

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Copythorne Parish Hall – 28 July 2015
(7.00 p.m. – 9.32 p.m.)

PRESENT: Councillor J Goodwin (Chairman); Councillors S Coombs, Lady Kara Hawks, S Herra and J Reilly
 Hampshire County Council: Councillor K Mans
 New Forest District Council: Councillor D Tipp
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lucas, Moriarty and Andrews

54. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 23 June and 14 July 2015 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

55. MATTERS ARISING

Common land at Cadnam: Further to minute 26, the County Council had confirmed the registration of common land around Wingfield Farm at Cadnam. However, in their capacity of registration authority, they were unable to address any issues regarding ‘illegal’ fencing.

Whilst it appeared that the fencing in front of Wingfield Farm might be contrary to common land rules, members felt that the Parish Council was not in a position to pursue this further. An individual resident could, however, take legal advice and raise the matter with the appropriate authorities.

Splitwind Pond – signage: The Chairman reported that he was in correspondence with the NPA regarding a planning application for commercial signage at Splitwind Pond.

Highway seat, Bartley crossroads: The new seat had now been delivered by Glasdon. The Chairman hoped to install it shortly.

Lengthsman scheme: Further to minute 47, Netley Marsh parish had indicated that they wished to withdraw from the Copythorne cluster. The Clerk had copied the e-mail exchanges to all members and was clarifying certain aspects before taking further action. Councillor Mans had written to County officers concerning the options open to Netley Marsh.

56. NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK

Sally Arnold, Chairman of the North East Quadrant, presented a report on local topics, including the following:

- a new interactive map published by the HCC Countryside Access Team for reporting problems on public rights of way
- a Building Design Awards scheme launched by the New Forest National Park Authority
- a publicity exercise by the National Park Authority aimed at reducing litter in the Park (clean-up costs estimated at £250,000 a year)

The next Quadrant meeting would be held at Bramshaw in October (date to be agreed). Sally was reminded that Copythorne would like Red Telephone Boxes to be included in the agenda.

57. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Mans reported on the following:

- the County Council's interest in pursuing a combined authority for Hampshire, including Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, aimed at securing additional devolved powers
- the running of Totton College likely to be taken over by NACRO, with some changes to courses
- his devolved budget for 2015/16 was now available (agreed, Copythorne to bid for a contribution to the Bartley crossroads highway seat)

The Chairman also raised the matter of the CIL highway contribution arising from the Haydon Tyres planning permission and enquired whether this would be available specifically for Copythorne highway works. The Clerk agreed to send further details to Councillor Mans so that the matter could be pursued further.

58. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Tipp reported on the following:

- a local resident had complained about speeding motorists in Romsey Road (noted that the Police were presently reviewing arrangements for speed cameras generally)
- Government requirements for additional housing were likely to increase the supply of housing by 500-600 a year in New Forest District (outside the National Park) and by 140 a year in the Park. Revised Local Plans would be needed accordingly

59. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HAMPSHIRE

Members considered a letter from the Local Government Boundary Commission on this topic.

The review sought to deliver electoral equality for voters across the county. Members were concerned that, under present arrangements, Copythorne was warded for County, District and Parish electoral purposes. This was divisive and did not satisfy two of the review's principal criteria, namely the interests and identities of local communities and providing effective and convenient local government. Copythorne had previously been sacrificed purely on the grounds of electoral equality.

Members agreed that the warding arrangements should be removed and that the whole of Copythorne should ideally be included in the Lyndhurst County Division. This could be justified by Copythorne having closer links to Lyndhurst than Fordingbridge. The change would also help to address an electoral imbalance in the Lyndhurst Division based on 2021 projections.

Representations would therefore be made to the Local Government Boundary Commission accordingly.

