

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 14 August 2007
(7.00 p.m. – 8.50 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

58. PLANNING MATTERS

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

- 07/91657 Tackaberry Cottage, Old Romsey Road, Cadnam (First and ground floor extensions). Support (3), provided the proposals satisfy the 30% rule (Councillor Lady Kara Hawks declared an interest in this item, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon)
- 07/91861 Twin Oaks Guest House, Southampton Road, Cadnam (Use as a guest house (certificate of lawfulness to establish an existing use)). Support (3) (Councillor Good declared a non-prejudicial interest in this item)
- 07/91914 Robins Brook Farm, Newbridge (Conversion of agricultural barn to stable block). (5)

(b) Application 07/91968 (St Julia, Winsor Road, Winsor – house and access alterations): The Council had previously objected to this application but was now being consulted on amended plans that met the 30% rule. Agreed, amend response to Support (3).

(c) Decisions, etc: A paper tabled at the meeting contained details of recent planning decisions and an application referred to Committee (appendix 1 in the minute book). Noted also that the Copperfield appeal hearing had been postponed.

(d) Enforcement: NFNPA were investigating whether a field shelter erected in a field adjacent to Tarquinian, Barrow Hill Road required enforcement action. NFDC had also inspected a field shelter on land at Salisbury Road, East Wellow (south of Whinwhistle Road) and noted that the structure had skids and was capable of being moved. The letter advised that a shelter moved “approximately every three months” did not require planning permission and in this case the owners were intending to move the shelter accordingly. Agreed, that the letter be copied to relevant members for discussion at the New Forest Consultative Panel and NFALC on the basis that the planning authority’s letter appeared to set a benchmark for the moving of temporary field structures to avoid planning contravention.

59. PLANNING TRAINING FOR TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

NFDC had now re-arranged the postponed planning training sessions (3 venues in September). Councillors Mansell and Samways were attending the Totton session on 18 September. Agreed, additional members to attend as follows:

Totton, 18 September - Cllr Stenson. Ringwood, 21 September – Cllr Moriarty

60. MAINTENANCE OF PARISH FOOTPATHS

A local resident had reported that footpaths 3 and 9 were overgrown. It was also noted that footpath 5 (Vicarage Lane) was in a similar condition.

Members commented on the long-standing footpath complaints and the apparent inability of Rights of Way to maintain footpaths properly. The prevailing view was that HCC should provide adequate resources for maintenance but that, as a last resort, the Parish Council could consider carrying out maintenance itself or fund others to do so. It was agreed to pursue again the outstanding maintenance issues and also to enquire whether the Parish Paths Partnership scheme was still operating.

61. PARISH WEBSITE

Councillor Good was unable to commit time to the website at present and the meeting of the Working Group planned for September would therefore need to be postponed. Councillor Good would contact members when able to proceed.

62. NATIONAL TRUST PRESENTATION

The presentation by National Trust on heathland management was provisionally agreed for Tuesday 9 October. Publicity would be arranged through Stanleys Own, the parish website and on notice boards. (Note - presentation subsequently re-arranged for Tuesday 13 November 2007).

63. FINANCE MATTERS

The following expenditure was approved:

Cheque

615	G James (Expenses for Parish event, 11 July 2007)	£30.36
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64. OTHER MATTERS

(a) *Police Community Support Officer:* The PCSO for Copythorne (Ling Lau) had made contact concerning future attendance at parish council meetings. The Police intended to arrange a 'Beat Surgery' from a 'beat bus' before Council meetings and then for either PC Bemand or PCSO Lau to attend the meetings on a regular basis.

(b) *Village 30 Project:* The meeting with Mott Gifford, agents for HCC on the 30 mph village speed limit initiative, had been arranged for 23 August (Councillor Samways and the Clerk to attend). (Note – meeting subsequently re-arranged for Thursday 27 September, 10 am).

(c) *Empress of Blandings:* A-board still displayed on the verge outside these premises.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____