

**COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Copythorne Parish Hall – 26 September 2006**  
**(7.00 p.m. – 8.50 p.m.)**

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

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| District Councillor L Puttock | - by invitation |
| District Councillor D Tipp    | - by invitation |

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Mrs G Hollands

**59. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 25 July, 8 & 22 August and 12 September 2006 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**60. MATTERS ARISING**

*Local policing (48/8/06):* PC Mike Bemand had provided the following information:

- meeting held with local resident concerning Neighbourhood Watch scheme for Pollards Moor Road area
- details of the Police response following a burglary at a local store
- car sales in Bartley layby being further investigated

*New Forest National Park (54/9/06):* Steve Avery, Head of Development Control for the National Park Authority, would be attending the Planning meeting on 12 December 2006

**61. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

*Councillor Tipp* referred to tasks being undertaken by various Review Panels, including:

- Crime and Disorder – review of CCTV systems, including issues of ongoing maintenance costs
- Leisure – review of policy of providing sun beds in leisure centres, including health aspects
- Economy and Planning – potential loss of Land Charges income as a result of the Constitutional Reform Act (which precludes profits from the Land Charges service)

Members also referred to the recent decision of the National Park Authority to grant permission for an adolescent psychiatric unit at Tatchbury Mount. It was agreed that the community had not been well served by the decision.

**62. CORRESPONDENCE**

*(a) Hampshire Youth Band:* Consideration was given to a request from this organisation for grant aid. Agreed, grant of £50 to be made, with a request for information on the number of local residents in the Band.

*(b) August crime figures:* PC Michael Bemand had supplied crime figures for Copythorne for August 2006, as circulated with the agenda. Members also noted the recent theft of lead from the roof of Copythorne Parish Hall. It was agreed to ask the Police to keep an eye on the premises in view of the incident.

*(c) Other correspondence:* Members noted other correspondence, as shown in the list accompanying the agenda.

**63. BUS SHELTER, ROMSEY ROAD**

Further discussion took place on the possibility of the bus shelter at the junction of Romsey Road and Pollards Moor Road being repaired by the Scouts/Guides, with materials being paid for by the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Chairman and Councillor Samways (and others if available) would first inspect the shelter to assess the situation.

**64. SPLITWIND POND**

Members discussed the need for maintenance work at Splitwind Pond. It was agreed that the tasks could be undertaken by voluntary labour and that the Chairman would organise the labour force.

**65. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS PILOT SCHEME**

Members received details of a proposed meeting of the Hampshire Countryside Access Forum to discuss the potential for encouraging car park owners to allow parking by people using rights of way. Owners of car parks attached to community buildings/village halls interested in a pilot scheme were asked to contact HAPTC.

Members felt that the scheme offered little benefit for Copythorne; many residents were already aware of existing paths and parked in the vicinity. However, Councillor Stenson had arranged for the matter to be discussed by the Parish Hall Committee on 2 October and would inform the Clerk of the outcome.

**66. MATTERS PENDING**

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

*459 (Verge reinstatement, Pollards Moor Road):* Request Surveyor to arrange for Copperfields to restore damaged verge

*468 (Parish web site):* Chairman and Clerk had received further training. Possible expansion of site (including advertisements etc) to be considered further after three months (January 2007)

*471 (Potholes near Newbridge cattle grid):* Request site meeting with Surveyor to discuss road edgings, cattle grid etc

*473 (Condition of footpath 16):* Clerk to check footpath number

*490 (Footpath 501):* E-mail received from Rights of Way concerning status of footpath and bridleway. Agreed, pursue missing footpath sign at Newbridge end of path

*492 (Condition of Cadnam Lane near Cadnam Green):* Agreed, include site in proposed Surveyor visit.

*460 (Bartley flooding) and 482 (Cadnam River flooding):* Agreed, topics to be shown in footnote as deferred items

*449, 474, 477 and 491 deleted*

**67. FINANCE MATTERS**

*(a) Current balances:*                      Deposit A/c £4,576.04                      Current A/c £910.98

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

*Cheque*

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| 581 | Inland Revenue (Clerk's tax, September quarter)              | £274.23 |
| 582 | M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – September)          | £461.55 |
| 583 | Information Commissioner (Data Protection Act entry renewal) | £35.00  |

## **68. MEMBERS' REPORTS**

*Councillor Nisbet:* Rubbish in Winsor Lane now cleared.

National Trust have undertaken ditching works in Blackhill Road

Furzley crossroads – absence of directional fingerposts. Agreed, raise with Surveyor

*Councillor Samways:* Rubbish in Barrow Hill road still uncollected.

Grass cutting carried out on 12 September but no strimming. Agreed, pursue with Surveyor

Empress of Blandings – possible encroachment of car park fence onto highway land. Agreed, pursue with Surveyor

*Councillor Stenson:* Missing fingerpost on footpath 12. Agreed, members to review all paths to check for signs

## **69. PLANNING MATTERS**

*(a) Planning application:* Members agreed to comment as follows on a current application:

06/90659      2 Hawthorne Cottage, Southampton Road, Cadnam (Rear conservatory). Support (3)

*(b) Decisions etc:* Members noted details of recent planning decisions and new appeals, as shown in the paper tabled at the meeting (appendix 1 in the minute book)

*(c) Enforcement:* The Clerk reported that the New Forest National Park Authority was not intending to take enforcement action in respect of the engineering works on land adjacent to Copperfields, Pollards Moor Road. The works represented land drainage improvements and did not conflict with current planning policies. Nevertheless, the landowners had been encouraged to submit a formal planning application.

Reference was also made to construction of a stone wall and road on land in Cadnam Lane, Wittensford. Agreed, refer to planning authority.

**CHAIRMAN** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

The following matters were discussed during the public participation period:

Drainage ditch filled in adjacent to Bolnore, Newbridge (Clerk to pursue with Surveyor)

Bartley flooding scheme

Land drainage works adjacent to Copperfields, Pollards Moor Road

Theft of lead from roof at Copythorne Parish Hall