60. PLANNING MATTERS

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

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| 15/00431 | Ivy Cottage, Barrow Hill Road (Change of use to live-work unit). Object (2) |
| 15/00522 | 2 Newbridge Cottages, Newbridge (Barn; demolition of existing stables and lean-to). Support (1) |
| 15/10685 | Blossom Farm, Salisbury Road, Ower (Use of land for the stationing of mobile home and touring caravan for the residential purpose of 1 no gypsy pitch together with the formation of additional hardstanding and utility day room and stable ancillary to that use). Object (2) |

CONS/15 Newsbury, Copythorne Crescent (Fell 2 trees on the bank by southern boundary).
0652 No objection

CONS/15/ Brooksbank House, Pound Lane (Prune 3 Oak trees). No objection
0723

Decisions: Members noted the following decisions:

		<u>Decision</u>	<u>PC view</u>
15/00377	Royal British Legion Hall, Winsor Road, Winsor Single storey extension (demolition of existing)	Permission with conditions	Support (3)
15/10697	Lark Farm, Shelley Lane, Ower Use of North barn as business, storage and distribution (Use Class B1 & B8) (Prior approval application for agricultural to flexible use)	Determination not required	(5)

Planning training: The NPA had arranged a planning training session for parishes in the National Park for Tuesday 22 September, 2 – 4.30 pm at Lyndhurst. Agreed, Councillors Coombs, Lady Kara Hawks and Reilly to attend. Clerk to ascertain availability of Councillors Lucas and Moriarty.

Enforcement: The NPA had advised that it was treating the new signs outside Cadnam Garden Centre as replacement signs. As a result there was no breach.

Planning, 11 August: In the absence of any planning applications it was agreed to cancel the Planning meeting scheduled for 11 August 2015. However, the booking of the Scout Hut would be retained to accommodate a meeting of the Media/Publicity Group.

61. PARISH GIS PARTNERSHIP

NFDC had launched a new ParishMap system with improved access. Current registered users were the Clerk and Councillor Moriarty. Agreed, that the Chairman and Councillors Coombs and Herra be registered as additional users. Clerk to ascertain whether Councillor Moriarty wishes to retain access.

62. PARISH FORUM PROPOSAL

Members considered a paper from Councillor Herra proposing a Parish Forum.

The paper commented that councillors had the responsibility to be well-informed and that members could not assume they represented the interests of electors without consulting them. A Parish Forum would help in this process. Whilst parishioners could attend Council meetings or the Annual Parish Meeting, agendas restricted the time available for public views. A Parish Forum could meet quarterly and consist of a representative sample of the parish to gather views.

Some members felt that residents already had sufficient opportunities to raise issues with the Parish Council and that a Forum would be a duplication. In addition, it was suggested that a Forum would not be democratic and that in any event the proposal was premature pending any consideration of current communication arrangements.

At this stage, it was agreed to arrange a meeting of the Media/Publicity Group who would consider ways of improving Parish Council communication and give further consideration to the Forum proposal in that context. If appropriate, an Open Meeting could be held later in the year to hear residents' views on local issues. Sally Arnold referred to a questionnaire issued by Ashurst & Colbury PC in relation to preparation of a Parish Plan. She would supply a copy for discussion by the Media/Publicity Group.

63. STANDING ORDERS

Standing Orders were suspended to allow the meeting to deal with the business in hand.

64. CORRESPONDENCE

Pension Workshops: HALC were holding Pension Workshops at Eastleigh on 21 September (2 – 4.30 pm and 6.30 – 9 pm) and 21 October (6.30 – 9 pm). Agreed, Chairman, Clerk and Michael Mortimer to attend.

Other correspondence: Members noted other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda.

65. FINANCE MATTERS

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

Expenditure: 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

988	Glasdon U.K. Ltd (Highway seat and fixing kit)	£465.67
989	Wellow Parish Council (New Councillor training session, 25 June)	£77.15
990	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses – July)	£751.68

66. MATTERS PENDING

Members reviewed the outstanding items list and agreed the following:

538 (Affordable housing): Update awaited from Action Hampshire

541 (Winsor United Sports Club): Councillor Reilly awaiting response from owner of Copythorne Common)

544 (War memorial project – additional inscriptions): Response awaited from History Society

535 (Highway seat repairs, Haywain crossroads) deleted

67. APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

The Clerk Panel had offered the post of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Michael Mortimer of Romsey. The offer was subject to references which were now being sought. The starting date was 1 September 2015 with the current Clerk overlapping for at least a month.

68. DELEGATES' REPORTS

Councillor Lady Kara Hawks: The NFALC AGM on 16 July had included a presentation on “The New Policing Model”. In addition, it was reported that Dave Yates, the NFDC Chief Executive, was to retire and that the Government had decided not to implement elections in National Parks.

69. MEMBERS' REPORTS

None submitted.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____