

**COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Copythorne Parish Hall – 24 February 2015**  
**(7.00 p.m. – 9.08 p.m.)**

**PRESENT:** Councillor S Bullen-Jarvis (Chairman); Councillors J Goodwin, G James and M Moriarty  
 New Forest District Council: Councillor L Puttock  
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lady Kara Hawks, Reilly, Riddoch, Heron, Mans and Andrews

**146. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A large number of residents attended to make enquiries about the proposals for further affordable housing in the parish. The Chairman explained that this was not a topic on this evening's agenda but he would extend the public participation session to accommodate questions on the matter.

Residents enquired about the process used for selecting (and dismissing) sites for development. It was suggested that there were inconsistencies in the way sites had been categorised as 'having potential' or 'no potential' in the initial stages. Residents felt that the Council should be more open about the process and improve communication.

Residents were advised that the Council had decided not to publish further details at this stage as landowners had not been consulted and initial planning appraisals had not been carried out. Once a firm list of potential sites emerged, this would be published and discussed in public at a parish council meeting. Any sites taken forward would also be subject to the normal planning application process. The Chairman indicated that, for any future affordable housing discussions, the agendas for relevant meetings would be published on parish council notice boards as well as the website. Information on residents who wished to be advised individually of future discussions was also gathered at the meeting.

A resident also expressed concern that access to an affordable housing site might be achieved through private land. It was confirmed that access could only be obtained with the agreement of the landowner.

**147. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 27 January and 10 February 2015 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

**148. MATTERS ARISING**

*Reduced bus services and provision of community transport:* The Clerk reported receipt of further information from HCC on local community transport facilities. It was agreed that Councillor Moriarty would speak on the topic at the Annual Parish Meeting on 11 March. Councillor Moriarty also mentioned that the Blue Star 11 service was continuing despite the loss of HCC subsidy. However, the company could give 56 days' notice to withdraw the service.

*Rural Assistance Grants:* It was noted that Councillor Andrews had offered a grant of £150 towards the proposed telemetry flood warning system in Bartley. Councillor Puttock had also agreed to make a grant of £200 for the war memorial project.

**149. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

There were no County Councillors present.

## **150. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

*Councillor Puttock* reported that there would be no increase in the NFDC council tax in the coming financial year. He also referred to the Parliamentary, District Council and Parish Council elections on 7 May 2015 and the arrangements for the count which would be spread over two days.

## **151. CORRESPONDENCE**

*Local policing:* Members received the January Safer Neighbourhoods Beat report. Councillor Puttock expressed concern at the effect of possible policing changes. There were also queries about the status of the local Speedwatch scheme and the Clerk was asked to obtain an update from the Beat Officer.

*Alterations to speed limit signage:* The HCC had produced preliminary proposals for changes to local speed limit signage prior to formal publication. Further details would be reported to the next meeting.

*Urge Cycles:* Members noted a letter from Urge Cycles of Salisbury concerning plans for their mobile workshop to visit Copythorne and other parishes within the National Park offering facilities for residents to have their bicycles fixed by a professional mechanic. The mobile unit would require a suitable site and the Clerk had asked the Parish Hall Committee if they were prepared to host the workshop, either individually or in conjunction with the Parish Council. Agreed, await the Parish Hall Committee's response.

*Other correspondence:* Members noted the following:

- a letter from the New Forest Advice Network on a Rural Outreach Project aimed at improving access to high quality services for everyone in the New Forest (Clerk to supply them with details of local community groups etc)
- an invitation to the Netley Marsh Annual Parish Meeting on Friday 24 April 2015
- a letter and brochure from Action Hampshire on the provision of affordable housing
- details of a Community Clear Up Day on Saturday 21 March 2015
- other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda

## **152. REMOVAL OF TREES AND SHRUBS ON M27 AT CADNAM**

The Chairman reported on recent action by the Highways Agency to clear vegetation around junction 1 of the M27 which had resulted in removal of a valuable sound barrier. The work had been curtailed, principally by the intervention of local residents. The Highways Agency had confirmed that the contractors had completed more work than intended and that replanting would take place as soon as possible. Members agreed to support the residents in achieving suitable replanting. It was also noted that resurfacing of the M27 carriageway around junction 1 was also currently in progress.

## **153. FOOTPATH INSPECTIONS**

Members received reports on footpath inspections carried out to date. One report was still outstanding. It was agreed to report any defects to Rights of Way and to enquire about any available grants for footpath works.

#### **154. STANDING ORDERS – RECORDING AT COUNCIL MEETINGS**

It was noted that Standing Order 1m was in need of change to acknowledge the current position on recording at Council meetings. Agreed, that Standing Order 1m be amended as follows:

“Filming, photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of any meeting of the Council or Committee should be conducted in accordance with the Council’s Protocol for Reporting at Meetings”.

#### **155. FINANCE MATTERS**

*Campaign to Protect Rural England:* Members considered an invitation to renew its annual subscription to the CPRE for £36. Agreed, renew.

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

Cheque no

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| 962 | M Derrick (Clerk’s salary and expenses – February) | £1053.78 |
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#### **156. MATTERS PENDING**

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

539 (*Flooding*): Chinham Road pipe now installed and working

541 (*Winsor United Sports Club*): A Prior Notice of Application had been submitted to the NPA. Response awaited.

#### **157. STANDING ORDERS**

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

#### **158. DELEGATES’ REPORTS**

None submitted

#### **159. MEMBERS’ REPORTS**

None submitted

#### **160. PLANNING MATTERS**

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

15/00051      2 Brooksbank House, Pound Lane (Three bay outbuilding; demolition of two existing outbuildings). (5)

15/00082      Eversley, Southampton Road, Cadnam (Two storey side extension (demolition of existing single storey)). Support (3)

15/10108      Giggleswick Cottage, Salisbury Road, Ower (Single-storey side extension with roof lights; fenestration alterations). Support (3), subject to compliance with the 30% rule

*Copythorne Lodge Farm:* Councillor Andrews had written on behalf of a neighbour of the above property concerning the impact of permission for an agricultural barn. It was noted, however, that the building was deemed to be permitted development and prior approval was not required. Councillor Puttock agreed to speak to Councillor Andrews on the matter.

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

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