7.30 p.m.     | - | Annual Parish Meeting (Note later time) |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2018: 7.00 p.m.     | - | Full Parish Council Meeting             |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2018: 7.00 p.m.        | - | Parish Council Annual Meeting           |

*The above dates will all be published on the Parish Council Website*

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### **Date of Next Meeting / Clerk to the Parish Council**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on:

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Annexe**

The Clerk to the Council, Susan Brayley, can be contacted by email at [clerk@copythorne.org.uk](mailto:clerk@copythorne.org.uk) or by post at: Spinaway, Wootton Road, Tiptoe, Lymington, SO41 6FU, Temporary tel. no. 01590 683660. Website: [www.copythorne.org.uk](http://www.copythorne.org.uk). Details of individual Parish Councillors, and information on District and County Councillors, can also be found on the Parish Website and on community notice boards.