

**COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Copythorne Parish Hall – 23 October 2012**  
**(7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.)**

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

**85. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2012 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

**86. MATTERS ARISING**

*Traffic issues, Old Salisbury Road:* Highways had advised that, due to their large workload, they were unable to commit to a site visit unless the matter was selected for investigation by members (decision to be made on 5 November). Agreed, Clerk to consult with Chairman on whether to make direct approach to the Golf Centre.

*Highway signage in 30 mph limits:* Grant applications had now been submitted to Councillors Heron and Mans. Agreed, if grants are approved, Clerk to consult Highways on suitable locations for new signs.

*Have your say on flooding in Hampshire:* Pete Errington of HCC had agreed to attend the Planning meeting on 13 November on this topic. Agreed, extend an invitation to the meeting to Ashurst & Colbury, Bramshaw, Minstead, Netley Marsh and Totton & Eling Councils.

*Quarterly NFDC Newsletter:* Further to discontinuation of the NFDC quarterly newsletter, Councillor Moriarty enquired about the prospect of a regular parish council newsletter. Agreed, that the topic be further discussed at a future meeting.

**87. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

*Councillor Mans* reported on the following:

- the need for the significant upgrading of broadband facilities in Hampshire. Councillor Heron mentioned that, in particular, broadband deficiencies were leading to the loss of businesses in the New Forest. The Clerk referred to the efforts of the New Forest Association of Local Councils in pursuing broadband upgrades. Councillor James also suggested that the Council consider taking up membership of the New Forest Business Partnership.
- encouragement for Parish Council representatives to become Governors of primary schools (any volunteers to notify Councillor Mans)

*Councillor Heron* had no specific Copythorne issues to raise.

**88. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

*Councillor Tipp* referred to the following:

- the increased use of leisure centre facilities in the New Forest over the last two years
- the need for NFDC to produce a local benefits scheme to replace the present council tax benefit scheme and the problems of meeting the £1.75m shortfall arising.

## **89. CORRESPONDENCE**

*Red telephone boxes:* Members considered an e-mail from Daniel Stickland which congratulated the parish council in preserving the redundant red telephone boxes in Winsor Road, Pound Lane and Newbridge. The e-mail referred to conversion of a redundant kiosk in Emery Down to an information centre and enquired whether Copythorne could consider a similar facility. Agreed, topic to be further discussed at a future meeting.

*Animal warning signs, B3078:* HCC were consulting on proposals to replace the existing shield type 40 mph signs on the B3078 with triangular warning signs conveying details of animal casualties. The aim was to reduce the number of accidents involving stock whilst keeping traffic speeds within the limit.

Members felt that that it was important to retain the “Stay under 40” message on current signs and queried whether the new signs would reduce animal deaths. The preference would therefore be for any new signs to include both the 40 mph speed limit and the animal casualty information.

*Other correspondence:* Members noted receipt of the following:

- the Safer Neighbourhood Beat report for September
- the results of the further review of the mobile library service, resulting in withdrawal of the Pundle Green Bartley stop at the end of October
- a change of date for the next New Forest Association of Local Councils meeting from 10 January to 17 January 2013
- other correspondence as shown in the list circulated with the agenda.

## **90. FINANCE MATTERS**

*Finance Committee:* Agreed, that the Clerk liaise with Finance Committee members to agree a date for the meeting to discuss the 2013/14 budget.

*Financial statement:* 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*

863	M Derrick (Clerk’s salary and expenses – October)	£499.40
864	Copythorne Parish Hall (Meeting accommodation, October to December)	£49.00
865	TLC Online (Website maintenance, July to September)	£90.00

## **91. MATTERS PENDING**

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

*511 (Footpaths):* Councillor James reported on missing stile on footpath 12. Item to be included in survey report to be submitted to Rights of Way.

*523 (Highway/drainage issues):* Flooding of dual carriageway, Cadnam roundabouts – move item to Footnote

Eroded road edges in Old Romsey Road – Clerk to chase progress

*531 (Caravans etc in Cadnam Lane):* NPA have begun investigations and have upgraded the status of these cases. However, NPA require further information on certain items and are willing to arrange a further site visit. Clerk to discuss arrangements with Chairman.

*532 (First Responder training):* Clerk to chase progress.

*534 (Traffic issues, Old Salisbury Road):* See minute 86.

**92. DELEGATES' REPORTS**

*Councillor Moriarty:* New issue of Park Life due to be published shortly. Clerk to advise whether copy received before 1 November.

**93. MEMBERS' REPORTS**

*Councillor James:* Caravans in residential use in Winsor Road and Newbridge Road? Clerk to report to Enforcement.

Golden Meadows, Romsey Road – any progress on removal of advertising signs? Clerk to obtain definitive statement from Enforcement.

**94. PLANNING MATTERS**

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

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| 12/97505         | Police House, The Lane, Cadnam (Conservatory; entrance gates and fencing). Support (3), provided the fence doesn't cause any highway issues   |
| 12/97891         | Ingleside, Winsor Lane, Winsor (Retention of trellis frames). Object (2). The Council would find the proposal more acceptable if the top parts were removed, as per the pre-planning advice |
| CONS/12/<br>0401 | By Barrow, Barrow Hill Road (Pruning of oak). No objection  |
| FELL/12/<br>0407 | Half Moon Common (Forestry Commission consultation). No objection   |
| FELL/12<br>0408  | Blackhill Common (Forestry Commission consultation). No objection   |

*Decisions etc:* Members noted recent decisions and applications referred to Committee, as shown in the list tabled at the meeting (appendix 1 in the minute book).

*Land at Copperfield:* Members noted completion of the s106 agreement in respect of this site (copy supplied to all members). Agreed, Parish Council to report any future ditch maintenance issues to relevant authority.

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