

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 28 February 2006
(7.00 p.m. – 9.20 p.m.)

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

District Councillor D Scott	- by invitation
District Councillor D Tipp	- by invitation
County Councillor Mrs K Heron	- by invitation

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lady Kara Hawks, Stenson, Puttock and Kendal

153. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 24 January and 14 February 2006 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

154. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Yewlee, Southampton Road, Cadnam (140/1/06): NFDC were reviewing whether the rebuilding costs were viable in terms of an economic rental return. Advice had therefore been sought on whether the site should be sold with planning permission on the open market.

(b) Southampton Road, Cadnam (142(a)/1/06): A meeting with the occupier of Forest Verge had now been arranged for Saturday 11 March at 2.30 p.m. to discuss closure of part of Southampton Road.

In addition, a letter from the Forestry Commission referred to a proposed meeting with the owner of Twin Oaks to discuss the access problems affecting Forest Cottage and Oak Tree Bungalow. The Commission claimed to have full retained access rights over the grid and bypass, extending also to the private householders. Consideration would be given to repairing the grid and gate and also whether the grid could be removed until such time as it might be needed in the future.

(c) Concessionary travel (149/2/06): NFDC had confirmed that travel tokens would no longer be available to persons over 80 not in receipt of benefits or without mobility problems. However, local vouchers would replace tokens, as an alternative to the free bus pass; these would be targeted to those in genuine need, i.e. residents aged 60 or over who were in receipt of benefits, disabled or had mobility difficulties. All persons over 60 would qualify for free travel on buses and the Hythe ferry.

155. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Mrs Heron reported on the following matters:

- a proposed night time closure of the A31 westbound from Ringwood in September for road works (with single lane operation during the day)
- a meeting of the New Forest Transport Advisory Panel on 9 March, to include discussion on the Lyndhurst bypass proposals

On the matter of eroded road edges at Newbridge, Councillor Heron would raise this issue at a meeting with the Surveyor on 20 March. The Council also asked for the following matters to be raised:

- verge reinstatement in Pollards Moor Road
- blocked ditches outside Harvest Moon, Winsor Road and on the A3090 near The Empress of Blandings
- condition of Cadnam Lane near Cadnam Green

156. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Scott congratulated the Parish Council for its continuing low precept. He also referred to the following:

- the amended scheme for travel concessions
- an increase of 4.7% in NFDC Council tax and, in this context, the pressures arising from new Government initiatives and efforts to find expenditure savings
- the success of NFDC's sheltered housing service in achieving the coveted Code of Practice for Sheltered Housing
- the burden of the Government's recycling targets
- the new garden waste collection service (with penalties for disposing of garden waste with ordinary refuse)
- the availability of funds to support youth activities (in the context of the enquiry made during the public participation session concerning the search for local football facilities)

Councillor Tipp reported on the following:

- the current referendum on waste collection
- the garden waste road show at the Asda car park, Totton on 24 March 2006 (8 am – 2 pm)
- the NFDC rat infestation service (£32 charge which is waived for those in receipt of benefits). Further visit and treatment offered without charge if rats return within 28 days

157. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) *Cadnam River*: Members noted a letter from the Environment Agency in response to an earlier enquiry concerning a drainage issue in Cadnam Lane (minute 109/11/05 refers). The Agency had inspected the site but did not have any concern for possible increased flood risk.

The letter also commented on the possible flood relief scheme for Cadnam River but gave no indication of how this was progressing. The Clerk had therefore requested an update. It was also suggested that, in view of the lack of progress with the flood relief scheme, a high-level meeting with the Agency should be sought in order to take matters forward.

(b) *Highway matters*: A letter from Hampshire Highways dealt with the following outstanding issues:

Footway and kerbs, Southampton Road, Cadnam: Works planned for 2006/07 (no funding available in current year)

Footway, Winsor Road, Winsor: Hole in footway to be located and reinstated

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

158. MATTERS PENDING

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

459 (*Verge reinstatement in Pollards Moor Road*): Cllr Heron to pursue with Surveyor. Clerk also to request bus company not to park buses in the road

460 (*Flooding issues, Chingham Road*): Request update for Annual Parish Meeting

473 (*Condition of footpath 16*): Rights of Way propose to improve line of path at Whitemoor Lane end and to install handrail on bridge. Also proposing to clear gorse from fp 15 and to meet owner of the Common to discuss footpaths generally. Clerk to enquire whether meeting will involve English Nature and whether Cllr Samways can receive invitation

159. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) *Current balances*: Deposit A/c £7,000.23 Current A/c £586.43

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

<i>Cheque</i>		
553	British Telecommunications plc (Telephone line rental, January – April 2006)	£36.57
554	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses, February)	£380.98

(c) *HAPTC:* Agreed, renew subscription for 2006/07 in the sum of £373.00.

(d) *Clerk's salary, 2006/07:* The Clerk confirmed that the agreed salary for 2006/07 would be exempt from NI payments following an adjustment to the NI rates for next year.

160. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Wray: Posts installed by Scouts in highway verge outside Cadnam Church represent a danger to pedestrians. Ask Scouts to review the situation

Councillor Nisbet: Bus shelter at junction of Romsey Road/Pollards Moor Road in poor condition. Noted that the shelter was originally provided by the Scouts.

Erosion of road edge near 'Winsor' sign in Winsor Road (in vicinity of Chapel). Refer to Surveyor
No name signs at junction of Winsor Lane and Eadens Lane (in Netley Marsh parish)

Councillor Samways: Progress with enforcement action regarding signs at Golden Acres?

161. STANDING ORDERS

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

162. PLANNING MATTERS

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

87108 The Orchard, Winsor Lane, Winsor (Conservatory; detached garage; garden shed; garden room (amendments to planning permission 85337)). Object (4)
(Councillor Nisbet declared an interest in this application, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon)

87130 Rowes Cottage, Old Lyndhurst Road, Cadnam (Single-storey side extension; conservatory; outbuilding). Object (2)

87146 Cadnam Garden Centre, Southampton Road, Cadnam (Redevelopment of existing garden centre (demolish existing) (variation of condition 2 of planning permission 75845)). Object (2)

87148 The Cottage, Romsey Road, Cadnam (Detached garage/gym). Support (3)

(b) *Decisions/Appeals:* Members noted details of recent planning decisions and appeal arrangements, as set out in the paper tabled at the meeting (appendix 1 in the minute book). In addition, the Clerk reported that the following application would be considered by Planning Development Control Committee on 8 March:

86755 (Land between Oakmoor and Hawthorne Cottage, Newbridge (retention of shed))

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The following matters were discussed during the public participation period:

Speed humps in Water Lane, Totton

Cobbles in Rumbridge Street, Totton

Lack of deceleration lane from bypass into Rumbridge Street, Totton (suggest resident contacts County Councillor)

Search for football pitch for 7-12 year olds in Copythorne (Possible sites in Whitemoor Lane (Copythorne Common) and Winsor Road (former Cadnam Football Club pitch) identified. Parish Council and Councillor Heron to make further enquiries)