

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 24 March 2015
(7.00 p.m. – 8.20 p.m.)

PRESENT: Councillors J Goodwin, M Moriarty, J Reilly and C Riddoch
 New Forest District Council: Councillors D Andrews and L Puttock
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bullen-Jarvis,
 Lady Kara Hawks and Mans

161. CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor John Goodwin was appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

162. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident enquired about the ‘Parking at Bartley Junior School’ item in the ‘Matters Pending’ list. The Clerk outlined the Council’s efforts to address the parking issues outside the school and the failure to date to secure additional off-road parking. Residents also spoke on the matter of affordable housing (see minute 165 below).

163. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2015 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

164. MATTERS ARISING

Bus services and community transport: Councillor Moriarty reported that the T3 bus service would be exempted from the 9 am embargo for concessionary fares from 1 April 2015. The Fritham, Nomansland, Bramshaw, Brook and Minstead Taxishare service (to and from Totton) was also being extended to Copythorne from 7 April 2015.

165. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Members considered arrangements for a public consultation event on affordable housing. The intention was to display details of potential affordable housing sites in the parish and to invite residents’ comments. It was noted that, following initial planning assessments by the National Park Authority, landowners were currently being approached by Action Hampshire as to availability of land. There was no certainty at this stage as to when this information would be available and members therefore agreed that the consultation event should be held on a suitable date in May, preferably after the parish council elections.

It was noted that there may be problems in securing the Parish Hall for the consultation. Other venues would therefore be explored, including Bartley Junior School and the Scout HQ. Residents asked that the Summer half-term holiday be avoided in May. It was also agreed that residents would be given at least two weeks to submit their views following the consultation.

Residents questioned the Council’s actions in withholding details of potential sites. The Chairman explained the Council’s decision to delay publication until a definitive list of sites was available. Once this information was to hand, details would be presented to the public for comment and, subsequently, for parish council debate. The Chairman reaffirmed the Council’s undertaking to be open and transparent once the definitive list was available.

In response to a question from a resident, the Chairman confirmed that there was no Parish Plan in place for Copythorne parish. Reference was also made to two sites in Cadnam on the open market which could be considered for affordable housing. It was agreed to refer these sites to Action Hampshire.

(Note: Councillor Moriarty asked that his name be recorded as having voted against the decision to defer the consultation event until May)

166. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

There were no County Councillors present.

167. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Puttock referred to a review of permitted development rights by the National Park Authority and recommended that the parish council obtained details for discussion.

168. CORRESPONDENCE

Local speed limits and signage: The Clerk presented draft proposals from HCC for new speed limits and signage in the parish. The details had been released prior to formal publication. The proposals included new 30 mph limits in Winsor Lane, Barrow Hill Road (southern end) and through Newbridge. Members agreed to request that the 40 mph section in Barrow Hill Road be reduced to 30 mph to that the whole road was covered by the lower limit.

Removal of trees and shrubs on M27 at Cadnam: Further to minute 152, members noted a letter from the Highways Agency to Dr Julian Lewis MP on this subject. The letter explained that the vegetation clearance had been carried out to reduce incidents involving deer and to improve forward visibility for road users. The Clerk reported that replanting had been carried out since receipt of the letter but a resident had complained that more mature plants were needed. It was agreed to press the Highways Agency for additional planting.

It was also noted that resurfacing of the M27 carriageway at junction 1 was under way and that resurfacing towards junction 2 would commence shortly.

Other correspondence: Members noted the following:

- the February Safer Neighbourhood Beat report (the last to be published in this format)
- a questionnaire from HALC on rural broadband provision (individual members are encouraged to respond)
- a belated letter from the Post Office announcing the temporary closure of Cadnam Post Office from 7 January 2015
- other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda

169. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

No matters had been raised by members of the public at the Annual Parish Meeting on 11 March 2015 for the parish council to take forward. However, the presentation on bus services and community transport had identified issues for the council to pursue as necessary. In the meantime, it was agreed to publicise as much information as possible on the council's website.

170. FINANCE MATTERS

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		
963	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – March)	£553.90
964	S Bullen-Jarvis (Glass for red telephone box repairs)	£126.00
965	HM Revenue & Customs (Clerk's tax – March quarter)	£425.60
966	Kevin Bennett (Lengthsman payment)	£420.00
967	CPRE (Annual subscription renewal)	£36.00
968	The Winsor Camera Company (Grant from Councillor Andrews for Bartley telemetry system)	£150.00
969	Copythorne History Society (Grant for war memorial project)	£500.00
970	Copythorne History Society (Grant from Councillor Puttock for war memorial project)	£200.00

Purchase of stamps: Agreed that the Clerk be authorised to make an advance purchase of stamps in view of the impending rise in postal costs.

171. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

511 (Footpath inspections): Report now received from Councillor Reilly

523 (Highway/drainage issues): Clerk to enquire about Winsor Lane resurfacing and outstanding drainage issues in Old Romsey Road

535 (Highway seat repairs, Haywain crossroads): Consider requesting estimate from Lengthsman

541 (Winsor United Sports Club): Various issues currently being discussed with the landowner of the proposed site

172. DELEGATES' REPORTS

Councillor Moriarty: A recent National Park Consultative Panel meeting had included items on broadband, Foxbury Plantation and Local Enterprise Partnerships

173. MEMBERS' REPORTS

None submitted

174. PLANNING MATTERS

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

15/00015 South View, Southampton Road, Cadnam (2 storey extension). Support (3)

15/00163 Bramble Cottage, Old Romsey Road, Cadnam (Single storey side and rear extensions). Support (3), subject to receipt of a suitable flood risk assessment

15/00155 Wishing Well Cottage, Romsey Road, Ower (Single storey rear extension; rear porch; external alterations (demolition of existing conservatory). Support (3)

CONS/15/0203 Denehurst, Newbridge Road, Cadnam (Works to oak trees). Tree Officer to be asked to ensure that only trees in poor condition are felled

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

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

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____