

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 26 June 2007
(7.00 p.m. – 10.02 p.m.)

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

District Councillor L Puttock	- by invitation
District Councillor H Forse	- by invitation
County Councillor M Kendal	- by invitation

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Mrs K Heron

30. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 16 & 29 May and 12 June 2007 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

31. MATTERS ARISING

(a) *History Society project (27(a)/6/07)*: Councillors Puttock and Tipp had agreed to offer help with a Rural Assistant Grant. Councillor Forse would also consider assistance.

(b) *Highway repairs (28/6/07)*: Surface dressing of Cadnam Lane, Shepherds Road and Barrow Hill Road now being considered for 2008/09 rather than the current financial year.

Agreed, that the following matters also be pursued with the Surveyor:

- continuing drain blockages in Chinham Road
- pothole in front of Parish Hall

32. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Puttock reported on the following:

- his intention to alternate attendance at future Copythorne meetings with Councillor Tipp
- statistics published following the recent SID unit deployment at Netley Marsh which showed an 85 percentile speed of 47 mph in the 40 mph limit, with a high percentage of vehicles exceeding the limit during certain hours. He proposed that the statistics should be passed to the Police for consideration of future speed checks. Statistics should be available in due course for the recent Copythorne deployment
- he was no longer serving on the NFDC Planning Committee as most of his parish areas were within the New Forest National Park
- he was now Chairman of the GP & Licensing Committee

The Chairman welcomed *Councillor Forse* to his first Parish Council meeting. Councillor Forse was presently undergoing induction training but, in particular, would serve on the Environment Committee

33. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Kendal referred to the following:

- minerals and waste strategy – sites to be agreed up to 2016, with further reserve sites to be identified for the period beyond. Ultimate aim is to achieve zero waste going to landfill, aided by adaptations to incinerators and increased recycling
- highway issues – adverse weather causing damage to road surfaces, with consequent increased pressure on resources. Confirmation that all roads on the A31 and A35 are properly fenced.

- climate change – problems of managing climate volatility

Members also raised the following matters:

Failure of HCC to deal with footpath matters (Cllr Stenson): Cllr Kendal acknowledged the present poor standard, as confirmed in a District Audit assessment. Staff resources were presently a problem but it was hoped to improve the position.

Parking issues opposite the Sir John Barleycorn Inn, Southampton Road (Cllr Good): Yellow lines were needed to address current parking problems. Cllr Kendal felt that yellow lines would merely serve to move the problem elsewhere. Incidents of anti-social behaviour were not a highway matter and had to be addressed separately.

34. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) *Crime figures:* Statistics for May noted. It was agreed to retain these as a monthly agenda item and also to include extracts in Stanleys Own.

(b) *Bus shelter, Romsey Road:* A note from Roy Farmers contained proposals for repair of the bus shelter at the junction of Romsey Road and Pollards Moor Road. Members felt that the proposed works were too extensive and that a more modest repair was sufficient. Agreed, Clerk to discuss further with Mr Farmers.

(c) *Other correspondence:* Members noted further correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda.

35. PARISH NEWSLETTER

Discussion took place on a suggestion that the Council should be more proactive in communicating with the public and publish its own newsletter. Examples of newsletters published by other Parish Councils were tabled.

There was some concern that any publication produced by the Council would compete with Stanleys Own. It was also felt that the Scouts magazine could increase its audience if better publicised.

To take matters forward it was agreed that the Council could negotiate with the Scouts to enlarge Stanleys Own in order to accommodate extra Parish Council material and deliver the publication to every property. The Parish Council could possibly offer financial support to achieve this.

36. PARISH WEBSITE

Details of changes to the Parish Council membership had been installed on the website, together with some recent minutes. Councillor Good agreed to bring 2006 and 2007 minutes up to date and delete all those for 2005. Dates of Parish Council meetings could also be included and Google settings could be changed to pick up searches for Bartley and Cadnam etc. It was also agreed to ask HCC and NFDC to provide links from their sites.

There would be opportunities in the longer term to develop the potential for communications and community consultation and a Broadband connection should also be considered.

37. STANDING ORDERS

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

38. MATTERS PENDING

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

473 (Condition of footpath 16): Councillor Samways to report back on required work

- 483 (*Winsor Road speed limit*): Unofficially, it was understood that Winsor Road had been included in the 2007/08 'Village 30' programme
- 490 (*Footpaths 12 and 501*): Clerk to ask HCC if they will supply new signs for PC to install
- 498 (*War memorial repairs*): Chairman and Cllr Stenson to consider carrying out the work
- 499 (*Circulation of 'New Forest Today'*): Clerk to ask NFDC for prior notification of publication date
- 494 *deleted*

39. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) *Finance Committee*: It was agreed that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 20 June 2007 (appendix 1 in the minute book) be received and the recommendations be adopted.

(b) *Applications for grant*: Members considered grant applications from The Sundowners (Club for the elderly) and It's Your Choice (Information, advice and counselling for young people aged 12 – 25). Agreed, unable to assist in the current financial year but applications to be considered further for 2008/09.

(Councillor Mansell declared an interest in the application from The Sundowners, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon)

(c) *Current balances*: Deposit A/c £8,041.41 Current A/c £842.85

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

Cheque

610	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – June)	£532.77
611	Inland Revenue (Clerk's tax – June quarter)	£283.80

40. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Mansell: Pothole in front of Parish Hall to be pursued, as noted in minute 31(b)

Councillor Samways: A-board sign again displayed on the highway verge outside The Empress of Blandings

41. PLANNING MATTERS

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

- 07/91640 Old Grove Farm, Chinham Road, Bartley (Single storey extension): Support (3)
- 07/91665 Sylvana, White Hart Lane, Cadnam (House and garage (demolish existing)): Object (4), unless within 30% rule
- 07/91678 Harvest Moon, Winsor Road, Winsor (Retention of ancillary outbuilding to swimming pool). Object (4)
- 07/91681 Renfield, Newbridge Road, Cadnam (Two-storey rear extension; front porch; extension to existing garage. Support (3), provided it is not a small dwelling

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

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____