

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 14 April 2009
(7.00 p.m. – 9.36 p.m.)

PRESENT: Cllr Lady Kara Hawks (Chairman); Cllr R Good, Cllr I Mansell, Cllr M Moriarty, Cllr J Samways and Cllr G Stenson
 An apology for absence was received from Cllr G James

381. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members declared interests as follows:

Councillor J Samways: Planning application 09/93853 (Padmouth)
 Councillor G Stenson: Planning application 09/93853 (Padmouth)

382. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public spoke on planning applications as follows:

09/93853 (Padmouth, Southampton Road, Cadnam): Applicants
 08/93676 (Studio Cottage, Winsor Road, Winsor): Local residents
 Manor Farm, Winsor Lane, Winsor: Applicant

383. PLANNING MATTERS

Current applications: Members agreed to comment as shown on the following applications:

- 08/93676 Studio Cottage, Winsor Road, Winsor (Single storey extension; chimney).
 Object (4)
- 09/93853 Padmouth, Southampton Road, Cadnam (Single storey extension). Support (3)
(Councillors Samways and Stenson declared an interest in this application, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon)
- 09/93942 Forest Edge Rest Home, Southampton Road, Cadnam (Change of use from garage to kitchen and food store; single storey extension; single storey link; car park alterations; bicycle stores; motorbike stores; bin stores). Support (3)

Decisions etc: Members noted recent decisions and new appeals as shown in the paper tabled at the meeting (appendix 1).

Manor Farm, Winsor Lane, Winsor: Members considered a request from Pell-Stevens, Architects, for the Council to receive a presentation on proposals for a barn restoration and conversion, prior to submission of a formal planning application. After discussion with the applicant (present at the meeting), it was agreed that the applicant would submit draft plans to the Council which would then be followed by an informal meeting on site.

Land adjacent to Copperfield, Pollards Moor Road: A letter from Lindsay Cornish, Chief Executive of the NFNPA, confirmed that the NPA were taking all necessary steps to secure compliance with the upheld Enforcement Notice. Copies of further correspondence with the landowner were appended.

Land at junction of Salisbury Road/Romsey Road, Ower: The Council had previously made joint representations with Netley Marsh PC concerning advertising signs at Golden Acres, Romsey Road, and the unsightly appearance of the neighbouring land in the context of the area being a 'gateway' to the National Park. In reply, the NFNPA advised that some of the older signs were now immune from enforcement action. However, the enforcement team were reviewing whether legal action could be taken with regard to the more recent signs. In addition, the NFNPA were willing to liaise with the highway authority to effect an improvement, with particular reference to the unsightly 'laybys'.

384. NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Meeting on National Park Plan at Bramshaw on 5 May 2009: Agreed, that Councillors James and Moriarty will represent the Council at this meeting, with Councillors Mansell and Samways acting as deputies.

Members also considered an enquiry from the organisation One Voice whether the Council intended to organise parish/village meetings to facilitate public participation in the National Park Plan. It was agreed that any such meetings should be organised by the NFNPA, albeit the public could attend and participate in any Parish Council meetings where the agenda included discussion on the Plan.

Status of the National Park Authority: Members considered a proposal made at the Annual Parish Meeting for abolition of the National Park Authority. It was agreed that, in the first instance, it would be useful to invite Bob Morris to an early Council meeting to discuss any concerns about the Authority.

385. PARISH WEB SITE

Councillor Good reported that no progress had been made with NFDC for design changes to the web site. Alternative options included Digital Wonderlab which would offer hosting at reasonable cost and easier content management. Councillor Good agreed to ask Digital Wonderlab for a demonstration while, in the meantime, the Clerk would pursue progress with NFDC.

386. STANDING ORDERS

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

387. PARISH HALL INTERNET CONNECTION

Further discussion took place on this topic. Members expressed a preference for a wireless connection that could be used by Parish Hall users generally, rather than a mobile service available only to the Parish Council. However, cost was a major factor and the Clerk agreed to pursue available options, including BeThere.com.

388. PARISH COUNCIL IT

The Clerk referred to the need for PowerPoint for planning display purposes and Excel for financial management. Agreed, that Microsoft Office software be purchased for £69.95.

389. CHOOSE 30 MEDIA LAUNCH

HCC were arranging a high profile publicity campaign called Choose 30 to reinforce the new 30 mph speed limits introduced under the Village 30 scheme. An official launch would be held on 16 April 2009 at 11.30 at the White Hart Public House, Cadnam, to be attended by the Chairman.

390. SPLITWIND POND

The Highways Agency were obliged to carry out relevant environmental surveys in connection with the proposed sound barriers to be installed alongside the M27 at Cadnam. These would include a survey of Splitwind Pond for great crested newts. The company carrying out the work would be contacting Councillor James who was presently preparing the Council's Management Plan for the pond.

391. LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW

Agreed, that the Council review its subscription to the Local Council Review for 2009/10 (£13.50 for one copy).

392. COUNCILLOR GOOD

Councillor Good reported his intended resignation from the Council due to work commitments. On behalf of the Council, the Chairman thanked Councillor Good for his services.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____