

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 27 November 2007
(7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.)

PRESENT: Cllr Lady Kara Hawks (Vice-Chairman in the chair); Cllr R Good, Cllr I Mansell, Cllr M Moriarty, Cllr J Samways and Cllr G Stenson

District Councillor H Forse	- by invitation
District Councillor D Tipp	- by invitation

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs James, Mrs Heron and Puttock

107. COMMUNITY SAFETY

This item was deferred to the meeting on 26 February 2008.

108. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 23 October and 13 November 2007 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

109. MATTERS ARISING

Barrow Hill Road: Japanese Knotweed had now been sprayed and would be sprayed once a year for three years.

Lyndhurst Lodge: New field shelter is on skids as are other two on site. Owners have been reminded to move the shelters every 3 – 4 months. A former garage has been converted into a stable and owners have been invited to submit a planning application.

The Empress of Blandings: A-board still displayed on the highway verge. Agreed, pursue with Surveyor.

Affordable housing, Cadnam: Presentation to be made at Planning meeting on 11 December 2007.

110. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

The following reports were received:

Councillor Tipp referred to the following:

- the application to vary the entertainment licence at The Sir John Barleycorn, Cadnam
- parking issues outside The Sir John Barleycorn (item to be discussed at a later meeting)

Councillor Samways also reported that the History Society had only received one-third of the promised Rural Assistance Grant for the proposed new publication. Councillors Forse and Tipp agreed to pursue further.

111. CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted the following:

- (a) October crime figures from PC Bemand
- (b) A letter from the New Forest National Park Authority concerning consultation arrangements for a new Conservation Area, Forest Central (displays at Bramshaw and Emery Down on 4 and 5 December 2007 respectively)
- (c) Other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda

112. MATTERS PENDING

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

497 (*Road drainage, Chinham Road*): Situation still not entirely satisfactory. Pursue with Surveyor

498 (*War memorial repairs*): Chairman to advise whether work completed

501 (*Maintenance of parish paths*): Councillors Forse and Tipp to make representations

113. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) *Finance Committee*: Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 21 November 2007, shown as appendix 1 in the minute book.

The minutes included proposals for the 2008/09 budget, as revised by the Committee. However, it was noted that the proposed increase in the Clerk's salary did not include provision for an uplift in the 2008/09 salary scale. At 2.5%, this would require an additional provision of £146 to cover salary and Employer NI contributions. This would reduce the projected year-end General Fund balance and members therefore considered whether to increase the precept.

The Council agreed the following:

- (1) That the provision for Clerk's salary in 2008/09 be increased to £5416, to cover salary and Employer NI contributions;
- (2) That the precept for 2008/09 be increased to £10,200;
- (3) That, subject to (1) and (2) above, the Finance Committee minutes be received and the recommendations adopted.

(b) *Current balances*: Deposit A/c £9450.04 Current A/c £189.56

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

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630	New Forest District Council (Elections costs, 3 May 2007)	£171.85
631	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses, November)	£521.27

114. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Moriarty: Report received on the results of the Inaugural Workshop on 'New Forest, New Chapter' on 12 October, 2007. To be copied to all members.

Councillor Stenson: Two new stables at Fuzzies Farm. Refer to Enforcement.

Councillor Lady Kara Hawks: Various 30 mph signs require attention – member to provide details. Paving stone near Kitchen Shop still loose and hedge in Old Romsey Road still not cut.

115. PLANNING MATTERS

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

07/91240 Fighting Cocks Farm, Salisbury Road, Ower (Display hoarding sign). Support (3)

07/92201 Forest Glade House, Brockishill Road, Bartley (Outbuilding). Support (3)

07/92260 2 Enos Cottages, Chinham Road, Bartley (Single-storey rear extension). Support (3)

(b) *Appeals*: Members noted the following:

(i) *Decision*: 07/91260 Land between Whitethorn and Thimble Thatch, Winsor Road, Winsor (Demolition of existing shed and erection of replacement building). Allowed

(ii) *Hearing:* 06/90887 Forest Verge, Southampton Road, Cadnam (Detached outbuilding).

Informal hearing set for 11 December 2007 at Lymington

(c) *Enforcement:* In respect of caravans at Oakfield Dell, adjacent to Robins Brook Farm, Newbridge, owners have been advised that one caravan can be retained on site for storage purposes. NFPA have requested removal of the second caravan and play equipment.

(d) *TPO:* The following TPO, made on 19 July 2007, had since been revoked by the NFNPA:
0012/07 Land at Oak House, Vicarage Lane (single oak).

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The following matters were discussed during the public participation period:

Sewer blockages, Old Romsey Road, Cadnam: A resident referred to sewer blockages and contaminants entering the River Cadnam in the vicinity of the Sir John Barleycorn public house. Agreed, refer matter to the Water Authority.