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The Parish Council Newsletter

Welcome to the January 2018 edition Parish Council Newsletter. This enlarged version of the Newsletter will be available on the Council's website early in January. In addition, paper copies will be available from the Bartley Post Office and the Courtesy Filling Station shop, Romsey Road.



First..... A Very Happy New Year from the Parish Council to all members of our Parish community.

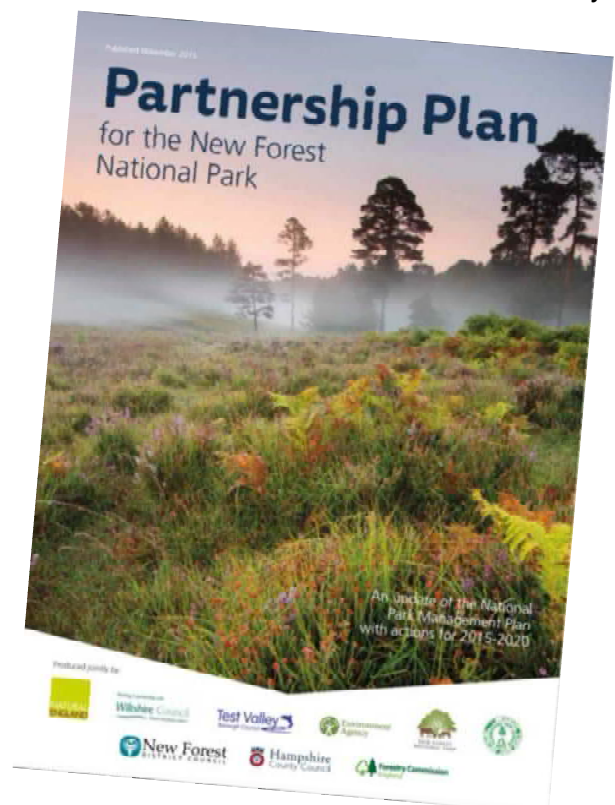
There are many upcoming events and activities within the Parish in 2018 for which the Parish Council has provided endorsement and support. We are keen to promote events affecting our community in our Newsletter as well as our own activities. If you have something you'd like the Parish Council to know about and support, please do let us know via the Parish Council Clerk, Susan Brayley. Her details can be found at the end of the Newsletter.

New Forest National Park Authority – Partnership Plan 2015-2020 & Beyond

At the meeting on the 12th December, the Parish Council welcomed Holger Schiller, the recently appointed Partnerships and Community Officer for the New Forest National Park Authority (NFNPA).who made a presentation about his role. His work is focussed mainly on the support for Parish Councils in the Forest, across activities for the achievement of the aims in the NFNPA Partnership Plan and its subsequent review, Community Grants and Engagement and some specific Affordable Housing initiatives.

Under the requirements of the Environment Act 1995, every national park in England is required to publish a Partnership / Management Plan. The current NFNPA Partnership Plan runs from 2015-2020 and is an update of the Management Plan 2010-2015. Holger outlined its purpose and the partner bodies involved.

The Plan was produced jointly by the Forestry Commission, the Forest Verderers, Natural England, the Environment Agency, the National Park Authority, New Forest District Council, Hampshire County Council, Test Valley Borough Council, Wiltshire Council and approximately 50 other organisations including Parish Councils, many charities, several associations and various companies.



New Forest National Park Authority – Partnership Plan 2015-2020 & Beyond (cont.)

The purpose of the Plan is to bring together a broad range of actions which benefit the Forest and its communities and it contains 90 priority actions across a wide range of different themes and topics, such as conservation, recreation, economic development and transport. The NFNPA coordinates the implementation of the actions and monitors progress. Many of the priorities for action have already been achieved in part or in whole, but there is still a great deal to do.

The Plan is due for review and update to a new 2020-2025 version and consultations with listed partners are due to commence during 2018, followed by broader public consultations on an initial draft in 2019. Paper copies of the current Plan are now no longer available, but it can be found on the NFNPA web site in the **'Our Work – Management Plan' section**. A copy of the latest review on progress and **2017 Update** can also be found in the same section and additional information on National Park Management Plans can also be found on the National Parks England website at www.nationalparksengland.org.uk – **'More Information on National Park Management Plans' section**

This is a major part of the work of the NFNPA in securing the Forest as a developing, economically viable but at the same time protected environment into the future and the Parish Council is very interested to see how this can help our community here in Copythorne.

Holger can be contacted on email: holger.schiller@newforestnpa.gov.uk / telephone: **01590 646679**

Parish Council Budget 2018-2019

At the meeting on 12th December 2017, Parish Councillors considered the budget for the Council for next year, 2018-2019.

The Council identified a very clear set of budget priorities and resolved to adopt a budget requiring an increase in the Precept by £1,615.00 (10.8%) over the current Precept, which equates to an increase of £1.36 per annum on a Band D property (2.6p per week).

Date of Future Meetings in This Council 'Year:

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 9th January at 7.00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall annexe.

Further meetings are as follows:

Tuesday 13th February 2018;

Tuesday 13th March 2018;

Tuesday 27th March 2018 - Annual Parish Meeting (Note: commences at 7.30pm); This is the meeting for all members of the Parish Community to come together to discuss local issues and all are very welcome to attend.

Tuesday 10th April 2018

all in the Parish Hall Annexe at 7.00 pm except for the Annual Parish Meeting

The first meeting of the new Council year 2018-2019 - **The Parish Council Annual Meeting** - takes place on the **Tuesday 8th May 2018.**

The **Clerk to the Council, Susan Brayley**, can be contacted by email at clerk@copythorne.org.uk or by post at: Spinaway, Wootton Road, Tiptoe, Lymington, SO41 6FU, or by telephone - **01590 681228**. Website: www.copythorne.org.uk. Details of individual Parish Councillors, and information on District and County Councillors, can also be found on the Parish Website and on community notice boards.