

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 25 August 2015
(7.00 p.m. – 8.39 p.m.)

PRESENT: Councillor J Goodwin (Chairman); Councillors S Coombs, Lady Kara Hawks, S Herra, S Lucas, M Moriarty and J Reilly

70. PLANNING MATTERS

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

- 15/00433 Five Acres, Winsor Lane, Winsor (Replacement kennels and staff rest room; new agricultural barn; demolition of existing outbuildings). Object (4). (Application to be re-considered on 8 September in the light of any consultee views from Environmental Health)
- 15/00609 Land at Dormers, Southampton Road, Cadnam (Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for continued siting of two caravans as ancillary accommodation). (5)
- CONS/15/
0723 Brooksbank House, Pound Lane (Prune 3 Oaks). Tree Officer to ensure that any work is necessary and also kept to a minimum
- CONS/15/
0746 Land opposite Foresters, Copythorne Crescent (Fell 2 Oaks and prune 2 Oaks OR prune 4 Oaks). Site considered to be an important visual amenity – work therefore to be kept to a minimum to preserve this aspect

Tree application procedures: Members discussed the absence of adequate information on tree works applications, particularly as some were submitted without plans. It was agreed that planning areas would be allocated to individual Council members who would be responsible for viewing application sites and reporting to the relevant Council meeting.

Decisions etc: Members noted recent decisions, applications referred to Committee and a new Tree Preservation Order, as shown in the list accompanying the agenda (appendix 1 in the minute book).

Enforcement: Members noted the August schedules showing enforcement action in the National Park. Clerk to enquire about monitoring frequency for those premises shown in the Agricultural Occupancy Lists.

The Chairman also reported on a caravan sited on land at Cadnam. He would report the matter to NPA Enforcement.

71. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Administration: Members received notes of the meeting held with Netley Marsh Parish Council on 17 August concerning the Lengthsman scheme. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had represented Copythorne PC and Richard Bastow of HCC had also attended.

In summary it appeared that the concerns of Netley Marsh about aspects of the scheme were due to misunderstandings and communication issues. Following the discussions, Netley Marsh would now formally consider at its next meeting whether to remain or withdraw from the scheme. The notes also identified other actions to be taken, mainly in relation to Netley Marsh matters.

Once the decision of Netley Marsh was known it would be necessary for a meeting to be held with the Lengthsman and members of the cluster to discuss renewal of the Lengthsman's contract.

Members also agreed that Councillor Reilly would be the Copythorne contact for the scheme.

Finance: Members noted receipt of the 2015/16 funding (£4000) from HCC for the Lengthsman scheme, plus £400 to Copythorne for administration. It was noted that only £150 of the £400 administration fee in 2014/15 had been paid to the Clerk and it was therefore agreed that the Clerk would also receive the balance of £250. For 2015/16, it was agreed that the £400 would be allocated proportionately between the present and new Clerks.

Members also discussed the importance of managing the Lengthsman budget effectively, a matter which could be reviewed after the next meeting with the cluster.

72. FINANCE MATTERS

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

Cheque no

991	TLC Online (Website maintenance, July – September)	£90.00
992	2 nd New Forest North (Stanleys Own) Scouts (Meeting room, 25 August)	£15.00
993	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – August)	£560.77
994	Kevin Bennet (Lengthsman payments (Wellow, Bramshaw and Copythorne))	£1830.00

Parish Council telephone line: Arrangements had been made for a new parish council telephone line to be installed in the new Clerk's home on 3 September. A new 12-month contract had been agreed with BT on similar terms to the existing contract which would avoid payment of a £130 connection fee. Agreed, that the new contract arrangements be endorsed.

The Council could also pay 12 month's line rental in advance and thus save 10% on rental charges. Agreed, that advance line rental be paid.

73. APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

Members noted that the Clerk Panel had appointed Michael Mortimer as the new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer from 1 September 2015. In accordance with his contract, Mr Mortimer had requested the Council's consent to continue with his existing consultancy work with other employers. Agreed, that consent be granted.

74. CADNAM AND BARTLEY POST OFFICES

A letter from the Post Office advised that efforts were being made to restore services in the Cadnam area. The Post Office were actively seeking potential opportunities and would welcome applications from potential partners. Regrettably, they had turned down the request for transfer of the Motor Vehicle Licence service to Bartley Post Office on the grounds that there were already five branches within five miles of Bartley providing this service.

75. HIGHWAY SEAT, BARTLEY CROSSROADS

The new seat at Bartley crossroads was now in place and the Chairman asked for the Council's thanks to be recorded to local resident Steve Hornett who had helped with the installation. It was suggested that the Council consider replacing other highway seats as part of a maintenance programme, an issue that could be discussed by the Finance Committee at the end of the year.

76. WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman had arranged a meeting with the History Society, The Royal British Legion and Reverend Reeve of St Marys Church to discuss outstanding issues concerning the History Society's war memorial project. The meeting was planned for 26 August and the Chairman would represent the Council.

77. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The following highway issues were reported:

School sign in Winsor Road turned round (Clerk to arrange for Lengthsman to attend)

Speed warning sign at Bartley crossroads not functioning (Clerk to report to HCC)

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____