

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 27 November 2012
(7.00 p.m. – 9.20 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: Councillor D Tipp
 Hampshire County Council: Councillor K Mans
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Puttock

101. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 23 October and 13 November 2012 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

102. MATTERS ARISING

Traffic issues, Old Salisbury Road: This site had not been selected by HCC members for further investigation. The Clerk had therefore written directly to the Golf Centre on the matter.

Animal warning signs, B3078: It appeared that HCC intended to proceed with the changes in signing as described in the consultation.

Planning application 12/97714 - Old Bartley Nursery, Southampton Road, Bartley: This application had been approved by the NPA with conditions. The owner of the adjoining property, Nursery Cottage, had enquired about the procedure for enforcing the conditions. The Clerk had advised the resident to record instances of any breaches and report them to the NPA, with a copy to the Parish Council.

Traffic Order, Winsor Road: Following consultation with the Chairman, the Clerk had written to the Headteacher of Bartley School in the first instance concerning parking issues. A reply was awaited.

103. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Mans reported that the County Council would be discussing options for achieving faster broadband and were considering a ban on wind farms on land it owned in the county.

On flooding issues, Councillor Moriarty referred to a recent incident involving the rescue of a family from Paradise Ford in Netley Marsh parish.

104. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Tipp referred to the following:

- the availability of District Councillor grants to assist parish council projects (a maximum of £600 available this year for Copythorne from the three District Councillors)
- the options being considered by NFDC for the new local housing benefit scheme to offset the 10% reduction in Government funding. The options included council tax reductions being set at a maximum of Band D, all claimants to pay a minimum of 20% council tax (except the most vulnerable), changes in the level of assets qualifying for benefits, removal of the 2nd adult rebate and changes relating to second homes and empty properties.
- a resident was concerned about parking issues outside Bartley School. Councillor Tipp's attention was drawn to the proposed extension of No Waiting restrictions in Winsor Road and to the Parish Council's decision to write to Bartley School about the parking issue.

105. CORRESPONDENCE

Red telephone boxes: Further to minute 89, members discussed the e-mail from Daniel Stickland concerning alternative uses for redundant telephone boxes. Members noted that other uses might be restricted as the boxes were prone to condensation. In addition, the kiosk at Emery Down, which was cited as an example of a 'local information centre' was in a 'protected' position close to houses and was less vulnerable to vandalism. However, members felt that, as an initial project, a simple information board could be installed in the Council's restored boxes giving a general background to the parish council and other parish information.

Land adjacent to the Haywain Public House, Cadnam: Members considered a letter from Mark Jackson, Town Planning Consultant, concerning an area of land to the east and south of the Haywain Public House. As the land was located in the National Park it had limited potential for development and his clients were considering the disposal of all or some of the land. The letter enquired whether it was possible to work with the parish council to develop part of the land for mutual benefit, particularly in the context of the localism legislation. Examples quoted were social housing, a village green or a playground.

It was noted that the localism provisions might not be wholly relevant bearing in mind the presence of the National Park. However, members felt that the site might be suitable for a play area or for social housing, albeit there was no evidence of need for the latter at this time. The Clerk would respond accordingly.

Village Agent Programme: Members received details of this programme which was designed to increase and improve the ways older people in rural areas find information about local services. The scheme involved the recruitment of volunteers to provide the support. Members agreed the principle of participation in the programme.

Other correspondence: Members noted receipt of the following:

- the Safer Neighbourhood Beat report for October
- a letter from the Post Office confirming the introduction of a Post Office service at the Courtesy Filling Station, Romsey Road, Cadnam
- a letter of thanks from St Marys Church for the grant offer
- an application for a minor variation premises licence for the Mortimer Arms, Ower
- notice of a police objection to vary an individual as a designated premises supervisor at The Vine Inn, Ower
- a copy of a letter from SERCAF to Eric Pickles MP concerning aspects of the Localism Act
- other correspondence as shown in the list circulated with the agenda.

106. PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Discussion took place on whether the Council should produce its own regular newsletter. The particular context was the limited circulation of the Stanleys Own magazine containing the Council's monthly bulletin.

Members supported the principle of further communication but there were logistical problems about delivery. It was felt that the hand-delivery arrangements used for the Jubilee brochure were not sustainable on a long-term basis. In addition, the Council had its own website, there were the added benefits of Copythorne News and many residents in the parish could be readily contacted by e-mail. It was agreed to review the topic again at some time in the New Year. In the meantime, consideration could be given to further publicity of the website and Copythorne News on the Council's noticeboards. The latter could also be used more frequently for general information and for display of the monthly bulletin. It was also suggested that the Council could consider a Facebook page.

107. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Highway safety signs: Members considered suggestions from Martin Wiltshire, HCC, for the display of new “Think!” signs in new 30 mph speed limit areas in the parish. Councillors Heron and Mans had approved grants of £250 each for the signs.

Members agreed the principle of signs at the following locations, subject to receipt of detailed costs:

A336 Southampton Road: Site 1 (Cadnam Garden Centre, facing westbound traffic) and Site 2 (opposite Fir Tree Road junction, facing eastbound traffic)

A31 Romsey Road: Site 1 (opposite flower shop – two signs facing both north and southbound traffic?)

Winsor Road: Site 2 (near The Old Post Office, facing southwest bound traffic).

Pollards Moor Road: The Surveyor had previously advised that he was pursuing Scottish & Southern Energy concerning the electricity pole causing an obstruction to the ditch near the Copperfield site, but felt that that the ditch was not compromised. Members confirmed that the ditch was in fact blocked and asked the Clerk to pursue the matter further and request whether the Council can contact S&SE direct.

Saguenay, Romsey Road: A ditch had been filled in at the front of this property and the matter had been reported to HCC. The Area Surveyor had yet to visit the site.

108. FINANCE MATTERS

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

866	M Derrick (Clerk’s salary and expenses – November)	£583.29
867	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (Remembrance Day wreath)	£30.00
868	TLC Online (Website maintenance, October to December)	£90.00

109. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

530 (Barrow Hill Road safety issues): No reply from local resident concerning offer of site visit. Clerk to arrange site meeting with HCC and invite resident.

531 (Caravans etc in Cadnam Lane): No site visit has yet taken place between the NPA and the Chairman. Clerk to chase.

532 (First Responder training): Sylvie Atkinson was presently pursuing arrangements following period of illness

533 (Splitwind Pond – future maintenance): Councillor Moriarty reported that a local charity had agreed to contact the Council concerning possible help with pond maintenance.

534 (Traffic issues, Old Salisbury Road): See minute 102.

110. STANDING ORDERS

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

111. DELEGATES' REPORTS

Councillor Bullen-Jarvis: Report on attendance at the NPA Planning Committee meeting on 20 November to oppose planning application 12/97818 (Extension to manege at Warrawee Duck Farm). Permission had been granted.

Councillor Lady Kara Hawks: Report on the North East Quadrant meeting on 30 October which had included presentations on Travellers, the Village Agent project and advisory leaflets for property and landowners facing onto the open Forest.

112. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Moriarty: Flooding in Chinham Road and at junction of Shepherds Road/Pundle Green following recent rain. The Clerk had reported details to the Surveyor.

113. PLANNING MATTERS

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

12/97910 Swallow Fields, Blackhill Road, Furzley (Continued siting of mobile home for agricultural worker). Object (4)

12/97995 Inglenook, Winsor Lane, Winsor (Single storey rear extension). Support (3)

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

Land at Copperfield: Following completion of the s106 agreement, the Clerk was asked to check the deadline for replacement of the culvert at this site.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____