

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 22 August 2006
(7.00 p.m. – 8.53 p.m.)

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

48. LOCAL POLICING

PC Mike Bemand, the beat officer for Copythorne, attended for this item.

PC Bemand outlined his beat area and confirmed that he knew the area well, having previously served in Lyndhurst for five years and in Totton for 14 years. He gave details of proposed neighbourhood policing, involving the use of Community Support Officers. The arrangements would start early in the New Year although Parish Councils could be invited to make a financial contribution.

Reference was made to PC Sarah Tate's previous contributions to the Council's news bulletin in Stanleys Own. PC Bemand was unable to commit to a regular article but would liaise with others to provide useful information. He would also provide local crime figures on a regular basis.

PC Bemand spoke on various other topics and answered members' questions, in particular on: the mobile police van; the 101 telephone service (a new confidential 24-hour number for reporting problems not requiring a 999 call); car tax evasion; speed enforcement. He also promised to pursue further the alleged slow Police response to a recent break-in at a Copythorne store and the problem of car sales in the Bartley layby.

A local resident also attended the meeting to express an interest in forming a Neighbourhood Watch group for the Pollards Moor Road area. PC Bemand agreed to meet with the resident after the meeting to discuss the matter further.

49. PLANNING MATTERS

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

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| 06/88467 | Craig End, Whinwhistle Road, East Wellow (Extend garage to create self-contained annexe). Object (4) |
| 06/90403 | Bartley Manor Lodge, Brockishill Road, Bartley (Single storey extension). Support (3), provided the development is within the 30% limit |
| 06/90484 | Stanley Cottage, Winsor Road, Winsor (Detached garage and new vehicular access). Support (3) |
| 06/90490 | West Lodge, Bartley Lodge, Cadnam (Two-storey side extension). Support (3), provided the development is within the 30% limit |
| 06/90493 | Beechwell Cottage, Beechwood Road, Bartley (Conservatory). Support (3) |
| 06/90506 | Rufus Lodge, Old Lyndhurst Road, Cadnam (Installation of solar panels). Support (3) |
| 06/90515 | Durban, 4 Winsor Road, Winsor (Two-storey side extension; rear balcony; front porch). Object (2) |
| 06/90523 | Rear of Uncle Toms Cabin, Romsey Road, Cadnam (2 detached dwellings). Object (4) |

06/90549 Poona Cottage, Old Romsey Road, Cadnam (Two-storey side extension; raise eaves height and install dormer to rear). Support (3)

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

50. CADNAM RIVER

Further to minute 44/8/06, members received a copy of a letter from the Environment Agency to Dr Julian Lewis MP concerning the tree growth in the Cadnam River. The Agency still maintained that this growth did not contribute to the flood risk and that the real issue was the size of the catchment area and its response to rainfall. However, the Agency had agreed to write to riparian owners reminding them of their responsibilities. This letter had now been sent and a copy was tabled at the meeting. The letter advised that, while the present tree growth was not considered a significant factor in flooding, future growth might exacerbate the situation and justify service of a notice. It was suggested that, in the interest of harmony with their neighbours, residents should take appropriate action now.

51. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) *Current balances:* Deposit A/c £5,976.04 Current A/c £189.03

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

Cheque

577	Hampshire Ambulance Trust (Grant to First Responder)	£100.00
578	British Telecommunications plc (Telephone line rental, August – October)	£36.15
579	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses, August)	£458.08
580	A Nisbet (Materials for repainting of Parish seats)	£83.82

52. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

A letter from the New Forest Community Safety Partnership announced a decision to deploy a Speed Indicator Device (SID) to a position in Southampton Road, Cadnam. The device was not used as a method of enforcement but would provide:

- Real time information to the driver on either the speed limit, the actual speed of the vehicle, or a message to slow down depending on how the equipment is set
- Recorded information to the Safer Roads Group on the speed of the vehicles travelling past the SID
- Education to drivers that they are in a restricted area.

The SID was positioned on a pole which would be removed after each two-week deployment. This was facilitated by use of a sleeve system to increase safety and remove an unsightly lone pole from the street scene. However, the Parish Council was being asked if it could contribute £300 towards the cost of the sleeve. While members supported the principle, it was agreed to obtain further information on the likely frequency of the deployment and the intended settings for the device.

53. COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS GRANTS

The Chairman referred to the updated Small Grants Scheme which could provide funding for items such as mapboards or footpath leaflets.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____