

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 16 May 2007
(7.00 p.m. – 9.50 p.m.)

PRESENT: Cllr G James (Chairman); Cllr R Good, Cllr Lady Kara Hawks, Cllr J Samways, Cllr G Stenson, Cllr I Mansell (from item 3) and Cllr M Moriarty (from item 3)

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

An apology for absence was received from Cllr L Puttock

(COUNCILLOR G JAMES IN THE CHAIR)

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Lady Kara Hawks was elected Chairman of the meeting for the consideration of items 2 and 3 below.

(COUNCILLOR LADY KARA HAWKS IN THE CHAIR)

2. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Members considered nominations for co-opted members to fill three current vacancies. It was agreed to co-opt the following persons:

Mr Geraint James
 Ms Ina Mansell
 Mr Mike Moriarty

The three members were invited to join the meeting at this point.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2007/08

Councillor G James was elected Chairman of the Council for the year 2007/08.

(COUNCILLOR G JAMES IN THE CHAIR)

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2007/08

Councillor Lady Kara Hawks was elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2007/08.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2007 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING

Circulation of New Forest Today (138(a)/4/07): It was understood that the delivery company guaranteed 80% coverage of the New Forest and placed the publication in various outlets to maximise circulation. However, members felt that distribution was erratic with certain parts of Copythorne, e.g. Newbridge, not receiving delivery. It was agreed to pursue matters further with NFDC and to ascertain the date of the next issue.

7. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Mrs Heron reported on the following:

- animal fencing on the A31 – strictly a matter for the Highway Agency as the road is a strategic route but hoping to pursue through both HCC and the National Park Authority
- temporary planning arrangements in the National Park pending the appointment of new members (Parishes can request deferral of applications if necessary in the interim)
- an enquiry about the performance of the planning service in the National Park (members felt that matters were improving but still did not match the service of the NFDC; concern regarding poor decisions, e.g. Tatchbury Mount, and the proposal to reduce planning surgeries)
- rusting signpost at the junction of Romsey Road and Newbridge Road (Cllr Mrs Heron to pursue replacement)
- outstanding highway issues following highway tour with Surveyor (Clerk to e-mail list to Cllr Mrs Heron)
- allocation of £10,000 to each County Councillor to spend in their area on projects not funded in another way by HCC (suggestions included repairs to the Parish Hall and 12 months' professional management of the web site, albeit the latter item would be regarded as revenue and therefore not have such high priority)

8. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Tipp reported on the political make-up of NFDC following the recent elections and his appointment to the Environment, Crime & Disorder and Planning & Transportation Panels and the Standards Committee. Councillor Dow would be Chairman of NFDC for 2007/08.

9. 2007/08 APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were made for the year 2007/08:

<i>Finance Committee:</i>	G James, Lady Kara Hawks, J Samways and the Clerk
<i>Media/publicity:</i>	The Clerk
<i>NFDC Liaison meetings:</i>	Lady Kara Hawks and G Stenson
<i>NF Ass of P&T Councils:</i>	J Samways and G Stenson
<i>NF Consultative Panel:</i>	G James (deputy R Good)
<i>Parish Hall Man Cttee:</i>	I Mansell
<i>Parish paths:</i>	The full Council
<i>Planning:</i>	The full Council
<i>Risk Assessment:</i>	J Samways
<i>Splitwind Pond:</i>	The full Council
<i>Transport (local):</i>	Lady Kara Hawks and M Moriarty
<i>Tree Wardens:</i>	The full Council

10. NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

Further to minute 141(d)/4/07, members considered a letter from the Standards Board concerning the new model Code of Conduct. Paragraph 12(2) in the new Code was optional for parishes and gave members with a prejudicial interest the same rights as members of the public to speak to a meeting on the issue and then leave before the main discussion and vote. The paragraph could only apply if a parish council provided members of the public with a right to speak.

It was agreed that the model Code adopted by the Parish Council with effect from 4 May 2007 should incorporate paragraph 12(2).

11. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY (135/4/07)

Bob Morris had been nominated by Landford PC and supported by others for the position of parish member in quadrant 4. Members agreed to support the nomination.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted the following correspondence:

- crime figures for the Cadnam beat for April 2007
- a revised date of 14 June 2007 for the district council election in the Bramshaw, Copythorne North and Minstead Ward
- a draft agenda for the meeting of the HCC Regulatory Committee on 23 May 2007, to include an application to alter the definitive footpaths map to include a byway open to all traffic across Cadnam Common
- other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda

13. MATTERS PENDING

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

468 (Parish web site) and 470 (Parish Plan): Items for discussion at an early planning meeting

483 (Winsor Road speed limit): Item now registered for consideration under the 'Village 30' programme

495 (Bus shelter, Romsey Road): Council to consider carrying out repairs if no response from local Scouts

496 (Development Control issues): Progress report to be requested from NFNPA

460 (Bartley flooding) and 482 (Cadnam River flooding): Consider joining with other local parishes to pursue flooding matters generally with the Environment Agency

14. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) Current balances: Deposit A/c £9,141.41 Current A/c £673.40

(b) Payments: The following expenditure was approved:

Cheque

605	Barry Purkiss (Repairs to notice board)	£45.22
606	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – May)	£397.93

(c) Hampshire Playing Fields Association: Members considered an invitation for membership of the HPFA but agreed to decline.

(d) Audit of accounts, 2006/07: The date set by the Audit Commission for external audit of the 2006/07 accounts was 6 August 2007. Agreed, that a meeting of the Finance Committee be arranged to approve the accounts and the recently published modifications to the model contract for Clerks.

15. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Lady Kara Hawks: Paving slab near the Kitchen Shop, Southampton Road still loose (Pursue with Surveyor)

Councillor Stenson: Parish Hall Committee were not willing to install an internet link at the hall (minute 141(e)/4/07 refers)

Councillor Moriarty: Ongoing concern regarding lack of communication with parishioners

16. STANDING ORDERS

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

17. PLANNING MATTERS

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

- 07/91259 The Haven, Romsey Road (Two-storey dwelling; demolition of existing dwelling) (amended plans). Object (4)
- 07/91466 Dybdale, Southampton Road, Cadnam (Pitched roof to existing front porch; rear covered way (amended description). Support (3)
- 07/91496 Victoria Cottage, Winsor Road, Winsor (First floor extension; new roof; porch). Support (3)
- 07/91516 Bartley Cross Farm, Chinham Road, Bartley (Dwelling and garage (demolish existing)). Support (1)
(Councillor Good declared an interest in this item, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon)
- 07/91525 The Bungalow, Winsor Road, Winsor (Roof alterations; single storey rear extension; conservatory; porch; garage). Object (2)

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

(c) *Enforcement:* NFDC were investigating the position at Sandgate, Winsor Road and would report back. The outbuilding at Newbridge Island was assumed to be at Crock Hill Farm and had received permission under 90622. It was agreed to pursue this further as the building was not associated with Crock Hill Farm.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____

The following items were raised during the public participation period:

Parish Council publicity
Parish website
Flooding issues