

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 10 January 2012
(7.00 p.m. – 9.07 p.m.)

PRESENT: Councillor Bullen-Jarvis (Chairman); Councillors Goodwin, Lady Kara Hawks, James, Moriarty and Reilly
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Riddoch

124. PLANNING MATTERS

Application 11/96892 (Courtesy Filling Station, Romsey Road): During public participation, the applicant's agent queried aspects of the Council's objections to this application which would be considered by the NPA Planning Committee on 17 January. The objections were felt, in part, to be unreasonable, especially those relating to lack of parking space and shared use by cars, HGVs and pedestrians.

Notwithstanding the agent's views, members agreed that the Council's objections should stand. A letter would be sent to the NPA asking for particular attention to be paid to the residential issues, especially operating hours, the impact of increased vehicle and pedestrian activity, and parking provision.

New applications: Members agreed the following responses to current applications:

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| 11/96981 | Land between M27 and Cadnam River, part parcel no 0051, Cadnam (Relocation of field shelter building; hardstanding). Support (3) |
| 11/97901 | Stretton, Whinwhistle Road, East Wellow (Roof alterations to form a gable end). Support (3) |
| CONS/11/
0475 | Budds Farm, Winsor Road, Winsor (Fell two ash trees, two holly trees and two unknown species). No objection. |

Enforcement case EN/04/1084 (Unauthorised mobile home, Newbridge Island Farm): A report was being presented to the NPA Planning Committee on 17 January proposing injunctive action for non-compliance in this case. Agreed, that a letter be sent to the NPA supporting the proposed action.

Decisions: Members noted recent decisions as shown in the list accompanying the agenda (appendix 1 in the minute book).

Copperfield, Pollards Moor Road: The Chairman reported the outcome of the NPA Planning Committee meeting on 20 December 2011. The Committee had adopted the officers' recommendations, namely (1) to pursue completion of a s106 legal agreement with the landowner and (2) to request an injunction if no agreement was in place by 1 February 2012. At the meeting, the Chairman had emphasised the need for adequate drainage measures. Agreed, that the NPA be asked to update the Council after the 1 February deadline.

Squirrel Gate, Beechwood Road, Bartley: Further to the meeting on 13 December with the landowner, the latter had suggested that the Parish Council make suggestions for items to be included in a planting scheme. Members felt they were not in a position to offer specific advice other than to recommend the use of plants from the local area and re-planting equivalent to the amount being felled. The Chairman agreed to draft a suitable response.

Further concern was also expressed at the NPA's decision to issue retrospective approval for tree felling, notwithstanding the Parish Council's objections. The Clerk was asked to seek an explanation of how the Tree Officer arrived at the decision in this case.

125. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS, 2012/13

Members agreed the draft timetable of meetings for 2012/13, as circulated with the agenda.

126. LOCAL FLOODING ISSUES

Members gave further consideration to local flooding matters and, in particular, the role of the Parish Council.

Councillor Moriarty referred to the latest Copythorne Flood Maps from the Environment Agency which showed an increased number of properties now within flood plains. There was therefore concern that more residents were now vulnerable to the threat of flooding.

Members acknowledged that climate changes would increase the risk of flash flooding in the future. Some flooding was inevitable albeit incidents could be reduced by better maintenance of ditches and road drainage in some cases. It was generally felt that the Parish Council should provide residents with as much information as possible about possible flood risks and any precautionary measures. In addition to posting the Village Flood Plan on the parish website, a link could also be provided to the Environment Agency site to allow residents to view Flood Maps and carry out searches for their own properties.

127. STANDING ORDERS

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

128. FINANCE MATTERS

Payments: Agreed, that the following payments be approved:

Cheque no

826	TLC-Online (Website maintenance to December + renewal of domain name)	£105.00
827	Copythorne Parish Hall (Meeting accommodation, Jan – March)	£71.50
828	2 nd New Forest (North) Stanleys Own Scouts (Stanleys Own subscriber fee)	£100.00

129. THE QUEEN'S 2012 DIAMOND JUBILEE

A further meeting of the Diamond Jubilee Working Group was provisionally agreed for Tuesday 17 January (subsequently arranged for Wednesday 18 January).

130. SCOUT COMMUNITY WEEK

The local Scouts were looking for suitable community projects to undertake during this event from 14 to 20 May 2012. Routine maintenance of Splitwind Pond was suggested (leaf raking, verge clearance etc).

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____