

**COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL****Copythorne Parish Hall – 13 November 2012****(7.00 p.m. – 9.25 p.m.)**

PRESENT: Councillor S Bullen-Jarvis (Chairman); Councillors J Goodwin, Lady Kara Hawks, G James, M Moriarty and C Riddoch  
 Hampshire County Council: Councillor K Mans  
 New Forest District Council: Councillors L Puttock and D Tipp  
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Reilly

**95. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Riddoch declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 12/97653 (Land at Brockishill Road, Bartley).

**96. HAVE YOUR SAY ON FLOODING IN HAMPSHIRE**

Pete Errington, Strategic Planning Manager Hampshire County Council, gave a presentation on the consultation on local flooding issues.

County Councils and Unitary Authorities were now the lead authorities for managing local flood risks in their respective areas. Their duties included investigating significant flooding events, compiling a register of publicly-owned flood risk assets and preparing a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

There were no additional resources for these responsibilities and HCC would be reliant on external grant funding. The new strategy would therefore be the basis for future funding bids and the focus would be on preparing detailed action plans for the top 20 highest risk areas in the county. In this context, Copythorne South Ward was rated 8<sup>th</sup> and Copythorne North Ward 163<sup>rd</sup>.

The aim was to adopt the new strategy early in 2013 but much ongoing work was required to update flood plans etc. In this respect the co-operation of the Environment Agency was needed to compile the information. Councillor Mans offered to assist in this exercise.

Parish and District Councillors raised various points, including the following:

- *The failure of the NPA to act on the Environment Agency report on flood risks arising from the land-fill at Copperfield, Pollards Moor Road:* HCC to pursue this matter further with the NPA, citing the County Council's land drainage powers (Councillor Mans to be copied in)
- *Filling of roadside ditches by householders etc:* HCC should already be dealing with these as part of their normal highway duties but the new powers would add extra impetus. The responsibilities of riparian owners applied to all, whether private individuals or public bodies. Cases of ditch-filling should be reported to owc@hants.gov.uk and copied to Rob Millar, Area Surveyor. Clerk to provide Mr Errington with copy of recent e-mail from Stuart Beaton NFDC on watercourse maintenance
- *Liaison with parish residents:* Some parishes had flood committees to liaise with residents on flood matters. Agreed, future issues to be reported to HCC for investigation and response in the context of their new duties
- *Flood maps:* In compiling new flood risk information, HCC would be using the Environment Agency's "Flood Maps for Surface Water". The Agency's "Areas Susceptible to Surface Water Flooding" maps would not be used as they did not take into account soil permeability, water routing around properties and existing drainage infrastructure.
- *Insurance matters – what maps do insurers use to assess risk?:* Insurers use available maps but employ their own risk factor assessments for commercial reasons. To help residents faced with insurance difficulties, the National Flood Forum held up-to-date information on insurers willing to accept flood risks

The Chairman expressed the hope that, given their new duties, HCC would address the serious flooding issues in Copythorne (particularly bearing in mind the Copythorne South risk rating) and would co-operate particularly on ditch maintenance.

## **97. PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- 12/97653 Land at Brockishill Road, Bartley (Commoners dwelling; agricultural barn; new access (Amended plans and additional information). Object (4)  
(Councillor Riddoch declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application. The applicant spoke in support of the application and a representative of the Brockishill Road Residents Association spoke against)
- 12/99295 The Paddocks, Whinwhistle Road, East Wellow (Continued use of land as gypsy site for two mobile homes and one touring caravan). Object (2)
- CONS/12/0419 Hurstbourne Villa, Copythorne Crescent (Removal of eucalyptus and fir trees; raising of crown of holly tree). No objection

*Items referred to Committee:* The following applications would be considered by the NPA Planning Committee on 20 November 2012:

- |          |  | <u>Officer recommendation</u> |
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| 12/97714 | Old Bartley Nursery, Southampton Road, Bartley<br>Continued mixed use as plant nursery and keeping of ornamental fish (permanent use)<br>(PC comment Object (4)) | Permission with conditions    |
| 12/97818 | Warrawee Duck Farm, Pollards Moor Road<br>Extension to existing manege<br>(PC comment Object (4))  | Permission with conditions    |

Agreed, that the Chairman represent the Council at the Planning Committee meeting and speak in objection to application 12/97818

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

*Caravans etc in Cadnam Lane:* As noted at the previous meeting, investigations were proceeding and the priority rating had been changed. Rob Aldred would be meeting on site with the Chairman shortly to discuss additional information required.

## **98. TRAFFIC ORDERS**

Members noted proposals for a new Traffic Order for various locations in the New Forest, including an extension of the 'No Waiting at Any Time' provisions in Winsor Road in the vicinity of Bartley School. Agreed, Council to:

- (1) make representations to extend the 'No Waiting' provisions at the southern end of Winsor Road near the Royal British Legion Hall (flank frontage) and in front of Forest House;
- (2) request Hampshire County Council to investigate parking issues at the school and consider a safer long term solution for parking provision.

**99. STANDING ORDERS**

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

**100. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Members considered two grant applications. Agreed:

- (1) That a grant of £250 be approved for St Marys Church, Copythorne (re-roofing works)
- (2) That no grant be offered to Victim Support (general funding application)

**CHAIRMAN** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_