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### **The Parish Council Newsletter**

Welcome to the May 2018 edition Parish Council Newsletter. This enlarged version of the Newsletter will be available on the Council's website early in May. In addition, paper copies will be available from the Bartley Post Office and the Courtesy Filling Station shop, Romsey Road.

### **Special Note: The Parish Council Clerk – New Email Address**

By way of a further reminder from our mention in the last Newsletter, please note the change of email address for the Parish Council Clerk to a new one:

**[parishclerk@copythorne.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@copythorne.org.uk)**

This address is immediately in effect and should be used from now on for contacting the Clerk

### **See It - Report It - Get It Fixed... Reporting a Problem to HCC**

As we have promoted in previous editions of the Parish Council Newsletter, Hampshire County Council (HCC), has created a very effective web site based reporting system for local issues across a range of areas – including **potholes**. Recent weather has given our local roads quite a hammering and many new potholes have appeared – as we have all noticed, no doubt!



If you have an issue which needs reporting, please use this service. When you enter an issue, you are given a unique reference number to help you track the progress of your problem on the system. Our experience is that this system works well, so let's make good use of it!

To use the system, simply go to the HCC website at **[www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk)** and type '**Report a Problem**' into the 'search box' to get to the relevant page.

### **New Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP), Out For Consultation**

At the Parish Council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> April, Cllr. Diane Andrews from NFDC told us about a long and very informative meeting she had with Southern Water, regarding their draft Water Resources Management Plan, currently out for consultation. They explained that the draft Plan was available now for viewing on their website, with a response deadline of **28<sup>th</sup> May 2018**.



The Plan looks ahead for 25 to 50 years to see how demand for water will change and what measures need to be taken to both conserve water as well as ensure continuing supply of water to everyone. One estimate is that demand for water usage could increase by as much as 50% by 2070 – clearly a challenge!

Every water company prepares a WRMP and is required to involve customers and communities in formulating the Plan. The Plan is updated every five years.

You can view the documentation, including the full Plan as well as a summary on the Southern Water website and response forms at: **[southernwater.co.uk](http://southernwater.co.uk)** – just type in **WRMP** in the search box on the home page.

### **Update Number 1- First World War Commemorative Bench**

You will know from our last Newsletter that the Parish Council, with the help of a generous grant of £500.00 from County Cllr. Edward Heron, is purchasing a commemorative bench, dedicated to all those who went to the War. (*cont. overleaf*)



The bench will be installed at the War Memorial and has been specially designed by the makers for this commemoration.

We can now confirm that the bench has been ordered and we are now looking into when it can be installed at the War Memorial. We will be continuing to work with the Church and the Royal British Legion to, hopefully, have the bench in place well in advance the **Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday 11th November**.

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### **Update Number 2 – Playground Progresses**

Also in our last Newsletter, we reported that the Friends of Copythorne Playground had now announced that they had achieved the target of **£50,000.00** for the purchase and installation of the new playground at the Parish Hall.



Following the completion of a tender exercise, we can now confirm that the chosen provider will be, subject to all agreements being in place, **commencing work in May** to install the playground. This is wonderful news and congratulations to the FOCP for making this happen and thanks to all the members of our community, local businesses and colleagues at NFDC and HCC for helping make this a reality.

**Well done to all involved!!**

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### **The Final Call ..... Your Chance to Make a Mark!**

As already advertised at the Annual Parish Meeting and the previous Newsletter in April, the Parish Council wants a **new logo** and we are really keen to achieve a logo that identifies with Copythorne Civil Parish and the fantastic area we live in.

**So...** we want your help, Copythorne residents, all of you, whether young, not so young or in the middle... and we are awarding prizes to both the winner and runner up! **Wouldn't it be great to design the logo which the Parish Council uses on all its information, into the future?**

The closing date is **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018**. You can obtain more information, including the entry form, from our website. We have also placed some information sheets and entry form in the Parish Council information rack at the Bartley Post Office.

Parish Councillors will meet to review the entries and select a shortlist of designs which will be displayed at one of the summer Community events, where residents can vote on a winner and runner-up.

The voting event location will be published on the notice boards and the Parish Council Website – [www.copythorne.org.uk](http://www.copythorne.org.uk)

**We look forward to receiving your entries!**

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### **Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting:**

Will take place on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Annexe**. This is the **Annual Parish Council Meeting** – the start of the new Council Year. This meeting kicks off the new Parish Council Year and includes the elections for the main roles on the Parish Council, such as the Chairman and Vice Chairman, as well as various representatives for other local bodies.

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