

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 27 June 2006
(7.00 p.m. – 9.13 p.m.)

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

District Councillor D Tipp

- by invitation

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs G Hollands, G Stenson L Puttock and M Kendal

17. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 23 May and 13 June 2006 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

18. MATTERS ARISING

(a) *Unauthorised advertisements:* Enforcement action was being taken in respect of unauthorised signage at the Vine Inn, Ower and the Empress of Blandings, Romsey Road.

(b) *Land at Southampton Road, Cadnam:* Mr Ellison of Enterprise Inns was presently awaiting a surveyors report on the practicality of the proposals discussed at the recent meeting with residents.

(c) *Tatchbury Mount Hospital, Calmore:* Following the National Park's decision to give planning consent for the adolescent psychiatric unit, Netley Marsh Parish Council were considering an official complaint to the Ombudsman. It was also noted that the Neighbours Group meeting, scheduled for 26 June, had been postponed.

19. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Tipp reported on the following:

- the report on the South East Plan which was likely to be the subject of an examination in public in September
- a study commissioned by the ODPM and GOSE on significantly increased housebuilding rates of 46,000/year (compared to the Plan proposal for around 29,000/year), which could have implications for the New Forest
- work being undertaken by SHUV (South Hampshire's Unheard Voices) in relation to the South East Plan
- verbal confirmation of land contamination at Yewlee, Southampton Road (report awaited).

20. CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted the following correspondence:

- (a) a letter from Hampshire County Council regarding consultation on the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework
- (b) a letter from the New Forest National Park Authority concerning consultation on the pre-submission draft Statement of Community Involvement
- (c) a letter from Hampshire County Council accompanied by a consultation draft of the Countryside Access Plan for the New Forest and South West Hampshire
- (d) a letter from Hampshire Constabulary regarding the publication of newsletters on the role of the Roads Policing Unit
- (e) an agenda for the meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel on 6 July 2006

- (f) a letter from Hampshire County Council on further reductions to supported bus services
- (g) other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda

21. CADNAM RIVER

Members received a report on a site meeting with the Environment Agency on 31 May 2006. Representatives of the Highways Agency, Hampshire Highways and NFDC (Councillor Scott) had also attended.

The main points to emerge were:

- the scheme prepared by the Environment Agency, involving a new culvert along the southern side of the motorway, was the only option in engineering terms
- the scheme was estimated to cost £80,000 and therefore couldn't be justified in cost benefit terms. The maximum eligible cost was likely to be around £25/£30,000
- the Highways Agency felt that the proposal might require piling support for the embankment which would add considerable extra cost

With some persuasion, the Environment Agency agreed to complete a scoping report which would show full details and costs for the scheme. It would then be necessary to find external funding sources for the project.

22. BARTLEY FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Members received a letter from the Environment Agency in response to the Council's representations about this scheme.

The Agency were aware of the considerable work already undertaken by NFDC and would evaluate the proposed scheme for inclusion in their medium term plan. However, there was no funding in either the current or next financial year and, in any event, the scheme would need to be prioritised using the Defra cost/benefit analysis. The Parish Council would be kept informed as to when the scheme could proceed.

Members agreed that further efforts should be made to encourage the Agency to progress the scheme and to seek support from the National Trust as one of the landowners of the proposed storage areas.

23. MATTERS PENDING

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

460 (*Flooding issues, Chingham Road*): Change responsibility to Environment Agency

468 (*Parish web site*): Alternative options still being investigated. Additional training from NFDC also being considered

471 (*Potholes near Newbridge cattle grid*): Pursue with Councillor Heron

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

24. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) *Audit of 2005/06 accounts*: A letter from John Murray confirmed satisfactory completion of the internal audit of the 2005/06 accounts. The letter referred to the need to increase the Fidelity Guarantee under the Council's insurance policy from £10,000 to £11,000. However, verbal assurance had been received from the insurance company that the cover was already at £15,000 and written confirmation was being sought.

(b) *Current balances*: Deposit A/c £7,976.04 Current A/c £905.07

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

Cheque

566	John Murray (Internal audit fee, 2005/06)	£87.50
567	Inland Revenue (Clerk's tax, June quarter)	£274.23
568	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – June)	£431.87

(d) *Council grants:* It was agreed that annual grants would be paid at the Planning meeting on 11 July 2006. In respect of the Stanleys Own magazine, the Clerk would obtain details of current operating costs.

25. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Wray: Accident at the Haywain crossroads

Councillor Lady Kara Hawks (for Councillor Mrs Hollands): Hedge requires cutting at Yewlee, Southampton Road. Councillor Tipp to pursue.

Highway obstruction caused by residents parking on the highway opposite the school in Winsor Road

Councillor Lady Kara Hawks: Signs for the new restaurant (Bluebeckers) were already in place but the former name, the White Hart, was also being retained

Councillor Samways: No reply to date from HCC regarding official width of Barrow Hill Road. Clerk to pursue

Councillor Nisbet: Pothole in Pound Lane. Refer to Surveyor

26. STANDING ORDERS

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

27. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) *Current applications:* Members agreed to comment as follows on current applications:

- 06/90065 Harvest Moon, Winsor Road, Winsor (Relief of condition 2 on planning permission 64425 to allow retention of rooms in roof). (5)
- 06/90147 Mead Court, Winsor Road, Winsor (Offices and store (demolish existing)). Support (3)
- 06/90189 White Hart Inn, Old Romsey Road, Cadnam (Miscellaneous illuminated and non-illuminated wall and post mounted signs). Support (1)
- 06/90219 Warrawee Duck Farm, Pollards Moor Road (Duck house). (5), albeit Council has concerns about inadequate drainage provision for such a large building
(Councillor James declared an interest in this application, took no part in the decision and did not vote thereon)
- 06/90230 Allpennys, White Hart Lane, Cadnam (Conservatory). Support (3)
- 06/90274 Land off Salisbury Road, Ower (Dwelling and garage). Object (4)
- 06/90319 Harvest Moon, Winsor Road, Winsor (Relief from condition 2 on planning permission 64741 to allow retention of stables for competition horses). Object (4)

06/90333 The Old Farm House, Winsor Lane, Winsor (Two-storey rear extension).
Support (3)
(Councillor Nisbet declared an interest in this application, took no part in the decision and did not vote thereon)

06/90338 Linden, Winsor Road, Winsor (Two-storey rear extension). Object (2) (Note: removal of balcony would make the proposal more acceptable)

(b) Decisions: Members noted details of recent planning decisions as set out in the paper tabled at the meeting (appendix 1 in the minute book).

(c) Enforcement: Noted, that the Enforcement section of the National Park Authority were currently taking action regarding the unauthorised retention of a stable and store at Fuzzies Farm, Newbridge

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____

The following matters were discussed during the public participation period:

- Parish web site
- Parish Plan
- Parish footpaths (Clerk to prepare composite map)
- Parish boundary (Clerk to bring map to next meeting)
- Bartley flooding