

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 28 April 2015
(7.00 p.m. – 8.20 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
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mans, Andrews and Puttock

181. VILLAGE AGENT

Wendy Thomas introduced herself as the new Village Agent for Copythorne and outlined her role in the community. Suitable publicity was being arranged in Stanleys Own, on the Council's website and on notice boards. It was possible that another Village Agent appointment might also be made in the near future.

182. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 24 March and 14 April 2015 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

183. MATTERS ARISING

Bus services and community transport: Councillor Moriarty reported that Totton Communicare and Lyndhurst Neighbourcare also provided community transport facilities for the Copythorne area.

Local speed limits and signage: HCC had acknowledged the Council's request for the 40 mph section in Barrow Hill Road to be lowered to 30 mph and would be consulting as required with the Police.

Removal of trees and shrubs on M27 at Cadnam: A letter from Highways England explained that the purpose of vegetation planting was for environmental and aesthetic reasons rather than to reduce noise levels. Individual lines of trees were unlikely to reduce traffic noise levels at properties close to a road; noise reductions were provided by undergrowth built up over a number of years rather than the trees themselves. However, appropriate re-planting was still to be carried out within the next two weeks.

184. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

There were no County Councillors present.

185. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Tipp reported on current NFDC issues and thanked retiring Parish Councillors for their past services. He also enquired about the parking issues at Bartley Junior School and the Chairman provided details on the unsuccessful attempts to secure additional off-road parking.

186. CORRESPONDENCE

Parish Lengthsman scheme: An e-mail from HCC confirmed the Executive Member's decision to continue with the Lengthsman scheme for 2015/16 at the current levels of funding. A further Agreement would be required which would be aligned to the financial year. The future of the scheme, after 2015/16, would be decided by a Member's Task and Finish Group.

The Clerk reported that Netley Marsh Parish Council would be reviewing its membership of the cluster in May.

Parish war memorial – additional inscriptions: The Chairman reported on a meeting with representatives of The Royal British Legion, St Mary's Church and local residents about the History Society's project for adding further names to the war memorial. There were concerns about the principle involved and the Council, as custodian of the memorial, was urged to proceed with caution. It was agreed that further discussions would be held with appropriate parties once the new Council was in place.

Red telephone boxes: Members noted an offer from X2 Connect Ltd for discounted parts for K6 adopted red telephone boxes. The Chairman offered to continue routine maintenance of the three boxes in the parish at his own expense and members thanked him for his generosity.

Other correspondence: Members noted the following:

- a letter from a Newbridge resident concerning an environmental issue (NFDC to be asked if they can assist)
- details of a training session for new Councillors being organised by Wellow PC on 25 June 2015 (to be reported to the newly-elected Council at the AGM on 20 May)
- a report from Sally Arnold, Chairman of the North East Quadrant, on NPA matters
- an e-mail from a resident of Southampton Road Cadnam concerning parking issues in the road (Clerk to make enquiries of the Police as to possible solutions)
- other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda

187. FINANCE MATTERS

Audit of accounts 2014/15: Members noted that the calling date for external audit by BDO was 23 June 2015. The internal audit would be conducted by John Murray on 28 May.

Budget monitoring: Members noted the March quarter budget monitoring figures, as circulated with the agenda.

Local Council Review: Agreed, subscription for the Local Council Review to be renewed for 2015/16 in the sum of £17.

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

Cheque no

974 M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – April)

£797.89

188. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

523 (Highway/drainage issues): Cllr Goodwin to raise matter of resurfacing of Winsor Lane with the Area Surveyor at his next site meeting

535 (*Highway seat repairs, Haywain crossroads*): Chairman agreed to undertake repairs on the Council's behalf

538 (*Affordable housing*): Action Hampshire still awaiting responses from landowners. Public consultation event likely to be held in June

541 (*Winsor United Sports Club*): Land at the Coach & Horses, Southampton Road no longer available

Items 539 (Flooding) and 540 (Village Agent Scheme) deleted

189. DELEGATES' REPORTS

Councillor Goodwin reported on a meeting of NFALC on 16 April 2015. Items had included:

- a presentation on the RevitalHythe Action Plan
- Dibden Bay/Marchwood Military Port
- NFDC's celebration of the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta
- the recent Wiggle event which had passed through Copythorne

190. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Goodwin referred to a stable which had been erected in a field adjacent to footpath 7 off Chinham Road. Agreed, refer to Enforcement

Councillor Moriarty reported that he had previously joined the HCC collective gas and electricity scheme but could now find more favourable terms elsewhere

191. PLANNING MATTERS

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

15/00289 2 Coronation Villas, Old Romsey Road, Cadnam (Single storey rear extension; 2no rooflights; replacement porch (demolish existing single storey lean-to and garage). Object (4)

Decisions: Members noted the following decision:

		<u>Decision</u>	<u>PC comment</u>
CONS/15/ 0203	Denehurst, Newbridge Road, Cadnam Works to oak trees	Permission	Only trees in poor condition should be felled

192. CLOSING REMARKS

The Chairman thanked retiring members for their services to the Council and, in particular, thanked Councillor Goodwin for his efforts on flooding. Councillor Lady Kara Hawks thanked Councillor James for his long service and valuable contribution to the Council.

Members also thanked the Chairman for his service.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____