

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 23 June 2015
(7.00 p.m. – 9.23 p.m.)

PRESENT: Councillor J Goodwin (Chairman); Councillors S Coombs, S Herra, M Moriarty and J Reilly
 Hampshire County Council: Councillor E Heron
 New Forest District Council: Councillors D Andrews and L Puttock
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lady Kara Hawks and Tipp

26. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three local residents expressed concern about the History Society's proposal for adding names to the parish war memorial on the grounds that some of the individuals concerned had only tenuous links with the parish. Reference was also made to the Royal British Legion's objection and the need for the Parish Council to assume responsibility for the project. This matter was further discussed by the Council under minute 35 below.

A further resident referred to an obstruction of common land at Cadnam. It was agreed that the Council would pursue the matter and inform the resident of the outcome.

27. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 20 May and 9 June 2015 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

28. MATTERS ARISING

Planning application, The Gables, Romsey Road, Cadnam: Further to minute 4, it was noted that, whilst the Parish Council had been able to use its presentation slides, the Chairman of the Planning Committee noted that they had not been available at the pre-meeting discussions held on the Monday prior to the meeting and were therefore not validated by officers.

Collective Energy Switching: Councillor Heron reported that the County Council would not be renewing its collective energy switching scheme but the Group previously used, Big Community Switch, would be continuing. Details were available at ichooser.com.

Hampshire County Council Annual Service: Councillor Moriarty would be representing the Council at this event on 12 July.

National Park Management Plan Update for 2015-20: The Chairman had reviewed the draft and had no comments to make.

Clerk to the Council: Provisional dates for recruitment of a new Clerk were: Selection of shortlist 14 July; Interviews 22/23 July.

29. LOCAL POLICING

PC Rachel Gallimore introduced herself as a new Beat Officer for Copythorne. Rachel explained that, while officially she was responsible for the southern part of Copythorne, she worked with PC Andy White to cover the whole parish. She also provided her background details and confirmed that she knew the area well. Rachel commented on her beat surgeries at Bartley Post Office, stressed the need for residents to be security-minded and encouraged local people to sign up for the

regular Hampshire Alerts (email, text message or voice mail). Rachel would try to attend future Parish Council meetings and would provide a report on any items identified in advance.

30. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Heron referred to the Shaping Hampshire spending review consultation and stressed the need for residents to comment on services that were valued. He also commented on the Hampshire electoral review and expressed his support for Copythorne to become a single division.

31. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Andrews referred to the electoral review and commented on the problems of Copythorne parish being warded. She also reported that her membership of the NFDC Audit Committee and Environment Panel had ceased and that she was now Chairman of the Planning Development Control Committee.

Councillor Puttock explained that the three Copythorne district councillors had regular discussions on matters raised by the parishes. On NFDC issues, he referred to the forthcoming retirement of the NFDC Chief Executive, Dave Yates, after 40 years' service. He also commented on the changes to licensing legislation and their possible effect.

32. PLANNING MATTERS

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

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| 15/00405 | Land adjacent to Paddock View (formerly known as Copperfield), Pollards Moor Road (Creation of manege; fencing). Object (4) |
| 15/00417 | Martins Oak, Copythorne Crescent (Single storey extensions). Support (3) |
| 15/10697 | Lark Farm, Shelley Lane, Ower (Use of North Barn as business, storage and distribution (Use Class B1 & B8) (Prior approval application for agriculture to flexible use)). (5) |
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0517 | Morningside, Chinham Road, Bartley (Tulip tree – reduce crown by up to 2 metres).
No objection |

Application 15/00390 (Replacement mast, Romsey Road): A local resident had objected to the Council's support of this application, citing in particular the appearance of the structure and the effect on the environment. However, members were conscious that this was a replacement mast, not an additional one, and agreed to leave their response unchanged.

Application 15/00364 (Land at Dormers, Southampton Road, Cadnam – CLD application for two caravans): The applicant in this case had complained that the Council's response ('Happy to accept the Officers' decision') had been influenced by a neighbour's letter of objection. However, the letter had been posted on the NPA website subsequent to the Council's discussion and the applicant had now acknowledged this position.

Decisions: Members noted recent decisions as shown in the list tabled at the meeting (appendix 1 in the minute book).

Planning training: NFDC had arranged a Councillor planning training session on Tuesday 30 June, 2 – 4 pm, at the Parish Hall, West Street, Hythe. The Chairman agreed to attend. The NPA would be organising a separate event, hopefully during September.

