

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 28 November 2006
(7.00 p.m. – 9.40 p.m.)

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

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Nisbet and Mrs K Heron

83. MINUTES

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

84. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Speed Indicator Device (74/10/06): An invoice had been received for the Council's contribution to an SID pole. However, the Community Safety Partnership had yet to confirm whether the payment could be postponed to 1 April 2007 without delaying the project.

(b) Bus shelter, Romsey Road (75/10/06): The Stanleys Own Scout Group had agreed the principle of carrying out repairs to the bus shelter, with the Council meeting the cost of materials. The Scout Group were preparing an estimate of the cost for the Council's consideration.

(c) Footpath 501 (76/10/06): Rights of Way had now confirmed the status of this footpath. The section from Furzley Road at Crock Hill to the Cadnam River was a footpath (plus a footbridge) while the section from the river to Newbridge Road was a bridleway. Footpath 501 had been dedicated by the landowner (National Trust) on 3 December 1992 while the bridleway was a map modification (following a claim) and confirmed on 21 May 2002. A 500 prefix signified that the route had been added to the Definitive Map since 1964, i.e. the date of the original Map. The use of a higher 3-digit number, e.g. 750, denoted a change of parish.

(d) Road depression outside Stanleys Cottage, Winsor Road (78/10/06): Matter now attended to.

(e) Path at Pennington Marshes (78/10/06): Cllr Samways to arrange for person dealing with this matter to contact Cllr Tipp to pursue land ownership further.

(f) Rubbish in Barrow Hill Road (82/11/06): Dumped items now removed.

85. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Scott reported on the following:

- Chairman's charity concert on Saturday 16 December 2006 at St Thomas' Parish Church, Lymington
- protest letters received in respect of the land operations at Copperfield, Pollards Moor Road. Following the recent public meeting, further information was being gathered in order to take appropriate action. It was hoped to achieve the fastest route consistent with legal advice and available powers
- enquiry received from local resident concerning the absence of a play area in Copythorne. Noted that the Parish Council did not own any land and that a previous proposal for the use of land at the Parish Hall had not proceeded because of insurance and safety issues etc. The Parish Council could possibly consider the matter again in the future and the Clerk would therefore reply appropriately

Councillor Tipp referred to the following:

- Yewlee, Southampton Road – information on the cost of clearing up the contaminated land was now being evaluated. A final decision on the site would then be made
- the South East Plan Examination in Public had now started. Sessions were being held in various locations over a period of four months. A daily update was available on the website

Councillor Puttock reported on the following:

- the recent public meeting on the Copperfield land operations and the issue of contaminated land in the context of neighbouring properties
- further approach received from Mr Good of Forest Verge, Southampton Road concerning the parking issues outside his property. White lines had now been painted on the road across his access but to little effect. Firm parking measures were needed to deal with the situation
- problems of traffic speeds in the area
- Tatchbury Mount issues – Councillor Puttock to keep the Parish Council updated

86. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Claimed byway: A letter from HCC sought information on a claim to record a public right of way for vehicles over Cadnam Common (GR SU288148 to 296152). It was noted that the route had been travelled by horses and traps in former times but had fallen out of use. It was agreed to enquire about the identity of the person making the claim

(b) Outstanding highway matters: A letter from Hampshire Highways provided an update on various highway issues. It was agreed to pursue the following matters further:

Chinham Road, Bartley – gullies cleaned but connecting drains require unblocking

Gully emptying – enquire when emptying last undertaken

(c) Campaign to promote the interest of potential new Councillors – the Beer Mat Initiative:

A bulletin from HAPTC encouraged parish councils to encourage local people to represent their communities in the May 2007 elections. The bulletin proposed the use of special beer mats in a selected pub or restaurant to stimulate interest. It was agreed to approach the Coach and Horses to use the beer mats and also to display suitable notices on parish notice boards.

(d) Other matters: Members noted the following additional correspondence:

- a letter from the Countryside Alliance concerning the threat to rural post offices (agreed, further copies of accompanying post cards to be obtained for display at local post offices)
- October crime figures from PC Bemand
- a summary of the new Local Government White Paper
- an invitation to a New Forest transport seminar on Friday 19 January 2007 at the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu
- a letter of thanks from the Hampshire County Youth Band Association in respect of the Council grant (the letter confirmed that there were no players from Copythorne at present but that membership changed year on year depending on the support from local schools and the ambitions of local youngsters)
- information regarding the replacement of M27 boundary fencing between junctions 1 and 2
- other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda

87. MATTERS PENDING

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

471 (*Potholes near Newbridge cattle grid*): To be discussed at forthcoming site visit

490 (*Footpath 501 – missing sign, Newbridge*): Include additional missing sign for footpath 12, Newbridge Road

492 (*Condition of Cadnam Lane near Cadnam Green*): To be discussed at forthcoming site visit

494 (*Speed indicator device, Southampton Road*): Position on timing of project being clarified

495 (*Bus shelter, Romsey Road*): Awaiting cost estimate from Scout Group

88. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) *Finance Committee:* Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 22 November 2006, shown as appendix 1 in the minute book. The minutes included proposals for the 2007/08 budget, as revised by the Committee. It was agreed that the minutes be received and the recommendations be adopted.

Councillor Scott referred to the continuing availability of rural assistance grants in the present financial year. It was agreed to consider a possible project at the Planning meeting on 12 December.

(b) *Current balances:* Deposit A/c £8,948.04 Current A/c £604.56

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

Cheque

588	British Telecommunications plc (Telephone line rental, 1/11/06 – 31/1/07)	£35.99
589	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – November)	£436.10

89. STANDING ORDERS

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

90. PLANNING MATTERS

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

06/90869 Storms Farm, Vicarage Lane (Re-siting of a mobile home). Defer to 12 December meeting

(b) *Previous applications:* Members reviewed their response to previous applications as follows:

(i) 06/90820 (Durban, 4 Winsor Road, Bartley) (2 storey extension). The Council had objected because the development exceeded the 30% limit. However, the case office had advised that the proposals were within the limit. Agreed, amend response to (5), subject to the Clerk being satisfied as to the measurements.

(ii) 06/90822 (Greenslade, Chingham Road, Bartley) (single storey garden building). The Council's response had been (5) but a neighbour had since submitted an objection. Agreed, amend response to Object (4)

(c) *Land operations at Copperfield, Pollards Moor Road:* Members considered the following planning application for this site, including a consultation from HCC as minerals and waste authority. The response was agreed as shown:

06/ 90807 Importation of material and raising level of land to improve land drainage.
Object (4) (Opposition to land raising by 1.8 m and likely drainage implications;
concern of residents regarding various aspects of the development; support for the
professional assessment being carried out by the relevant statutory bodies)

Members also received a letter from J & W Demolition & Recycling Ltd, the contractors for the development, expressing regret at the local opposition to the land works and explaining the reasons for the development. Members agreed that a letter of acknowledgement should be sent to the applicant.

(d) *Decisions etc:* Members noted details of recent planning decisions and a new appeal, as shown in the paper tabled at the meeting (appendix 2 in the minute book).

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____

The following matters were discussed during the public participation period:

Planning application 06/90822 (Greenslade, Chinham Road, Bartley)

Footpaths map

Road drains, Bartley (Gullies cleaned but connecting drains still blocked. Agreed, pursue with Surveyor)

Parish Plan

Parish website