

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 12 June 2007
(7.00 p.m. – 8.30 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

24. PLANNING MATTERS

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

- 07/91581 Southern House, Old Lyndhurst Road, Cadnam (Outbuilding). Support (3)
- 07/91636 Old School Grounds, Southampton Road, Cadnam (Use as B1 office). Support (3)
- 07/91644 Forest Gate, Pollards Moor Road (Rear conservatory). Support (3)
- 07/91647 Backways, Newbridge Road, Cadnam (Replacement conservatory). Support (3), provided the proposal satisfies the 30% rule

(b) Applications referred to Committee: The following applications would be considered by the NFNPA Planning Committee on 19 June 2007:

- 07/91259 The Haven, Romsey Road (Two-storey dwelling; demolition of existing)
- 07/91314 Warrawee Duck Farm, Pollards Moor Road (Dwelling to house an agricultural worker; retention of duck breeding house)

(c) Enforcement: The latest enforcement statistics for both NFDC and NFNPA were tabled. It was also noted that the development at Newbridge Island (minute 17(c)/5/07) was in accordance with permission 90622 (Crock Hill Farm – stable, foaling unit and tack room).

25. NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY – PARISH MEMBERS

Bob Morris had been nominated unopposed as the parish representative for quadrant 4. The appointment would be ratified at the NFALC AGM on 14 June 2007.

26. NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

NFDC had invited nominations for a vacancy on the District Council's Standards Committee, to serve until 2011. No nomination was forthcoming.

27. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) Grant applications: Members considered the following applications:

- New Forest Disability Information Service
- Vitalise (essential breaks for disabled people and carers)
- Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group
- Copythorne Parish History Society (publication of parish history booklet)

In the context of the above, members discussed the current range of grants offered by the Council and whether there should be any future change in policy. It was suggested that the focus should be on local bodies but that the Council should review its practice of making regular payments to local groups.

It was agreed that the applications from the New Forest Disability Information Service, Vitalise and the Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group should be declined on the basis that there was no budget provision. In respect of the History Society application, members requested further details of the format for the proposed booklet and details of other possible funding sources. It was also agreed to enquire whether the project could be assisted by an NFDC Rural Assistance Grant.

(b) *Current balances:* Deposit A/c £8,641.41 Current A/c £738.66

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

Cheque

606	Allianz Insurance plc (Annual insurance premium)	£435.81
607	M Derrick (New Councillors training reservations)	£60.00.

(d) *Cheque signatories:* Arrangements were being made with the Co-operative Bank to add Councillors Good, Mansell and Moriarty to the list of authorised cheque signatories. As a result, the Council agreed the following as required by the Bank:

- (1) The Co-operative Bank plc (“the Bank”) shall continue as the Council’s bankers
- (2) The Bank shall be authorised to honour all cheques and all other documents made or accepted on the Council’s behalf even if such payment causes any accounts to be overdrawn or increase any existing overdraft, provided that such documents are signed in accordance with the specimen signatures shown in the Account Signatories Section (6)
- (3) The Bank shall act on all specimen signatures in accordance with any instruction, notice, request or other document in writing concerning the Council’s account(s) (including the opening of new accounts), affairs or property, as shown in the Account Signatories Section (6)
- (4) The Bank shall be sent a copy of any future resolutions which affect the terms of these resolutions
- (5) The Bank shall be sent a copy of any changes in the Council’s rules or regulations
- (6) The Bank shall be notified in writing of any change of Members
- (7) The Bank shall be notified in writing of any change of official authorised to sign on the Council’s behalf
- (8) The Bank shall otherwise continue to operate the Council’s account(s) in accordance with the Business Account Mandate
- (9) The Bank shall be notified in writing of any overall change of control affecting the Councils business
- (10) All signatories to the account are aged 18 or over.

28. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Area Surveyor had supplied the following update on outstanding highway issues:

- BT had moved the pole blocking a pipe in Chinham Road but Southern Water had still to reposition their water meter (being pursued)
- Orders placed for patching works in Newbridge Road, Pollards Moor Road, Cadnam Lane, Shepherds Road and Winsor Road and for kerbing and footway repairs in Old Southampton Road
- Cadnam Lane, Shepherds Road and Barrow Hill Road had been submitted for surface dressing
- discussions taking place with the owners of the Empress of Blandings concerning possible highway encroachment
- Hedge cutting in Old Romsey Road being pursued

29. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Moriarty: Request for Parish Newsletter and Parish Website to be included in the next Council agenda. Agreed.

Councillor Samways: Hole in road outside Copythorne Infant School, Romsey Road. Agreed, report to Surveyor.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____