



COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER 2016

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The Parish Council Newsletter

Welcome to the December 2016 edition of the Parish Council Newsletter. A copy of the Newsletter will also be available on the Council's website early in December. In addition, some paper copies will be available from Bartley Post Office, Mace Store at Cadnam and the Courtesy Filling Station shop, Romsey Road.

New Forest National Park Authority – Draft Local Plan

The New Forest National Park Authority (NFNPA) issued its Draft Local Plan for public consultation during October and November. The plan, expected to be adopted in 2018, will steer planning policies for the next 20 years.

Several "drop-in" exhibitions were held across The Park to enable everyone to find out more about the Draft Plan which was discussed at both the October and November Parish Council meetings.

A completely new proposal in the plan was the identification of sites with The Park area that could contribute towards meeting local housing needs.

Several sites, within the Parish were proposed by their owners, following an earlier "Call for Sites" process with all being rejected except for site at The Yews, Southampton Road, Cadnam.

The Parish Council submitted comments on the Draft Plan which focussed, in particular, on the need for any proposals for housing within the Parish to meet identified local need in terms of size, allocation, affordability and tenure.

The Parish Council also supported several of the proposals aimed at improving the balance in the housing stock to reflect the contemporary demographic profile of the New Forest. The profile trend, as is the case in many areas of the country, has been changing over recent years, whereby there is a greater level of demand for 'smaller' houses in terms of the overall footprint

and internal area and this is a significant factor when considering the types of development which would be both suitable as well as meeting demand needs.

The next stage is for all representation to be considered and for the proposals to be considered by a Government Inspector before being adopted.

A report to the Parish Council on the re-start of the programme of investigations and public consultation into the potential or otherwise for Affordable Housing in the Parish, is being prepared for its December meeting. Within that report, the Affordable Housing working Group of the Parish Council will consider the implications of this Draft New Forest National Park Authority Local Plan, notably in terms of the preferred option stated in respect of The Yews site.

If you wish to see the detailed formal response agreed by the Parish Council on specifics within the Draft New Forest National Park Authority Local Plan, these can be obtained from the Parish Council Clerk or will be available alongside the Parish Council minutes of the 22nd November meeting, when published on the Parish Council website.

Winsor United Sports Club & Mike Whittle award!

Readers will recall that we put an article in the May edition of the Newsletter regarding the search by Winsor United Football for a new site for football pitches, in the Parish.

The Club, which is a major resource for sporting activity for the community, is still on the hunt for a suitable location and we thought it would be a good opportunity to raise the appeal again, in this edition of the Newsletter.

For those of you seeing this request for the first time, the information is repeated below:

- Re-formed in 1971 by local person Bob Higman, the club originally used the common adjacent to Paulton's cricket club, where it developed 3 pitches and a large wooden building. When Paulton's put the land out to auction, the village pledged £40,000 to purchase the land, but unfortunately this was not enough.
- The club runs 20 teams, from 6 years old to adults, comprised mainly of local people. It is also planning to run several girl's teams.
- The Club has registered status and is sanctioned by Hampshire FA. All its coaches are CRB registered, and all have coaching qualifications.
- The club also works directly with Totton Police in supporting young people in difficulty, to help them with their problems.
- The 7 to 11 year olds' teams play on dedicated pitches supplied by the leagues, but the club needs to find a suitable site to develop a small and full size pitch, for its other teams for 12 to 16 year olds.

The club would like the new site also to be available as a community sports resource for local people from 6 to 16 years old.

Over the last 40 years, the club has achieved great success with its teams throughout the age groups. And this year, the Adult Winsor Team, are through to the Hampshire Cup Final on 24th April, at the Denplan Stadium, Winchester!

If you can help the club with its search, please could you get in touch with either:

- **Mike Whittle, Club Chairman**
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or

- **Ron Foreman, Club Secretary**
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And Mike Whittle, Club Chairman, has had his long-standing association and work with the Club recognised, by being named as the '2016 BBC Sport Unsung Hero for the South'!! Details can be found on the BBC web site Sport pages at: www.bbc.co.uk/sport/get-inspired/38068038.

Being extra vigilant about security at the festive season

Hampshire Police and the Local Beat Officers are reminding us all to be extra vigilant about security and safety at this time of year. Christmas is a time to celebrate and have fun. But for some it can provide opportunity to take advantage of those who are vulnerable and susceptible to crime.

For a safe Christmas and to avoid becoming a victim of crime Hampshire Police have some helpful advice on their community pages, which can be accessed at:

www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/news-and-appeals/campaigns/safer-christmas/

And Finally.....

As this is the December edition, the Parish Council wishes everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous start to the New Year!!

Parish Council Meetings

The Council meets on the fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7.00 pm in the Copythorne Parish Hall (rear extension). Members of the public are very welcome to attend the meetings and speak on any matter of concern at the start. The dates of the next few meetings are:

Tuesday 13 th December 2016	Full Council Meeting
Tuesday 24 th January 2017	Full Council Meeting
Tuesday 28 th February 2017	Full Council Meeting

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