

**COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Copythorne Parish Hall – 24 April 2007**  
**(7.00 p.m. – 8.37 p.m.)**

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

District Councillor L Puttock	- by invitation
District Councillor D Tipp	- by invitation
County Councillor M Kendal	- by invitation

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs G Hollands, Nisbet and Mrs Heron

**137. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 27 March and 10 April 2007 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**138. MATTERS ARISING**

- (a) *Circulation of New Forest Today (124/3/07):* Clerk to pursue further with NFDC  
 (b) *Appointment of parish members to NFNPA (135/4/07):* Defra had now advised that fresh elections were required for these appointments.

**139. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

*Councillor Tipp* reported on the following:

- feasibility study on possible amalgamation of NFDC offices at Lyndhurst and Lymington
- Councillor Dow to be Chairman of NFDC for 2007/08

*Councillor Puttock* referred to the proposed training sessions on the new Code of Conduct

**140. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

*Councillor Kendal* reported on the following:

- HCC's position in the top quartile for all services, albeit in the bottom quartile for Council Tax
- discussions with Verderers on lack of fencing on the A31 and priority for reduced speed limits in locations involving large numbers of animal deaths
- the problems of addressing the parking issues in the vicinity of The Sir John Barleycorn Inn
- the 'Village 30' programme for new speed limits and the prospects for enhanced policing of speed limits in rural areas

**141. CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) *Local crime:* PC Bemand attended the meeting and presented crime figures for March (as circulated with the agenda). Following introduction of the new neighbourhood policing arrangements, PC Bemand was now dedicated to the Copythorne area. Various local issues were discussed including:

- parked cars on the bend by Bartley School
- heavy lorries using the weak bridge near Bramble Cottage, Old Romsey Road
- danger of pedestrians crossing the road to and from The Empress of Blandings (PC Bemand to suggest warning signs)

(b) *Southampton Road, Cadnam*: Members received and noted a further letter from Mr Good of Forest Verge concerning the parking issues near his property. The letter was accompanied by a copy letter intended for distribution to motorists leaving vehicles in Southampton Road and a letter from Enterprise Inns supporting yellow lines.

(c) *Council insurances*: Allianz Cornhill had invited renewal of the Council's policy in the sum of £435.81 (no increase over 2006). Agreed, renew.

(d) *Revised Code of Conduct*: A report of the Clerk referred to a revised Code of Conduct for elected members (copied to all members), to operate from 3 May 2007. The report proposed early adoption of the Code, bearing in mind that there would only be four elected members in place at the Annual General Meeting on 16 May. It was agreed to adopt the new Code with effect from 4 May 2007.

Training sessions on the new Code were being organised by NFDC (various dates/venues in May) and members were asked to notify the Clerk of their choice of date.

(e) *Internet link, Copythorne Parish Hall*: Members noted a suggestion from a Bartley resident for internet access via the mobile library service. HCC had advised that this was only feasible for mobiles that made extended stops (many were only 20-30 minutes). However, a connection could be considered at Copythorne Parish Hall with the help of grant-aid. It was agreed that Councillor Stenson would raise the matter with the Parish Hall Committee and the Clerk would make enquiries about grants.

(f) *Other matters*: Members noted the following additional correspondence:

- details of temporary road closures on Wednesday 13 June 2007 for the Copythorne Carnival
- other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda

## **142. MATTERS PENDING**

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

495 (*Bus shelter, Romsey Road*): Clerk to enquire if Scouts still willing to carry out repairs; otherwise, Council to undertake the work.

492 (*Condition of Cadnam Lane*) deleted.

## **143. FINANCE MATTERS**

(a) *Current balances*:                      Deposit A/c £5,848.44                      Current A/c £193.55

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

<i>Cheque</i>		
600	HAPTC (Annual subscription)	£410.78
601	CPRE (Annual subscription)	£27.00
602	Copythorne Parish Hall Management Committee (Room hire, April – June)	£54.00
603	New Forest District Council (Contribution to SID pole)	£300.00
604	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – April)	£441.93

## **144. MEMBERS' REPORTS**

*Councillor Samways*: Ditch at Harvest Moon cleared; rubbish in Romsey Road cleared; Whitemoor Road nameplate at Winsor crossroads repaired.

*Councillor Stenson*: New development at Sandgate, Winsor Road. Pursue with Enforcement.

*Councillor Wray*: Reference to newspaper article concerning social housing at Ower

*Councillor Lady Kara Hawks*: Bluebeckers Restaurant displaying A-board at roundabout (Lady Kara to pursue with restaurant); hedge in Old Romsey Road still not cut (pursue with Surveyor); rusting fingerpost at junction of Romsey Road/Newbridge Road (pursue with Surveyor)

**145. PLANNING MATTERS**

(a) *Current planning applications:* There were presently no applications to consider.

(b) *Decisions:* The following decisions were noted:

			<u>PC view</u>
07/91258	Kiln Cottage, The Brickyard, Winsor (Garage)	Permission subject to conditions	Support (3)
07/91260	Land adjoining Whitethorn, Winsor Road (Outbuilding)	Refused (Proposed development would lie outside a domestic residential curtilage and as there is no provision for domestic outbuildings on agricultural land it would be contrary to policy NF-HI)	Support (3)

(c) *Enforcement:* The Enforcement Officer had advised that the caravan stationed between Hawthorne Cottage and Oakmoor, Newbridge Road, Cadnam was not being used for residential purposes. However it was being used for storage in relation to the adjoining allotment which involved a change of use. The owners had been asked to remove the caravan and make a retrospective application for change of use.

**CHAIRMAN** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

The following items were raised during the public participation period:

Rat infestations  
 Property identified as being in a flood risk area  
 Outstanding drainage issues in Chinham Road/Shepherds Road  
 Parish Plan  
 Parish website  
 Parish Council publicity/newsletter