

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 10 April 2007
(7.00 p.m. – 8.40 p.m.)

PRESENT: Cllr G James (Chairman); Cllr Lady Kara Hawks, Cllr Mrs G Hollands,
 Cllr J Samways, Cllr G Stenson and Cllr R Wray
 An apology for absence was received from Cllr A Nisbet

132. PLANNING MATTERS

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

07/91202 St Julia, Winsor Road (House; access alterations; demolition of existing dwelling)
 (deferred from 27 March meeting). Object (4)
 (Note: the further information supplied by the NFNPA was still incomplete in terms
 of the precise measurements of the existing dwelling. It was therefore agreed to
 pursue further the principle of whether applications should not be registered until all
 relevant information is to hand)

(b) Review of previous application, 07/91224 The Briars, Winsor Road, Winsor (Retention of rear conservatory): The NFNPA had invited the Council to review its response to this application (Support (3) – 27 February) because of changed circumstances. The Authority had now advised that, because of the integrated relationship of the proposal with the main dwelling and the brick cavity wall, the proposal was not considered as a conservatory. The proposal would also be contrary to policy NF-H3 as it would take the floor-space of the dwelling to 112.29 sq metres. However, members were unclear as to the measurement calculations and the reasons for the planning authority's opposition and therefore agreed to leave its response unaltered.

(c) Decisions etc: Members noted details of recent planning decisions, applications referred to Committee and new appeals, as shown in the paper tabled at the meeting (appendix 1 in the minute book).

(d) Review of National Park planning surgeries in Lyndhurst: Since location of the NFNPA at Efford, planning surgeries had been held in Lyndhurst on two mornings a week to make the planning service more accessible to those living in the northern half of the Park. Turnout had been extremely low and, in the interests of staff efficiency, the intention was to reduce the surgeries to one per week and possibly discontinue the service altogether. Members agreed to query whether the public were sufficiently aware of the surgeries and whether a promotional campaign should be undertaken. The Parish Council could also advertise the service through its notice boards and Stanleys Own.

(e) Fuzzies Copse: The Forestry Commission had supplied details of a felling licence application for this site. It was agreed to support the application on the grounds of good forestry practice.

(f) Supplementary planning guidance: The NFNPA had supplied copies of correspondence with Woodgreen Parish Council on this subject, particularly in relation to Parish Plans and Village Design Statements. It was agreed to circulate the information to all members.

133. "VILLAGE 30 PROGRAMME"

A letter from the Chairman of the Hampshire Action Team (New Forest) referred to the programme for reviewing speed limits in villages following new government guidance. Parishes were invited to

express an interest by 30 April for inclusion in the first tranche of the programme. Bids would be judged against a number of priorities and preference would be given to those parishes agreeing to take in part in Parish Partnerships, including operating 'speed watch' activities.

It was agreed to express an interest in terms of securing a reduction of the 40 mph limit in Winsor Road to 30 mph.

134. HIGHWAY TOUR

Members received a report on the highway tour with Rob Millar of the Area Surveyor's office on 29 March, attended by Councillors Lady Kara Hawks and John Samways. The flooded ditch at Harvest Moon, Winsor Road had been added to the list during the visit. The various items raised would now be considered by the highway authority and it was hoped that action would be taken on at least some of the items in the near future.

It was agreed to thank Mr Millar for the visit.

135. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH MEMBERS TO THE NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Defra had advised that Parish representatives to the NFNPA would need to be re-appointed following the parish elections in May 2007. The New Forest Association of Local Councils had proposed that the existing four Parish representatives should be re-appointed en-bloc, subject to the outcome of the elections.

136. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 3 MAY 2007

Four nominations had been submitted for the seven Copythorne parish seats for the May elections. Three vacancies (1 in the North Ward and 2 in the South Ward) would therefore need to be filled by co-option. It was agreed to advertise the vacancies on Council notice boards and in Stanleys Own and invite applications by 9 May 2007. Co-options for the three places could then take place at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 16 May 2007.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____

The following item was discussed during the public participation period:

Planning application 07/91224 (The Briars, Winsor Road)