

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 9 March 2010
(7.00 p.m. – 8.25 p.m.)

PRESENT: Cllr Lady Kara Hawks (Chairman); Cllr G James, Cllr I Milsom, Cllr I Mansell, Cllr J Samways and Cllr G Stenson

An apology for absence was received from Cllr M Moriarty

166. NEW FOREST NON-NATIVE PLANTS PROJECT

Catherine Chatters of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust gave a presentation on this topic.

A special 3-year project was being led by the Trust to combat numerous non-native plants in the New Forest. Particular examples were Japanese knotweed, Himalayan balsam and Giant hogweed which, if left unchecked, could devastate large areas and cause problems for farmers and fisherman and for the countryside generally. Many species had been introduced to the UK in the 19th century as ornamental plants but were now threatening native wildflowers.

In this area, the Trust would be concentrating on pulling up Himalayan balsam, especially along the Cadnam river. Volunteers were needed to help on working parties during the summer. The Clerk agreed to supply contact details for the local Scouts and Guides. Ms Chatters would provide the Council with some text for an article in Stanleys Own and on the website.

167. PLANNING MATTERS

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

10/94909 Newbridge Island Farm, Furzley Road, Newbridge (Application for certificate of lawful development for existing building as residential and associated works).
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Decisions: Members noted details of recent decisions and applications referred to Committee, as shown in the list tabled at the meeting (appendix 1 in the minute book).

Other matters: Members noted the following:

- an update on enforcement at Copperfield, Pollards Moor Road and Golden Meadows, Romsey Road, as previously notified to members
- confirmation from the NFNPA that new fencing at Riverside, Newbridge Road required planning permission
- receipt of enforcement schedules for March 2010 from the NFNPA

168. TOWN & PARISHES WORKING TOGETHER MEETING

Members received details of a meeting at Lyndhurst Community Centre on 25 March 2010 to discuss working relationships with the District Council and the National Park Authority. The meeting would also provide an opportunity to discuss joint working arrangements between parishes and the service provided by NFALC and HALC.

Cllr James could possibly attend and the Clerk agreed to enquire about Cllr Moriarty.

