

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 25 September 2012
(7.00 p.m. – 9.48 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
 Hampshire County Council: Councillors E Heron and K Mans
 Hampshire Constabulary: PC Dee Faulkner and PCSO Lisa Quinn
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Riddoch and Tipp

73. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 24 July, 14 & 28 August and 11 September 2012 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman subject, in minute 61 of 28 August, to the inclusion of NFDC and the NPA in the enquiries to establish the responsibility for maintenance of ditches bordering the Copperfield site.

74. MATTERS ARISING

Pipes damaged by telephone pole opposite Copperfield: Highways confirmed that S&S Energy were being pursued over this matter.

Splitwind Pond: No grant funding available directly from NPA but the latter were exploring alternative sources.

Hedges: All hedge obstructions now cleared except at junction of Whitemoor Lane and Winsor Road. The obstructions in Pollards Moor Road and Chinham Road had been cleared following a direct approach from the Parish Council to the landowner.

Traffic issues, Old Salisbury Road: Matter referred to Traffic Management at Winchester for attention.

Highway signage in 30 mph limits: Councillor Mans was willing to support Parish Council signage initiatives.

75. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Heron had no specific Copythorne issues to raise but dealt with the following:

- Forest Bus Tours (Councillor James): Both red and green routes had been profitable and the season had been extended. A longer season was in prospect for next year
- Bus services 10 & 11 (Councillor Moriarty): Clerk agreed to send to Councillor Heron copies of the correspondence with HCC officers regarding “looping” of these services. Councillor Heron would also remind bus operators of the need to publish new timetables at bus stops
- Home library service: Volunteers required for home library service (collection and delivery). Councillor Heron to e-mail link to Clerk

Councillor Mans reported on the following:

- HCC on track to make budgeted savings. Some overspend on adult social care which it was hoped to bring in line by the year-end
- Attendance at the Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust Annual Members’ meeting in Winchester, including the future of Woodhaven

76. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Andrews reported on the NFDC consultation on a new local council tax support scheme to replace the existing council tax benefit.

Councillor Moriarty enquired about the quarterly NFDC newsletter. *Councillor Heron* confirmed that, as an economy measure, the newsletter was now published annually. Hampshire Now (HCC) was still published regularly. *Councillor Puttock* also referred to the need for savings and the existence of parish newsletters for publicity.

Councillor Puttock reported on the following:

- proposed changes to the threshold for benefits, from £16,000 to £6000
- the recent correspondence concerning blocking of the entrance to the Parish Hall car park and the need for a dialogue with the Hall Committee. *Councillor James* reported that there were concerns about the cost of clearing up after a gypsy encroachment and that the car park closure was only a temporary measure. The Committee were considering height restrictors and meanwhile there were alternative parking facilities at The Haywain. *Councillor Heron* suggested that a grant might be available for any physical alterations to the car park.

77. LOCAL POLICING

Speedwatch scheme: PC Dee Faulkner reported on progress with the Speedwatch scheme, the majority of the feedback being favourable. Thanks had been received from residents and there had been few complaints about the letters generated by the scheme. There were a good number of volunteers and there was more awareness of the Speedwatch sites.

The following points also emerged:

- speeding figures were recorded on a database which could be copied to the parish council
- of the three parishes involved, Copythorne had the most volunteers. A flexible 2-week rota operated between the parishes
- no restrictions were in place as to where a volunteer operated, with some preferring to work in their own area
- rules required Speedwatch to operate a given distance from the start and end of speed limits. A Roads Policing Unit covered the Haywain area.
- complaints received about tractors, including at night. Noted that volunteers weren't permitted to operate in the dark
- details of speeding vehicles observed during Speedwatch were fed into a Hampshire & Isle of Wight database, with letters being sent to offending motorists. In the event of the same vehicle being recorded as speeding, a second stronger letter was sent (only one case since the start of the scheme). For third offences (no cases), this would generate a Police visit and consideration of further action.

Safer Neighbourhood Beat reports: The reports for July and August were noted.

78. CORRESPONDENCE

Have your say on flooding in Hampshire: A letter from Hampshire County Council referred to a planned consultation on local flooding. Comments from parish councils and others would be invited on a draft version of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. The focus would be on the County Council's new flood management role in the matter of local flooding from surface water, groundwater, streams and ditches. In particular, help was needed on checking the accuracy of existing flood maps and details of flooding incidents.

At the suggestion of *Councillor Mans*, it was agreed to invite Pete Errington of HCC to attend an early Council meeting. The Chairman also referred to various local flooding issues, including those at Copperfield, which it was agreed should be included in any response to the consultation.

Cadnam Post Office: A letter from the Post Office referred to a further public consultation on the proposed post office facilities at Courtesy Filling Service in Cadnam.

