

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 25 July 2006
(7.00 p.m. – 8.35 p.m.)

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

District Councillor D Tipp

- by invitation

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Nisbet, L Puttock and M Kendal

33. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 27 June and 11 July 2006 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

34. MATTERS ARISING

Yewlee, Southampton Road: Overgrown hedge at this property now attended to. Contamination had been found at the site, including arsenic and cadmium. Use of a specialist firm Landscan, a company attached to Bournemouth University, would cost £7318, to be met by NFDC. Further investigations were required before a land sale could proceed but Parish Council members felt that no further expenditure should be incurred.

35. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Tipp reported on a proposal to close the stroke unit at Ashurst Hospital and move it to the Weston Hospital in Southampton; consultation meetings would take place. The aim was to turn Ashurst hospital into a birthing unit for low risk births; other birth cases would be sent to the Princess Anne Hospital. Birthing units in the area were currently underused (presently 54%) and closure would allow more funding for extra staff at the Princess Anne.

Councillor Tipp also referred to the possible closure of Stocklands House in Totton, with a consequent transfer to Tatchbury Mount. Consultations would take place.

36. CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted the following correspondence:

- (a) a letter from NFDC on a proposal to award a grant of £500 for the purchase of new tables and chairs at Copythorne Parish Hall. Agreed, endorse
- (b) other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda

37. MATTERS PENDING

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

449 (*Southampton Road (near Kitchen Shop) – footway/kerb*): Top surface removed – tarmac only half way. Keep under review

474 (*Re-painting of Parish seats*): Work continuing

38. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) *Current balances:* Deposit A/c £5,976.04 Current A/c £711.47

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

Cheque

575	Copythorne Parish Hall Management Committee (Meeting accommodation, July – September)	£48.00
576	M Derrick (Clerk’s salary and expenses – July)	£474.44

(c) *Council insurances:* A letter from Allianz Cornhill confirmed that the Council’s insurance policy provided a Fidelity Guarantee cover of £15,000.

39. MEMBERS’ REPORTS

The following matters were reported:

- cars being sold in the Bartley layby
- hedge near Bluebeckers overgrown
- additional sign on the south side of Bluebeckers (there should be no extra signs)
- many footpaths/hedgerows extremely overgrown. Letters should be written to home owners
- Homestead, Romsey Road – tarmac laid to within 3’ 6” of the grass verge
- South Hampshire Regional Plan – as Copythorne PC is a member of CPRE it will support the decisions of that body. Councillor Tipp advised membership of SHUV as large groups were more likely to influence decisions on building density in Hampshire

40. PLANNING MATTERS

Members agreed to comment as follows on current applications:

- 06/90397 Hollowdene Farm, Old Lyndhurst Road, Cadnam (Improvements to access roads).
Object (4)
- 06/90426 View House Farm, Shepherds Road, Bartley (Two-storey side extension).
Support (3)
- 06/90433 The Hollies, Barrow Hill Road (Side conservatory). Support (3)
(Councillor Samways declared an interest in this application, took no part in the decision and did not vote thereon)
- 06/90447 Leyland, Winsor Lane, Winsor (Rear conservatory). Support (3)

41. LOCAL POLICING

Members noted that PC Bemand, the police officer for Copythorne, would be attending the Planning meeting on 22 August 2006.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____