

**COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Copythorne Parish Hall – 20 May 2015**  
**(7.00 p.m. – 8.42 p.m.)**

**PRESENT:** Councillors S Coombs, J Goodwin, Lady Kara Hawks, M Moriarty and J Reilly  
Hampshire County Council: Councillor K Mans  
New Forest District Council: Councillor D Tipp  
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Herra and Puttock

**1. NEW MEMBERS**

Sarah Coombs was introduced as a newly-elected member. Steve Herra was presently on holiday. All members elected on 7 May had signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor John Goodwin was elected Chairman of the Council for the year 2015/16.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Joe Reilly was elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 2015/16.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Residents of The Gables, Romsey Road, Cadnam thanked Councillors Goodwin and Reilly for attending the NPA Planning meeting on 19 May and speaking against the planning application for Haydon Tyres. Regrettably, permission had been granted in line with officer recommendations. The Parish Council had been unable to present slides in support of its objection and the Clerk was asked to seek clarification of the rules regarding the use of presentation material.

**5. CO-OPTION**

A vacancy existed in the South Ward as there were only three candidates for four seats on 7 May. It was agreed to invite applications for the vacancy and make an appointment at the Council meeting on 23 June 2015.

**6. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2015 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

**7. MATTERS ARISING**

*Local speed limits and signage:* HCC had confirmed that the Police were in favour of a 30 mph speed limit in Barrow Hill Road for its entire length.

*Environmental issue, Newbridge:* Environmental Health at NFDC were currently investigating the complaint reported at last month's meeting. The resident who had raised the issue had thanked the Parish Council for pursuing the matter..

## **8. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

*Councillor Mans* reported that the County Council was presently awaiting details of the Government financial settlement for 2015/16. The Council was also undertaking a further review of potential budget savings. There were also concerns that the new high speed broadband arrangements were not producing satisfactory results and various issues were being raised with BT. Councillor Moriarty also asked whether HCC would be renewing its collective energy switching scheme. Councillor Mans agreed to make enquiries.

## **9. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

*Councillor Tipp* reported on the results of the District Council elections on 7 May. Councillor Edward Heron was now Deputy Leader and also the Planning & Transportation Portfolio Holder. Other Portfolio Holders included Mrs S Beeton (Environment), J Binns (Health & Leisure) and J Heron (Finance & Efficiency). Councillor Diane Andrews had been appointed Chairman of the Planning Development Control Committee.

## **10. 2015/16 APPOINTMENTS**

In the absence of a full complement of Councillors, it was agreed to defer this item to the June Council meeting

## **11. NEW MEMBER TRAINING**

Places were available for a HALC new members training course being hosted by Wellow Parish Council on 25 June 2015. Agreed that three places be reserved for this event.

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

*R F Giddings & Co Ltd, Ringwood Road, Bartley:* The council had been notified of an application for an Environmental Permit to operate an installation at these premises (Netley Marsh parish). Agreed, no comment.

*Speed limit proposals, Ower:* HCC were proposing further speed limit proposals in the north of the parish. These comprised a 40 mph limit on the A36 (Romsey Road and Salisbury Road) south and eastwards from the Ower roundabout, a 40 mph limit in Old Salisbury Road and a 50 mph limit in Romsey Road from the junction with Salisbury Road to The Empress of Blandings. Agreed that the Council support the proposals in principle.

*Elections for NPA Parish Representatives:* HALC would be handling the election of parish representatives to the New Forest National Park Authority. Any parish councillor could be nominated, the closing date being 5 June. Ballot papers would be sent to parishes on 10 June for return by the deadline of 30 June (in Copythorne's case for the North East Quadrant representative).

*Hampshire County Council Annual Service:* A parish councillor and guest had been invited to this event to be held on Sunday 12 July 2015 at 3.30 pm in Winchester Cathedral. Agreed, Councillor Moriarty to represent the council if available.

*Other correspondence:* Members noted other correspondence as shown in the list tabled at the meeting.

### **13. PARISH WAR MEMORIAL – ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTIONS**

The Clerk reported that he was presently awaiting advice from the War Memorials Trust concerning the local objections to the proposals for additional inscriptions. An update would be provided at the next meeting after which any necessary meeting could be held with relevant parties.

### **14. FINANCE MATTERS**

*2014/15 accounts:* The Clerk presented the draft Income and Expenditure Accounts and Annual Return for 2014/15. The documents would be presented to the Internal Auditor, John Murray, on 28 May. Agreed, that the 2014/15 accounts and Annual Return be approved.

*Budget management:* Members received the end-of-year receipts and payments accounts for 2014/15. The following alteration was agreed to the 2015/16 budget:

Expenditure: HALC membership fee amended to £652 (annual subscription £552 plus £100 for HR service).

*Financial Risk Policy:* Members reviewed its Financial Risk Policy and endorsed the version shown as appendix 1 in the minute book.

*Insurance:* Members received an invitation to renew the Council's insurance policy with Came & Company for 2015/16 (premium of £352.41 or £334.79 for a 3-year agreement). Agreed that the policy be renewed on the basis of a 3-year agreement.

*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

975	NALC (Local Council review subscription)	£17.00
976	HALC (Copies of Good Councillors Guide)	£15.00
977	TLC Online (Website maintenance, April to June)	£90.00
978	NFDC (GIS Partnership contribution 2015/16)	£100.00
979	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – May)	£670.37
980	Broker Network Ltd (Annual insurance premium (Came & Co))	£334.79

### **15. MATTERS PENDING**

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

*523 (Highway/drainage issues):* The Winsor Lane resurfacing scheme had not received approval in this year's works programme. Cllr Goodwin to pursue outstanding issues in Old Romsey Road with the Area Surveyor at his next site meeting

*535 (Highway seat repairs, Haywain crossroads):* Barry Purkiss to be asked to carry out the repairs

*538 (Affordable housing):* Clerk to enquire of Catherine Kirkham whether the Government's proposed changes to right-to-buy legislation will affect affordable housing units

*541 (Winsor United Sports Club – football pitches):* Further appeal for land to be posted on the Council's website

*Item 536 (Parking at Bartley C of E Junior School, Winsor Road) deleted*

### **16. DELEGATES' REPORTS**

None submitted

**17. MEMBERS' REPORTS**

*Councillors Goodwin and Reilly* had attended the NPA Planning meeting on 19 May.

**18. PLANNING MATTERS**

*New applications:* Members agreed the following response to a current application:

15/00300      *Wigley Cottage, Romsey Road, Ower (Retention of outbuilding). Object (4)*

*Application 15/00289 (2 Coronation Villas, Old Romsey Road, Cadnam):* The Council's response to this application had been Object (4) on the grounds that it contravened the 30% rule. The NPA had since reviewed the planning history and decided that the new proposal now fell within the 30% allowance. The Council's response had therefore been amended to Support.

*Decisions:* Members noted recent decisions and applications referred to Committee, as shown in the list accompanying the agenda (appendix 2 in the minute book).

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

*Car boot sale, Southampton Road, Cadnam:* A local resident had complained about proposals for regular car boot sales on land adjoining the Coach and Horses in Southampton Road. The NPA had advised that permitted development rights would allow the market to operate for 14 days in a calendar year without planning consent.

*Planning applications at Council meetings:* Members agreed that, at future full Council meetings, planning applications would be discussed after the District Council Matters item on the agenda.

**19. PLANNING MEETING, 26 MAY 2015**

It was agreed that, in the absence of any planning applications requiring urgent attention, the Planning meeting scheduled for 26 May 2015 should be cancelled.

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