

**COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Copythorne Parish Hall – 13 November 2007**  
**(7.00 p.m. – 9.35 p.m.)**

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

**96. NATIONAL TRUST HEATHLAND MANAGEMENT**

Doug England of the National Trust gave a presentation on the management of National Trust land in Copythorne. Doug also provided information on the New Forest National Park and explained that he worked jointly for the Trust and the National Park Authority.

The National Trust was the second largest landowner after Crown Estates and had managed land since 1927. National Trust commons were held in perpetuity on behalf of the nation.

The Trust's most recent acquisition was Foxbury Plantation, comprising 150 hectares. The land would be managed in three sectors of roughly equal size to provide a mixture of habitats – acid grass (open heath), wetland areas and deciduous woodland. All areas would be grazed. Public access would be phased over three years, eventually providing an access network of over 10 miles. Members discussed various aspects of the proposals and the Trust's management policies and thanked Doug for his presentation.

**97. PLANNING MATTERS**

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

07/92195      The Haywain, Southampton Road, Bartley (Various illuminated and non-illuminated signs). Object (4)

07/92247      Leyland, Winsor Lane, Winsor (Conservatory). Support (3)

07/92252      The Haywain, Southampton Road, Bartley (Front porch; picket fence to northern boundary; patio). Object (4)

*(b) Decisions:* Members noted planning and appeal decisions as shown in the list tabled at the meeting.

*(c) Land adjacent to Copperfield, Pollards Moor Road:* A letter from the National Park Authority apologised for the failure to notify the Council of the re-arranged appeal date for this site. Steps were being taken to prevent a recurrence. A separate letter also advised that the appeal procedure was now being changed to a Public Inquiry, a date and venue for which had yet to be agreed. In addition, NPA had refused the second application for the site (07/92103).

*(d) Briefing notes:* Noted that, from 7 November, the NPA would supply briefing notes for planning applications by e-mail.

*(e) Enforcement:* November enforcement schedules had been received from both the NPA and NFDC. Agreed, circulate to all members.

*(f) NFNPA – handling of planning issues:* Brockenhurst Parish Council had written to the Chairman of the NPA requesting a meeting to discuss concerns about the handling of planning applications. The particular issues included decisions being made contrary to parish views, the need for a 'PC advocate' at planning meetings and the matter of prejudicial interests. It was hoped to include other parishes, including Copythorne, in the proposed meeting.

**98. SPEED INDICATOR DATA, CADNAM**

The statistics from the SID deployments in Southampton Road, Cadnam in May/June showed an 85% percentile speed of 46 mph for both east and westbound traffic. Members agreed that suitable representations should be made to achieve enforcement of the 40 mph speed limit. In addition, the Clerk would request accident statistics for the road between Cadnam roundabout and the Haywain junction during the last five years.

**99. FINANCE MATTERS**

(a) *Current balances:*            Deposit A/c £9,450.04            Current A/c £214.56

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

*Cheque*

629	Royal British Legion – Copythorne Branch (Remembrance Day wreath)	£25.00
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**100. SIR JOHN BARLEYCORN, CADNAM – LICENCE VARIATION**

A letter from NFDC referred to an application to vary the licence for these premises. The proposal was to extend the provision of live music to the garden area on Sundays from 1200 hours to 2300 hours on no more than two Sundays per month. It was agreed to object to the application on the grounds of nuisance to local residents.

(Councillor Good declared a prejudicial interest in this item, took no part in the debate and did not vote thereon)

**101. AFFORDABLE HOUSING, CADNAM**

Debbie Rhodes, Rural Housing Enabler, wished to attend a Council meeting to discuss a possible rural housing scheme in Old Lyndhurst Road, Cadnam. Agreed, invite Ms Rhodes to attend a meeting in December or January.

**102. STANDING ORDERS**

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

**103. NFDC LIAISON MEETING**

A note from the new Secretary of NFALC (Pauline Parks) invited parish comments on proposed Post Office closures and the NFDC consultation document “Planning Strategy – Next 20 Years”, which were items for discussion at the next liaison meeting.

**104. WINSOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Councillor Stenson agreed to attend the Neighbourhood Watch AGM on 29 November if available.

**105. COUNCIL WEB SITE**

Councillor Good reported that he had not been able to undertake further work on the web site at present due to work commitments. However, he hoped to make progress soon.

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