

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 24 January 2006
(7.00 p.m. – 9.50 p.m.)

PRESENT: Cllr G James (Chairman); Cllr Lady Kara Hawks, Cllr Mrs G Hollands,
 Cllr A Nisbet, Cllr J Samways, Cllr G Stenson and Cllr R Wray

District Councillor D Scott	- by invitation
District Councillor D Tipp	- by invitation
County Councillor M Kendal	- by invitation

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Heron and Puttock

138. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 22 November & 13 December 2005 and 10 January 2006 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

139. MATTERS ARISING

Lyndhurst bypass proposals (124/12/05): Noted that HCC proposed to hold a meeting for all Parish Councils concerning this project.

140. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Scott referred to the following:

- deferral of the current Tatchbury Mount planning application for further traffic information
- the availability of Sustainable Development Grants from the National Park Authority
- Hampshire Farmers' Markets in 2006
- consultation on changes to parking standards for development sites
- the shortage of sites for affordable housing schemes

Councillor Tipp reported on the following:

- consultation on proposal for increased powers for provision of affordable housing sites
- site of Yew Lee, Southampton Road, Cadnam still undeveloped (Clerk to check position)
- Tatchbury Mount planning applications
- appointment of NFDC staff to the National Park Authority:
 - Steve Avery as Head of Planning
 - John Ward as Director of Planning and Strategy
- final South East Plan proposals to be presented to the Government for decision on 31 March

141. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Kendal referred to the following:

- a possible increase of 4.9% in HCC Council Tax (higher than expected as a result of a Government funding shortfall)
- replacement of street lighting through PFI
- provision for highway maintenance in 2006/07 likely to be similar to current year

There was also discussion on the installation of cobbles in Rumbridge Street, Totton and whether these were suitable in terms of noise etc. Councillor Kendal advised that the cost was being met from developers' contributions and understood that Totton and Eling Parish Council had chosen the surface through the consultation process. Councillor Samways agreed to check the position.

142. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) *Southampton Road, Cadnam*: Members considered a letter from the occupant of Forest Verge, Southampton Road, Cadnam seeking the Council's support to remove a section of the former A31 in front of his property. The proposal was to replace the area with grass and provide a gravel track serving Forest Edge and the neighbouring two properties. However, members wished to preserve the appearance and character of this Forest hamlet and were therefore opposed to the proposal.

The Clerk also referred to an approach from a local resident concerning problems of access to the properties Forest Cottage and Oak Tree Bungalow in Southampton Road. Following the sale of adjoining highway land the only pedestrian access to these properties was via a cattle grid. It was agreed to approach the highway authority with a view to the cattle grid being removed.

(b) *Bartley flooding*: An e-mail from NFDC provided an update on the flood alleviation plan for Bartley. Defra had requested further technical data regarding the chosen options and this was being addressed. In the meantime, the proposal for short term storage off Beechwood Road had met with resistance from the Forestry Commission and English Nature. Nevertheless, the application would be pursued on the basis of a combination of the remaining storage areas and alternative options, including offline attenuation (new storage culvert in Shepherds Road).

(c) *Other correspondence*: Members noted the following:

- (i) letter and discussion paper from the ODPM on Standards of conduct in English Local Government
- (ii) letter from NFDC accompanied by the New Forest Community Planning Guide
- (iii) a letter and consultation document on the reconfiguration of NHS Ambulance Trusts, Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight
- (iv) a letter and literature from the New Forest Community Safety Partnership on Bobby Trust Homechecks - Keeping Unwanted Visitors Out
- (v) a letter from InterRoute, together with an environmental scoping study, on proposals for a new roundabout at the junction of Whinwhistle Road and the A36
- (vi) a letter from Hampshire Highways confirming the intention to permanently fix the arms of finger post signs at Winsor crossroads and similar signs elsewhere
- (vii) a consultation letter from NFDC on the effect of changing parking standards.
- (viii) other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda.

143. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed action as shown:

449 (*Southampton Road (near Kitchen Shop)*): Hedge recently cut; pursue footway repair

468 (*Parish web site*): Enquiries regarding Parish history in hand

470 (*Parish Plan*): Item for Annual Parish Meeting on 8 March 2006

471 (*Potholes near Newbridge cattle grid*): Request update from Cllr Mrs Heron

473 (*Condition of footpath 14*): Change description to footpath 16. Enquiries regarding drainage works already in hand

482 (*Bridge over River Cadnam, Old Romsey Road*): Change description to Cadnam River flooding

483 (*Winsor Road speed limit*): Included in 2006/07 programme for review of speed limits

144. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) *Current balances*: Deposit A/c £7,600.23 Current A/c £421.69

(b) *Payments*: The following expenditure was approved:

<i>Cheque</i>		
551	Copythorne Parish Hall Management Committee (Meeting accommodation, January – March 2006)	£66.00
552	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses, January)	£369.26

(c) *Local Council Review*: Subscription renewals were invited for the year 2006/07 and beyond. Discounts were available for 2 or 3-year renewals. Agreed, renew for 3 years (£12.60 per year).

145. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Wray: Hole in footway in Winsor Road – reported previously but to be pursued further with Surveyor

Councillor Stenson: To make enquiries of the Parish Hall Committee regarding Parish history for the web site

146. STANDING ORDERS

Standing Order 4(ii) was invoked to allow the meeting to deal with the business in hand.

147. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) *Current applications*: Members agreed to comment as shown on the following applications:

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| 86755 | Land between Oakmoor & Hawthorne Cottage, Newbridge Road, Newbridge (Retention of shed). Support (3) |
| 86781 | Martins Oak, Copythorne Crescent (Retention of new access & detached double garage with room over and reduction of roof height to 5.3 metres). Object (4) (Accuracy of plans also to be queried) |
| 86790 | Kiln Cottage, The Brickyard, Winsor (Velux windows in association with new first floor). Application understood to be withdrawn |
| 86865 | The Coalyard, Pollards Moor Road (Continued use of land for storage and haulage business). Support (3) |

(b) *Application 86566 (Moorlands, Romsey Road)*: The Council had opposed this application at the 10 January meeting on the grounds that it contravened the 30% rule. NFDC had asked the Council to review its comments bearing in mind the provisions of the Local Plan. These provided for limited flexibility in applying the 30% rule for conservatories not exceeding 20 sq metres floor area and where, for example, the structure would have more than three-quarters of its roof and more than half its walls made of translucent materials. The Council noted this information and agreed to withdraw its objection.

(c) *Decisions/Appeals*: Members noted details of recent planning decisions and a new appeal, as set out in the paper tabled at the meeting (appendix 1 in the minute book). In addition, the Clerk gave an update on the following enforcement matters:

The Orchard, Winsor Lane: Retrospective planning application requested for this site (possible planning breach)

The Yews, Southampton Road, Cadnam: Enforcement Officer investigating possible contravention regarding display of motor vehicles

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____

The following matters were discussed during the public participation period:

Speed humps in Water Lane, Totton	Parish web site
Bartley flooding	Rat infestations
Cadnam River flooding	