

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 14 July 2015
(7.00 p.m. – 8.53 p.m.)

PRESENT: Councillor J Goodwin (Chairman); Councillors S Coombs, Lady Kara Hawks, S Lucas, M Moriarty and J Reilly
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Herra

45. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The occupier of Home View, Pollards Moor Road addressed the Council on a planning application about to be submitted for alterations to the property. Discussion took place on various aspects of the proposals.

46. PLANNING MATTERS

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

- 15/00451 The Barn, Old Romsey Road, Cadnam (change of use to residential; external alterations). Support (1)
 (The applicant spoke in support of the application)
- 15/00452 Golden Larch Fencing, Romsey Road, Ower (Office building). Support (3)
- 15/00484 Mulberry Cottage, Pollards Moor Road (Replacement dwelling). Support (3)
 (The applicant spoke in support of the application)
- 15/00486 Home Farm, Lyndhurst Road, Cadnam (Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for existing use of annexe for residential purposes in association with Home Farm). (5)
- 15/00487 Treesdown Cottage, Old Lyndhurst Road, Cadnam (Two storey front extension). Support (3)
- 15/00488 The Old Bakery, Riverside Close, Bartley (Detached garage). Support (3)
- 15/10685 Blossom Farm, Salisbury Road, Ower (Use of land as gypsy site for mobile home and touring caravan; utility room; stable block; hardstanding). Deferred to 28 July meeting
- 15/10792 Cheyneys Farm, Romsey Road, Ower (Use of the parking forecourt for hand car washing). Object (4).
- CONS/15/
0578 Hollybank, Newbridge Road, Cadnam (Prune 2 Oaks). Tree Officer to be asked to ensure that pruning is kept to a minimum
- CONS/15/
0587 Empress of Blandings, Romsey Road (Reduce height of row of conifers by 4-6 ft). No objection
- CONS/15/
0595 The Stables, Forest View Farm, Furzley Lane, Furzley (Fell 5 Conifer trees). No objection

CONS/15/ Martins Oak, Copythorne Crescent (Fell 1 Cherry tree; prune 3 unidentified trees).
0630 No comment

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

Enforcement: Members noted the July schedules showing enforcement action in the National Park.

Planning training: The NPA were arranging planning training for parish and town councils in the National Park on Tuesday 22 September 2015. Further details would be announced in due course.

47. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Members discussed concerns expressed by Netley Marsh Parish Council about operation of the Lengthsman scheme. The principal issue was that the Lengthsman was not carrying out routine inspection-type duties as envisaged under the contract.

Members noted that, under current arrangements, each parish allocated duties/tasks directly to the Lengthsman to streamline administration. Parishes should notify Copythorne as lead authority of any shortcomings in the scheme but this issue had not previously been identified.

At present, Copythorne, Bramshaw and Wellow simply allocated specific tasks as they arose and did not have an inspection regime. However, it was perfectly legitimate for Netley Marsh to have such an arrangement under the existing contract. The Lengthsman had also confirmed his willingness to carry out routine inspections and had requested a meeting with a Netley Marsh representative to identify the sites and agree a work programme. The Clerk would therefore ask Netley Marsh to arrange an early meeting with the Lengthsman.

Netley Marsh had also complained that the Lengthsman's current hourly rate had been doubled for a recent task. This was an issue identified early in the scheme and arose when particular tasks were considered more suitable for two operatives. In this case each operative would receive the same hourly rate but the job would be completed more quickly. However, it was for the parish concerned to agree the precise arrangements with the Lengthsman.

48. HIGHWAY SEAT, BARTLEY CROSSROADS

Further to previous discussion, members considered options for a replacement seat in front of the RBL Headquarters at Bartley crossroads. Agreed, that an order be placed with Glasdon for a Phoenix recycled materials seat in a brown finish at a cost of £353 plus VAT (fixing kit extra). The Chairman was willing to arrange installation.

49. FINANCE MATTERS

The Clerk presented a financial statement, together with details of proposed payments. Agreed:

- (1) That the statement be received;
- (2) That the issue of the following cheque be endorsed:

Cheque no		
986	Advertiser and Times Ltd (Clerk vacancy advert)	£80.64

- (3) That the following additional payment be authorised:

Cheque no		
987	Copythorne Parish Hall (Meeting accommodation, July & Sep)	£42.00

50. APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

Six applications had been received for the post of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. The Appointment Panel would be agreeing a shortlist for interview following this meeting.

51. COPYTHORNE COMMON

Members noted arrangements for a meeting organised by the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, who were owners of part of Copythorne Common, to discuss plans for forestry work on the Common. The meeting would be held on Thursday 30 July at 6 pm near Lyndhurst Lodge and a Parish Council representative was invited to attend.

52. SPLITWIND POND

Members considered an e-mail from Francesca Dunn of the Freshwater Habitats Trust requesting permission to carry out a survey of Splitwind Pond to establish the presence of Great Crested Newts. The Council had given consent in 2014 but the appointed volunteer had been unable to carry out the task. The Council would receive results of the analysis once completed. Agreed, that permission for the survey be granted.

53. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HAMPSHIRE

Councillor Coombs had attended the meeting with the Local Government Boundary Commission on 9 July at Eastleigh on this subject. Parish Councils were urged to submit comments by the response deadline of 3 August 2015. The Clerk confirmed that the item would be included in the 28 July Council agenda for discussion.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____