

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 24 April 2012
(7.00 p.m. – 9.05 p.m.)

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

181. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 27 March and 10 April 2012 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

182. MATTERS ARISING

Developers contributions: Further to minute 167, Councillor Tipp had reported that there were no developers contributions remaining unused for Copythorne.

Youth facilities: Further to minute 174, Councillor James reported that the Parish Hall Committee were unable to help with the request for sports facilities etc.

Finance matters: Councillor Moriarty referred to the payments authorised at the 10 April being recorded in an appendix rather than included in the actual minute. Agreed that, in future, all authorised payments be incorporated in the relevant Finance minute.

183. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Andrews reported on the following:

- the draft proposals for the New Forest District charging schedule under the Community Infrastructure Levy
 - a complaint from a resident adjoining the S&K Scaffolding site at East Wellow that the site was operating outside its permitted working hours.
- Agreed, Councillor Andrews to pass details to the Clerk so that the matter can be pursued with Planning Enforcement.

Councillor Puttock also reported on the new Community Infrastructure Levy, in particular the draft charges of £80/sqm for housing and £200/sqm for retail over 1000sqm. In addition, he referred to the facilities available at Testwood Lakes, a Nature Reserve near Totton funded in partnership with Southern Water.

184. CORRESPONDENCE

Governance arrangements in National Parks: Members noted a further consultation on proposed changes to primary legislation for National Park governance. Specifically, the changes were: to make it possible for National Park authorities to include some directly elected members; to remove the need for the Secretary of State to appoint the parish members; relax the political balance requirement on local authorities when appointing their members to a National Park Authority; make it possible to allow parishes in subsequently specified National Parks to choose non-councillors for their seats; apply a maximum length of service of 8 years. Members agreed to support the proposed changes.

Parish Engagement Event: Parishes were invited to an event at Ashburton Hall, Winchester on Friday 25 May with the theme of local partnerships and future opportunities. Agreed, the Chairman and Councillor James to attend.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee: Parishes had been asked to assist with the following:

- to identify couples who have reached the 60 years of marriage milestone for a proposed celebratory event in Hampshire
- to nominate a candidate for a "Diamonds of the New Forest" reception to be hosted by the Chairman-Elect of NFDC, Councillor Mrs Alexis McEvoy, on Tuesday 19 June 2012.

Agreed, item to be further discussed at the AGM on 22 May. In the meantime, the Clerk to contact suitable local organisations for possible candidates.

Other correspondence: Members noted the following:

- a letter from NFDC concerning a draft charging schedule under the Community Infrastructure Levy for development outside the National Park
- notification of charges by NFDC for provision of planning pre-application advice from 1 April 2012

185. BARTLEY CROSSROADS

Members received a summary of the site meeting with HCC highway representatives on 28 March 2012. Generally, the injury accident scenario at the junction had improved since the safety scheme in February 2010, albeit the parish council still felt the new road markings caused confusion. HCC did not wish to change the markings at this stage but agreed to undertake the following, after which the position could be discussed at a further meeting in May:

- before and after speed surveys – to judge the success of the new 30 limit
- check with Police Safer Roads Officers for any damage-only accidents at the crossroads since the scheme implementation.

Councillor Puttock made further reference to the problems of access to and from the shops on the corner of Winsor Road. However, it was noted that the position was not easily resolved in view of several private accesses.

186. THE QUEEN'S 2012 DIAMOND JUBILEE

Members noted production of the planned advertising leaflet for the forthcoming celebrations which would be distributed shortly to all residents. It was also noted that the Queen would be visiting the New Forest on 25 July which was one of the days during the New Forest Show.

187. DELEGATES' REPORTS

Councillor Goodwin reported on a meeting with the Police on the extension of Neighbourhood Watch areas into Bartley.

188. FINANCE MATTERS

Finance Committee: Agreed, that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 4 April 2012 (appendix 1 in the minute book) be received and the recommendations be adopted, subject to three deadlines a year being established for grant applications. It was also proposed that the grant budget be advertised on the Parish Council and Copythorne News websites, on Council notice boards and in Stanleys Own.

Audit of accounts, 2011/12: Members noted that the calling date for external audit by the Audit Commission was 11 June 2012. The internal audit would be conducted on 9 May and the final accounts presented to Council for approval at the AGM on 22 May.

Payments: Agreed, that the following payment be approved:

Cheque no		
842	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – April)	£500.71

GIS Partnership: The three-year partnership agreement for the GIS system had now expired and parishes were invited to enter into a further agreement for the period 2012 – 2015. The annual contributions were likely to be lower than previously due to a reduction in NFDC charges. Agreed, that the Council enter into a further three-year agreement, subject to no increase in annual costs.

189. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

- 511 (Footpath matters):* Further discussions held with Rights of Way on fp7 (electric fence) with a view to addressing safety and signage issues. Broken stile on fp16 reported to Rights of Way.
- 520 (Role of parishes in planning):* Clerk to confirm with both the NPA and NFDC that 'parish publicity' arrangements were now in place
- 523 (Highway/drainage issues):* Add "Old Romsey Road – eroded road edges" to list
- 531 (Clearance of ditch adjacent to Copperfield, Pollards Moor Road):* Work now completed – delete item.

190. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Lady Kara Hawks: Complaints from parishioners about flooding of car park at The Vine, Ower. Agreed, pursue with the company.
New Forest National Park gateway sign near Golden Meadows, Romsey Road deteriorating. Agreed, pursue with the NPA.

Councillor Goodwin: John Smith had enquired whether the Parish Council would be entering a team in the Diamond Jubilee Quiz on 19 May.

191. STANDING ORDERS

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

192. PLANNING MATTERS

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

12/97279 Land adjacent to Rambler Cottage, Chinham Road, Bartley (Erection of dwelling and garage). (5) (request to be made for removal of any existing permitted development rights).

Decisions: Members noted the following decisions:

		<u>Decision</u>	<u>PC comment</u>
12/97165	1 Newbridge Farm Cottages, Newbridge Single storey side extension	Permission	Support (3)
12/98266	Pendragon, Salisbury Road, Ower Widen existing access	Permission	Support (1)

Land adjacent to Copperfield, Pollards Moor Road: During public participation, local residents enquired about progress on the further hydrology report. The Council confirmed receipt of the draft brief which it agreed to copy to the residents. A request would be also made for a copy of the final brief which would also be copied.

Residents also understood that a contract had now been let for the hydrology study but were unclear as to the methodology to be used. There were concerns that all relevant groundwater and drainage issues might not be covered. The Council agreed to clarify the position with the NPA.

Tree works in the New Forest National Park: Further to minute 177, the Clerk had enquired whether there were any restrictions in relation to tree works in the National Park, other than for trees covered by TPOs or in Conservation Areas. The NPA had confirmed that there were no restrictions due to National Park status, except under the Forestry Act where a felling licence was required for the felling of more than 5 cubic metres of timber (not branch wood) in any one calendar quarter. The latter did not apply to places such as gardens or churchyards and was administered by the Forestry Commission.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____