There had been delays due to unexpected building and planning issues but the new post office would now be opening on Monday 8 October 2012. The service would operate from a newly formatted open plan counter that would offer a wide range of key post office products and services alongside retail transactions. There would be extended opening hours, including Saturday afternoon and Sunday opening.

Notwithstanding the 8 October opening, further public comments were invited up to 25 October. It was agreed to respond in the same manner as for the 2011 consultation, namely the council's concerns about the inappropriate opening hours. The availability of car tax facilities could also usefully be mentioned in the Council's next Stanleys Own bulletin.

Other correspondence: Members noted receipt of the following:

- temporary road closures planned for 2013
- a seminar on funding for community projects on Wednesday 24 October in Winchester (Councillor Lady Kara Hawks took the chair for this item during the Chairman's temporary absence)
- details of the HALC AGM on Saturday 27 October in Hartley Wintney (Clerk to attend)
- other correspondence as shown in the list circulated with the agenda

79. STANDING ORDERS

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

80. BARROW HILL ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

Members considered an e-mail from Councillor Heron on this topic, discussed previously in November 2011. Speed surveys in Barrow Hill Road suggested that an application for traffic calming measures was unlikely to be justified. However, Paul Garrod of HCC was willing to attend a site visit to discuss any minor alterations to signage etc. Agreed, site visit to be arranged, to include Councillor Heron.

81. FINANCE MATTERS

Financial statement: 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

859	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – September)	£508.83
860	HM Revenue & Customs (Clerk's tax – September qtr)	£352.80
861	Audit Commission (External audit fees, 2011/12)	£162.00
862	The Information Commissioner (Data protection renewal fee)	£35.00

Localisation of council tax: The Clerk referred to the proposed changes to council tax benefit which were likely to impact adversely on parish and town council precepts. Following parish and town council objections the Government had now issued a new consultation paper which would remove the impact on parish precepts. Agreed, that the Council support the new proposals.

82. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

511 (Footpath matters): Councillor James had now submitted his footpath report. Clerk to submit list of defects to Rights of Way once Chairman's report on footpath 12 is received. Details of all paths, with amended descriptions, to be placed on the website. Councillor Moriarty was also considering preparing a periodic report for the website on individual paths.

Noted that no signs were in place on footpaths 504a and 504b (BOATS). Agreed, leave unsigned.

523 (Highway/drainage issues): Update as follows:

- flooding on dual carriageway, Cadnam roundabouts. Surveyor advises that west bound side will involve installing new drains which was unlikely to be a high priority
- eroded road edges near pumping station, Winsor Lane. To be inspected
- eroded road edges, Old Romsey Road. Work completed?
- Over-filled trench, Romsey Road. Unlikely to need further action.

531 (Caravans etc in Cadnam Lane): Clerk to chase progress

533 (Splitwind Pond): Further maintenance to be carried out in the Autumn. NPA investigating grant facilities.

83. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Moriarty had spoken to the NPA regarding distribution of Park Life. To date, the NPA had not contacted the Clerk on the matter.

84. PLANNING MATTERS

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

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| 12/97714 | Old Bartley Nursery, Southampton Road, Bartley (Continued mixed use as plant nursery and keeping of ornamental fish (permanent use)). Object (4).
<u>(A local resident spoke in opposition to this application)</u> |
| 12/97778 | Homeleigh, Barrow Hill Road (Replacement outbuilding). Support (3) |
| 12/97795 | Land adjacent to Rambler Cottage, Chinham Road, Bartley (Erection of dwelling and garage). Object (2) |
| 12/97818 | Warrawee Duck Farm, Pollards Moor Road (Extension to existing manege).
Object (4).
<u>(The applicant spoke in support of this application)</u> |
| 12/97834 | Homeleigh, Barrow Hill Road (Replacement outbuilding (Application for Conservation Area Consent)). Support (3) |
| WOOD/12/
0331 | Home Farm Ower (Woodland Management Plan consultation). No objection |
| CONS/12/
0340 | St Marys Church, Romsey Road (Removal of self-seeded conifer tree). No objection |
| TPO/12/
0341 | Rookery Nook, 2 Orchard Court, Romsey Road, Cadnam (Works to horse chestnut tree). No objection |

CONS/12/ Chinham House, Chinham Road, Bartley (Reduction in height and width of six
0366 trees). No objection

TPO/12/ Rookery Nook, 2 Orchard Court, Romsey Road, Cadnam (Additional works to
0377 horse chestnut tree). No objection

12/97704 (The Vine Inn, Romsey Road, Ower): The NPA were trying to negotiate with the applicant for removal of the lower part of the pub style sign and had enquired whether this would address the parish council's concerns. Agreed, that this would not overcome the Council's concern and that the original objection be maintained.

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

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____