

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 12 December 2006
(7.00 p.m. – 9.02 p.m.)

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Nisbet and Wray

91. DEVELOPMENT CONTROL IN THE NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK

Steve Avery, Head of Development Control for the National Park Authority, and Bob Morris, National Park Parish representative, attended for this item.

Mr Avery outlined various aspects of the development control service and the principal issues arising since the Park's inception. The following features also emerged:

- staffing comprises six planning officers and three enforcement officers
- 1400 applications expected annually, one-third of the number for the whole of NFDC prior to the National Park
- of 900 applications determined in 2006, 67% have been approved (against a Government approval target of 80%)
- Copythorne parish has the 4th highest number of applications in the Park area
- the planning policies of NFDC are being used in the National Park until such time as the new Authority develops its own Plans
- new initiatives include pre-application advice for applicants and "open house" sessions for the viewing of plans and discussions with planning officers

Members raised a number of issues of concern and Mr Avery agreed to address these as far as possible. These included:

- unification of response dates for planning applications (different dates presently appear on the initial published list and the briefing notes)
- timely issue of briefing notes (the aim would be for the Case Officer to issue the notes not later than one week after receiving the application, especially as some could be prepared without a site visit)
- incomplete and poor quality plans
- inaccurate scaling (particularly important in the context of the 30% rule)
- need for policy guidance on stables/horses in the context of the impact on the countryside
- improved enforcement, including better monitoring of conditions
- consultation on significant development applications in neighbouring parishes

92. PLANNING MATTERS

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

06/90869 Storms Farm, Kewlake Lane, Cadnam (Re-siting of mobile home). Support (3)

06/90796 Crimond, Southampton Road, Cadnam (Additions to front). Support (3)

06/90926 White Oaks, Shepherds Road, Bartley (Multifuel flue). Support (3)

The following applications were deferred to the next meeting:

06/90887 (Forest Verge, Southampton Road, Cadnam)

06/90956 (Denehurst, Newbridge)

06/90962 (Denehurst, Newbridge)

(b) *Previous application:* On application 06/90820 (Durban, 4 Winsor Road, Bartley), the proposal resulted in a 30.2% increase in floor space which the planning authority considered acceptable.

(c) *Other matters:* Members noted the following:

- (i) Proposals to fell woodland at Foxbury Plantation, West Wellow
- (ii) A draft guidance note 'Planning Enforcement – Policy and Practice' from the New Forest National Park Authority
- (iii) A hedgerow removal notice relating to construction of the Lockerley to Marchwood gas pipeline
- (iv) A note from NFNPA advising that they had found no evidence of any new areas of hard standing at Fuzzies Farm, Newbridge
- (v) Service of an enforcement notice for an alleged breach at Newbridge Island Farm, Newbridge Village (change of use from agriculture to a mixed use of agriculture and the storage of inert material).

93. RURAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Further to minute 88(a)/11/06, members received a note concerning a proposal by the Copythorne Amateur Theatrical Society to upgrade its lighting facilities. The estimated cost was £420 and it was hoped the project could receive help under the Rural Assistance Grant scheme. Members agreed to submit the proposal to Councillors Puttock, Scott and Tipp for consideration.

94. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) *Current balances:* Deposit A/c £7,948.44 Current A/c £632.47

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

Cheque

590	Inland Revenue (Clerk's tax – December quarter)	£274.23
591	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – December)	£420.83
592	2 nd New Forest North (Stanleys Own) Magazine Account (Use of magazine space, 2007)	£33.50

95. PLAY AREAS

Further to minute 85/11/06, the NFDC Play Development Officer had offered to provide assistance in securing a play area for Copythorne. However, members felt there were significant obstacles, as identified previously (land, insurance, safety, maintenance costs etc), and agreed that no further action could be taken.

96. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS

Members agreed the draft timetable of meetings for 2007/08, as tabled at the meeting.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____

The following matter was discussed during the public participation period:

Copperfield, Pollards Moor Road – land operations