

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 8th JANUARY 2019
ITEM 15 – Correspondence & Clerks Report

Correspondence

1. E-mail from NFDC Entries wanted for New Forest Sports Awards

New Forest District Council is calling for local sports clubs, teams and individuals to enter this year's New Forest Sports Awards, by 14 January. The annual awards shine a light on local talent as well as groups that encourage community participation in an active lifestyle, in 11 categories from Junior Sports Person to the Making a Difference award. This is a public award to reward and recognise commitment, achievement and excellence across sports and physical activity in the district. The awards recognise coaches, officials and volunteers who work tirelessly at clubs.

The Outstanding Achievement Award recognises inspirational endeavour of an individual or group who has achieved in sport and physical activity against the odds and used the power of sport to benefit the community.

The deadline for nominations is Monday 14 January 2019. The Sports Awards Evening and Sports Council AGM will be held at the Balmer Lawn Hotel in early 2019. The nomination forms can be filled in online or downloaded from newforest.gov.uk/newforestsportsawards

2. E-mail from NFDC to advise that the Council's next Forward Plan is now available on the Council's Website via the link below.

<http://www.newforest.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=460&p=0>

3. Letter from the Hampshire Countryside Access Forum (HCAF) to inform you of our current areas of focus and how you can find out more.

HCAF is the Local Access Forum covering Hampshire, Southampton and Portsmouth (excluding the areas covered by New Forest and South Downs National Parks). Established in 2003 as a statutory advisory group under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, the Forum comprises local members of the public. Members are volunteers, appointed to represent an interest rather than a specific organisation. They are balanced between those who use paths (walkers, horse-riders, carriage drivers, cyclists, disabled users and vehicle users), those who provide access (farmers, land managers etc) and other interests (e.g. conservation, education).

HCAF chiefly advises the County Council and other authorities such as Parish & Town Councils, Local Planning Authorities, Forestry Commission and Natural England on improving opportunities for visitors to enjoy Hampshire's countryside and coast.

Our future Forum meeting dates, along with minutes of previous meetings, and contact details can be found here www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/countryside/hcaf

Alternatively, you can email the Forum Officer on hcaf@hants.gov.uk

4. Invitation from Hampshire County Council to a *Highways and Transport* themed Town and Parish Council event to hear about some key issues affecting the highway network across Hampshire This will take place on Wednesday 13 March 2019 5.45pm – 8:30pm at Ashburton Hall, Hampshire County Council, Elizabeth II Court, Winchester, SO23 8UD.

Following a welcome by Cllr Roy Perry, Leader of Hampshire County Council and an introduction by Cllr Rob Humby, Executive Member for Environment and Transport, delegates will have the opportunity to hear about highways and transport related issues from both a strategic Hampshire-wide perspective and also on a local level. Presentations on key aspects of Hampshire's highways and transport services will be followed by interactive discussions and workshop sessions. To book a place please contact the Clerk.

5. HALC Management Board met on 27 November 2018 and discussed, in summary:

- Recent lobbying successes on public toilets and councillor data registration fees were among a number of achievements strongly welcomed in our update on delivering the strategic plan
- Cllr Keith Stevens, vice-chairman of NALC, reported on the half-year financial performance, which showed a small surplus against the budget

- The board noted good progress and feedback on The Big Conversation about the future of local (parish and town) councils as part of the development of the new strategic plan, which is supported by 80% of respondents of the [online survey](#) (open until 31 December 2018), the three roundtables held with external stakeholders, and it was agreed a draft would be considered by the National Assembly in March 2019
- The board received a full report on the last month's successful Annual Conference and subject to further discussions agreed to return to Milton Keynes on 28/29 October 2019 – save the date!

HALC advises us that three reports were published this week which they wanted to draw to the attention of councils. In [Sustainable Villages – making rural communities fit for the future](#), the County Land and Business Association call for changes to measures used to determine the sustainability of communities regarding housing development. The independent commission into the future of civil society has published its [final reports](#), with recommendations focusing on power, accountability, connection and trust. And [Planning 2020](#) from the Town and Country Planning Association's Raynsford Review of Planning in England sets out a new vision for a revitalised planning system, with recommendations including neighbourhood plans remaining optional, but with resources redirected to support communities facing the greatest social, economic or environmental challenges and greater clarity about the remit of such plans. These reports will be considered by the HALC Policy Committee.

Clerk's Report

1. Copy of the December Beat Report is attached.
2. Copy of National Flood Forum Bulletin is attached.