



COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER: JUNE 2017

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The Parish Council Newsletter

Welcome to the June 2017 edition Parish Council Newsletter. An enlarged version of the Newsletter will also be available on the Council's website early in June. In addition, paper copies will be available from the Bartley Post Office, Mace Store at Cadnam and the Courtesy Filling Station shop, Romsey Road.

The Parish Council Annual Meeting

The Parish Council held its **Annual Meeting on 23rd May**. Regular readers will know that we already held an 'Annual Parish Meeting' on the 14th March in the Parish Hall and a full report for that meeting was presented in our April Newsletter.

The Parish Council Annual Meeting is a very formal part of the Parish Council meeting cycle and its content is a legal requirement in terms of the reporting by and operation of the Parish Council. Various decisions have to be made regarding the work of the Parish Council, its meeting schedule, the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman as well as the Chairs and membership of any sub-committees or Working Parties which undertake functions on behalf of the full Parish Council.

Councillor Joe Reilly was elected to serve a further term as the Chairman of the Parish Council, and **Councillor Simon Lucas** was elected to serve a further term as Vice Chairman.

The Parish Council Clerk presented a number of updates and amendments to the documents which set out the operating procedures of the Council and these were all approved. These updates and amendments often occur as a result of changes made by Central Government regarding the work of Local Authorities. However, in some cases, the changes are made to assist with ease of understanding of the requirements and expression of them in plain English to help us all make better use of them!

One very important component of the meeting is to determine the meeting schedule for the forthcoming Parish Council Year. As readers will know, last year we moved from 2 meetings a month to a single meeting on the fourth Tuesday of every month. This approach to our cycle of meetings has now bedded in well and Parish Councillors voted to retain a **single monthly meeting**, plus an extra meeting for the Annual Parish Meeting.

However, there is one significant change which was also agreed. To help with the positioning of our meetings in relation to our external communications about our meetings, notably via Stanley's Own, the Parish Council also agreed **to move the meetings from the fourth Tuesday in every month, to the second Tuesday in every month**. This change will come into effect as of the August meeting, this year. Below is a full schedule of the meeting dates from now until May 2018:

Tuesday 27 th June 2017: 7.00 p.m.	-	Full Council Parish Meeting
Tuesday 25 th July 2017: 7.00 p.m.	-	Full Council Parish Meeting
Tuesday 8 th August 2017: 7.00 p.m.	-	Full Council Parish Meeting
Tuesday 12 th September 2017: 7.00 p.m.	-	Full Council Parish Meeting
Tuesday 10 th October 2017: 7.00 p.m.	-	Full Council Parish Meeting

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Tuesday 14 th November 2017: 7.00 p.m.	-	Full Council Parish Meeting
Tuesday 12 th December 2017: 7.00 p.m.	-	Full Council Parish Meeting
Tuesday 9 th January 2018: 7.00 p.m.	-	Full Council Parish Meeting
Tuesday 13 th February 2018: 7.00 p.m.	-	Full Council Parish Meeting
Tuesday 13 th March 2018: 7.00 p.m.	-	Full Council Parish Meeting
Tuesday 27 th March 2018: 7.30 p.m.	-	Annual Parish Meeting (Note later time)
Tuesday 10 th April 2018: 7.00 p.m.	-	Full Council Parish Meeting
Tuesday 8 th May 2018: 7.00 p.m.	-	Parish Council Annual Meeting

The above dates will all be published on the Parish Council Website

Community Speed Watch – We’re Still Seeking More Volunteers!

(Readers will now recognise this appeal again!)

We are seeking to re-start the Community Speed Watch Scheme in the Parish.

We are seeking three more people who can join the Scheme and enable us to put together a second team (we have three volunteers and need 6 to gain police support). It doesn't take a great deal of time, especially if enough volunteers can be found. Perhaps you have a few hours a month you could spare for this worthy cause that has the added bonus of getting you out into the fresh air and meeting other people. Full training is provided.

If you are interested, then please could you make contact with the Clerk to the Council, Susan Brayley, (details at the end of the Newsletter), to register your interest.

Copythorne Playground – The Fund Raising Continues

More about fund raising activities for the Copythorne Play Area. As noted in the previous Newsletter, the Friends of Copythorne Playground have thus far raised approximately £20,000.00 towards the £50,000.00 target (or an amazing 40% of the total needed!)

As we move into the summer months, many activities will be taking place which will contribute more towards the final total. The Parish Council would encourage all in our community to help with donations and support for this fantastically important project – the target is for the full sum to be achieved by the end of the year! ***Please help achieve the target!***

Date of Next Meeting / Clerk to the Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on:

Tuesday 27th June 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Annexe

The Clerk to the Council, Susan Brayley, can be contacted by email at clerk@copythorne.org.uk or by post at: Spinaway, Wootton Road, Tiptoe, Lymington, SO41 6FU, Temporary tel. no. 01590 683660. Website: www.copythorne.org.uk. Details of individual Parish Councillors, and information on District and County Councillors, can also be found on the Parish Website and on community notice boards.