

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 24 January 2012
(7.00 p.m. – 9.45 p.m.)

PRESENT: Councillor S Bullen-Jarvis (Chairman); Councillors J Goodwin, Lady Kara Hawks, G James and M Moriarty

New Forest District Council: Councillor D Tipp
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mans and Puttock

131. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 22 November & 13 December 2011 and 10 January 2012 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

132. MATTERS ARISING

Highways: Overfilled trench in Romsey Road still not repaired.

Splitwind Pond: Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust unable to help with pond maintenance. Agreed, Clerk to approach the Le Chanteclerc to see if they can assist.

133. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Tipp reported on the following:

- the Sites and Development Plan document consultation for areas outside the National Park
- the need for parish councils to update their Code of Conduct to comply with the new Localism Act.

134. CORRESPONDENCE

A and B road speed limit review: Members noted a report to be considered by the Executive Member for the Environment & Transportation on the review of speed limits on Hampshire A and B roads. There were no proposals directly affecting Copythorne, other than those included in the speed limit changes recently implemented.

The Clerk also referred to a request from a Newbridge resident for a 30 mph limit in Newbridge village. Agreed, request to be passed to Highways.

Sites and Development Management, NFDC: Members noted Development Plan documents for areas outside the National Park, which were the subject of public consultation until 2 March 2012. The proposals reflected changes requested by Copythorne in the earlier consultation, namely the alignment of policy DM21 (residential development in the countryside) with NPA policies.

Other correspondence: Members noted the following:

- the November Safer Neighbourhoods beat report
- a copy of a letter from the Highways Agency to Dr Julian Lewis MP confirming that any noise mitigation measures for the M27 (between junctions 1 and 2) were unlikely to proceed until at least 2015
- two-year work programmes for the maintenance of National Trust Commons
- the replacement of Hampshire Constabulary's non-emergency number (0845 045 4545) by the 101 service
- a letter of thanks from a local resident for the recent Romsey Road footway improvements
- other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda

135. THE QUEEN'S 2012 DIAMOND JUBILEE

Members noted provisional proposals for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in the parish. A further meeting of the Working Group was planned for 25 January.

136. LOCAL FLOODING ISSUES

Councillor Goodwin gave a brief presentation on the contents of the Copythorne News website on local flooding. The web page provided a link to the Environment Agency site to allow residents to access information on flood risks for any particular area. Agreed, that the Council provide either its own web page on flooding or a link to the Copythorne News site. The Parish Flood Map would also be made available.

137. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Agreed, that the usual format should apply for the APM on Wednesday 14 March 2012. The Parish Council website could be displayed in the background.

138. DELEGATES' REPORTS

Councillor Goodwin tabled a note on the Association of Local Councils Planning Focus Group meeting held on 23 January. Topics covered at the meeting included improvements to the contents of briefing notes, improvements to the presentation of tree works applications, and publicity about the parish council planning role on planning authority websites and in communications with residents.

139. STANDING ORDERS

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

140. FINANCE MATTERS

Payments: Agreed, that the following payments be approved:

Cheque no		
829	CA Traffic Ltd (One-third share of SID sign (with Bramshaw & Minstead PCs))	£963.20
830	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – January)	£533.57

141. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

511 (Footpaths): Mike Moriarty to check if fp 7 is still blocked by electric fence. Clerk to check on broken stile on fp 16

523 (Highway/drainage issues): Surveyor to be advised of location of flooding on dual carriageway between Cadnam roundabouts. Road surface also poor in Pollards Moor Road near Romsey Road junction

529 (Bartley crossroads – safety measures): Site meeting to be arranged with Highways in March

Add new item: 531 (Clearance of ditch opposite Pollards Moor Farm, Pollards Moor Road)

Deleted item: 522 (Replacement of Winsor Road notice board)

142. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Lady Kara Hawks: Rubbish dumped and refuse bin overflowing in Bartley layby. Refer to NFDC and request whether site is being regularly monitored for fly-tipping.

Councillor James: Hedgerows still encroaching highway in Pollards Moor Road. Pursue with Surveyor.

Councillor Goodwin: Complaint from local resident concerning condition of recycling facilities at the Hay Wain public house. Clerk pursuing.

143. PLANNING MATTERS

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

11/97061 Part parcel OS 0400, field opposite Langton Cottage, Winsor Road, Winsor (Retention of current structure for use as tack store; addition of felt roof and cladding). Support (3)
(Councillor Bullen-Jarvis declared a prejudicial interest in this item, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon. The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Lady Kara Hawks, took the chair)

Decisions etc : Members noted recent decisions, a new appeal and enforcement matters as shown in the paper tabled at the meeting (Appendix 1 in the minute book)

Enforcement: The NPA had advised that the caravan in Newbridge Road was used as a hay store and had previously been determined as immune from enforcement action

Nuisance issue, Old Lyndhurst Road, Cadnam: The NPA had visited the site which was the subject of a complaint about parked cars. They had determined, however, that there was no breach of planning control and could not deal with it as an untidy site issue.

Squirrel Gate, Beechwood Road, Bartley (tree works): Members noted an e-mail from the NPA Tree Officer explaining how the NPA arrived at a decision in this case.

Copperfield, Pollards Moor Road: Members received a presentation from local residents during public participation on the perceived inadequacies of the hydrologists report received by the NPA in connection with the proposed section 106 agreement. The report was felt not to deal adequately with drainage issues affecting neighbouring residents and it was therefore important for these matters to be fully addressed before the agreement was signed (deadline of 1 February). Residents also felt that the proper course was to continue with injunction proceedings to secure removal of the unauthorised waste.

Members also agreed that the hydrologists report appeared lacking on key issues and agreed to make representations accordingly. Members were asked to convey to the Clerk any technical points to be included.

Notwithstanding the Planning Committee's authority for a section 106 agreement, members also supported the residents' call for injunction proceedings to continue.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____