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### *The Parish Council Newsletter*

Welcome to the September 2018 edition of the Parish Council Newsletter. This version of the Newsletter is also available on the Council's website. Paper copies of the colour version are available from the Bartley Post Office, Woodington Feeds Cadnam and the Courtesy Filling Station shop, Romsey Road.

### *Thanks Joe! You Did a Great Job and Now Enjoy the Break!*

As readers will know from our last edition, Members of the Parish Council were saddened to receive the resignation of Joe Reilly as Chairman and Member of Copythorne Parish Council, with immediate effect. This is a short piece to reflect Joes work as a Parish Councillor for 7 years and Chairman over the past two years and to wish him all the best in his 'retirement'.

Joe was a representative for Copythorne North Ward, since May 2011, having been elected twice, with the second election in 2015 returning Joe with the highest ever recorded poll for a Parish Councillor in Copythorne, of **318 votes!** Joe was very popular as a Member of the Parish Council with Members of the Parish Council and the community, alike.



As a Councillor, Joe has got to know very many people on the community and supported many different activities and projects – notably, his initial involvement with the Friends of Copythorne Playground working to get the wonderful new playground at the Parish Hall and his sterling work to achieve the installation of the War Memorial Commemorative Bench.

Joe has also undertaken a large number of activities on behalf of our community such as regularly 'walking' the Parish to check on aspects of our local environment and areas where our Lengthsman needed to work. As Chairman, Joe has attended many civic functions on behalf of our community at District, County and National levels. He has also hand delivered copies of the Parish Council Newsletter to many, many homes in the Parish.

Most importantly, Joe has led changes to how we work, culminating in the highly successful Annual Parish Meeting in March this year, for which he designed a new agenda to celebrate our community success and all those who give their time to it and creation of the 'Annual Parish Award'. This was probably, by far, the best attended Annual Parish Meeting, much commented on as enjoyable by all attending.

Joe will be much missed as a Member / Chairman of the Parish Council, but we fully understand that he felt he needed to 'take a break'. I'm sure you'll join the Parish Council for expressing our sincere thanks to Joe for all the hard work on behalf of the community.

**Thanks Joe!!**

### *Lady Kara Hawks – Best Wishes*

Many of you will also know that Lady Kara has recently undergone much needed hip surgery and is now recuperating.

We all wish Lady Kara, the longest serving Member of the Parish Council, a speedy recovery and hope the surgery is a great success and that she can, once again, get out and about to participate in Parish and community life, to the full.



### **An Update From Our Community Speed Watch Coordinator**

In July, the Copythorne Community Speed Watch Team (CSW), were out in the Parish and monitored a total of 1047 vehicles, of which, 768 were travelling at 31+ mph. The highest speed recorded was 58 mph in a 30 mph zone with 6 vehicles exceeding 50 mph!

A total of 141 Police letters have been sent out to speeding motorists. It is clear that we continue to have a very real problem with speeding vehicles in the forest, no less in Copythorne Parish and the CSW Team make a real contribution to helping address this issue

If you are concerned about speeding vehicles in the Parish and can spare a minimum of 1½ hours a month, please email [cke8163@gmail.com](mailto:cke8163@gmail.com) or contact PCSO Richard Williams on 07554 775469 for further information

### **Have Your Say - Clean Air Zone for Southampton and the New Forest**

We included an item on this consultation in our last edition. This is a reminder that the consultation is ongoing and Parishioners may wish to respond, given that the issue does potentially have an impact on our area and links to Southampton.

Leaflets have been arriving in letter boxes in the Parish in the last week or so, promoting the consultation.

Southampton City Council and New Forest District Council are working together to improve local air quality as directed by Government. Extensive studies have been undertaken to determine pollution levels and the possible impact of a number of options to improve air quality, with a preferred option being considered for implementation in 2019.



The preferred option is for a charging **Clean Air Zone within Southampton** which targets the most polluting classes of HGV's, buses, coaches and taxis every day the vehicle enters the Zone. However, both Councils are currently consulting on the Clean Air Zone work and encouraging everyone to read the supporting documentation and make their comments. Details can be found via the **Environmental Health** section on the NFDC web site.

The consultation closes on **13<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

### **A New Clerk Appointed to the Parish Council**

We are very pleased to announce that a new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), has been appointed to join as here at the Parish Council. As readers will be aware from previous editions, we were very sorry to receive the resignation of our current Clerk and RFO, Susan Brayley, in July.

Members of the Parish Council went through a recruitment advertisement and interview process and appointed Mrs. Suzanne Middleton, who will start with us during August. Suzanne and Susan will both be with us until the end of September, when Susan the current Clerk, leaves, enabling a smooth transition. More on Suzanne in our next issue.

### **Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting:**

The next parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday **11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.00 p.m.** in the **Parish Hall Annexe.**

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