

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 11 December 2012
(7.00 p.m. – 8.55 p.m.)

PRESENT: Councillor S Bullen-Jarvis (Chairman); Councillors J Goodwin, Lady Kara Hawks, G James, M Moriarty and J Reilly

114. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the Brockishill Road Residents Association referred to the planning application for a commoners dwelling on land in Brockishill Road (12/97653), which was to be discussed at the NPA Planning meeting on 18 December. The residents would be presenting a petition opposing the application and requested that the Parish Council also be represented. The Chairman agreed to attend if available; alternatively, Councillors Goodwin and Reilly would attend, one of whom would read out a prepared statement.

Residents of Cadnam referred to the ongoing planning breaches in respect of caravans and other structures in the Cadnam area and requested an update on enforcement action. The Chairman reported that a further site meeting was needed with Rob Aldred but this had not yet been arranged. He agreed to contact Mr Aldred to organise the meeting and would liaise with local residents on the arrangements.

115. NATIONAL TRUST COMMONS

Lee Hulin, Outdoors Ranger, made a presentation on winter working at New Forest northern commons during 2012/13. The works included thinning and some clearance of invasive pine and birch trees as part of remedial work to restore the heathland and acid grassland landscapes, recognised by Natural England as globally rarer than rainforest. There would also be focus on reducing shading to the heathland floor which would promote more favourable conditions for native plants such as heather, bilberry, rowan, holly and grasses.

Members raised various queries about the works and related topics. The following points emerged:

- the National Trust were in ongoing communication with the Verderers and Natural England on controlling grazing and horseriding in the interest of balancing the needs of other Forest users
- the National Trust complied with various requirements of Natural England for commons maintenance and protection of SSSIs, including tree felling, gorse burning etc.
- catch-up work was needed to address bracken and rhododendron clearance but there were now staff and funding resources to tackle these issues
- archaeological survey for the burial mound at Furzey. The National Trust were presently awaiting analysis of the lidar images from the NPA, after which they could focus on their plan for archaeological surveys across their portfolio. They would also look at ways to communicate the history of their properties via their website and presence at New Forest country shows.

116. PLANNING MATTERS

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

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| 12/97970 | Veronica, Chinham Road, Bartley (Replacement dwelling (demolition of existing)). Support (3) |
| 12/97998 | Paultons Plant Centre, formerly Riverside Nursery, Romsey Road, Ower (Continued siting of portacabins). Object (4) |

- 12/98007 Petherton, Newbridge, Cadnam (First floor extension and retention of pitched roof over flat roofed rear extension). Support (3)
The applicant and agent spoke in support of this application)

Decisions etc: Members noted decisions and applications referred to Committee, as shown in the list accompanying the agenda (appendix 1 in the minute book).

Application 12/97653 (Commoners dwelling, Brockishill Road, Bartley): Further to the public participation session, members discussed the issues to be included in the Council's presentation at the NPA Planning meeting on 18 December. Agreed, Chairman to prepare a statement on the basis of the matters raised.

117. PARKING AT BARTLEY C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

Members received a letter from Karen Stonehouse, Headteacher of Bartley C of E Junior School, in response to the Council's representations concerning parking issues at the school.

The letter acknowledged the traffic dangers but suggested that use of the school field for parking would not be permitted in the National Park. The drop-off zone arrangement helped in the morning and additional parking spaces were available at the Parish Hall and the Haywain. It was also hoped that proposed extended parking restrictions would prevent motorists parking unsafely on the brow of the hill. The school continued to remind parents to be safe when arriving by car and had contacted various authorities to explore a solution. It was also noted that nearly half of children at the school were presently bussed in.

The Chairman agreed to send a response to the letter.

118. FINANCE MATTERS

Expenditure: The Clerk presented the monthly financial statement, together with details of proposed payments. Agreed, that the statement be received and the following payments authorised:

Cheque no

869	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – December)	£485.47
870	HM Revenue & Customs (Clerk's tax – December quarter)	£352.80
871	2 nd New Forest North (Stanleys Own) Scout Group - Magazine Account (Contributors fees, 2013)	£100.00

Localisation of council tax: A further meeting between NFDC and NFALC members had been arranged for Tuesday 8 January 2013 (6 pm Appletree Court, Lyndhurst) to provide an update on council tax base information. Agreed, Chairman, Councillor Goodwin and the Clerk to attend.

119. PLANNING MEETING, 8 JANUARY 2013

Agreed, this meeting to be cancelled in view of the clash with the NFALC meeting referred to above. Meeting to be re-arranged if necessary to accommodate any planning applications.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____