Enforcement: The Clerk reported correspondence from NFDC on the following:

- Blossom Farm, Salisbury Road, Ower (unauthorised siting of mobile home and residential use of farm buildings). Planning application now received
- Property at East Wellow (use of holiday let as residential accommodation). No breach

33. AUGUST MEETINGS

Members noted that the Planning meetings on 11 and 25 August 2015 would be held at the Scout HQ, Romsey Road.

34. COUNCIL VACANCY

An application for co-option had been received from Simon Lucas of Winsor Road to fill the current vacancy in the Copythorne South Ward. Agreed, that Simon Lucas be co-opted to Council.

35. CORRESPONDENCE

Parish war memorial – additional inscriptions: An e-mail from the War Memorials Trust clarified various aspects of the procedure for adding names to war memorials. In essence, the Trust advised that great care should be taken over the process and that the community should be consulted. Ultimately, however, any decision fell to Copythorne Parish Council as custodians of the memorial. Further discussion took place on the objections received from local residents and The Royal British Legion concerning the History Society project. As a result it was agreed to ask the History Society whether, bearing in mind the local objections, they wished to continue with the project or change the proposals.

Electoral Review of Hampshire: The Local Government Boundary Commission for England had commenced an electoral review of Hampshire County Council and were inviting comments during a 10-week consultation period. The Council would need to formulate a response before the deadline of 3 August 2015.

An invitation had also been received to attend a meeting with the Boundary Commission on Wednesday 8 July in Eastleigh. Agreed, Councillor Coombs to attend, along with Councillor Lucas if available.

Affordable housing tour: To celebrate HARA's 10th birthday, parishes were invited to join a bus tour of completed affordable housing schemes in the Basingstoke & Deane and Hart areas on Thursday 9 July 2015. Agreed, Councillor Herra to attend.

Other correspondence: Members noted receipt of the following:

- details of the procedure for Secretary of State appointments to National Park Authorities;
- other correspondence as shown in the list circulated with the agenda.

36. STANDING ORDERS

Standing Orders were suspended to allow the meeting to deal with the business in hand.

37. 2015/16 APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were agreed for the year 2015/16:

<i>Finance Committee:</i>	J Goodwin, S Herra and J Reilly (Deputies S Coombs and S Lucas)
<i>Media/publicity (including website):</i>	S Herra, S Lucas and M Moriarty
<i>NF Asscn of Local Councils:</i>	S Coombs and Lady Kara Hawks
<i>New Forest Consultative Panel:</i>	M Moriarty (deputy J Reilly)
<i>Parish Hall Man Committee:</i>	J Reilly
<i>Parish paths:</i>	The full Council
<i>Planning:</i>	The full Council
<i>Risk assessment:</i>	J Reilly
<i>Splitwind Pond:</i>	The full Council
<i>Transport (local):</i>	S Lucas and M Moriarty
<i>Flood Working Group:</i>	S Coombs, J Goodwin and Lady Kara Hawks

Councillor Herra also suggested the creation of a Parish Forum. He was asked to prepare a formal proposal for members' consideration.

38. SPLITWIND POND – SIGNAGE AND MAINTENANCE

Consideration was given to a report prepared by the Chairman on this subject.

The Council had previously arranged for Catts Tree Care to maintain the grassed/landscaped area around the pond in return for erection of company signage. The NPA had objected to the size of the sign which had been removed. The report proposed discussions with the NPA on acceptable signage and submission of a planning application (cost to be met by Catts Tree Care). The Chairman would prepare the application.

Agreed that the report be received and the recommendations adopted.

39. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Members noted an e-mail from Netley Marsh Parish Council expressing dissatisfaction with aspects of the Lengthsman scheme. Agreed, that the matter be further discussed at the Planning meeting on 14 July 2015.

40. HIGHWAY SEAT, BARTLEY CROSSROADS

A quotation in the sum of £392.08 had been received from a local contractor for repairs to the highway seat at Bartley crossroads (near the British Legion HQ). Agreed, that consideration be given to provision of a new seat, the details to be agreed at the Planning meeting on 14 July 2015.

41. FINANCE MATTERS

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

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983	2 nd NFN (Stanleys Own) Magazine A/c (Clerk vacancy advert)	£8.00
984	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – June)	£1013.99
985	H M Revenue & Customs (Clerk's tax – June quarter)	£376.00

42. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:
541 (Winsor United Sports Club): Councillor Reilly was presently in touch with the agent for the landowner of Copythorne Common regarding use of this land.

43. DELEGATES' REPORTS

None submitted.

44. MEMBERS' REPORTS

None submitted.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____