

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

Correspondence

1. E-mail from UK Cycling Events giving notification of “ **Road Cyclo Sportive “Saturday, 13th & Sunday 14th April 2019.**The event Centre will be Somerley House, Ringwood. Route map attached . Part of the route crosses Copythorne Parish.
2. E-mail from New Forest Business Partnership. Local business The Forest Foot and Health Clinic won the New Forest Business of the Year award, as well as the Outstanding Customer Service Category. 24 New Forest businesses celebrated their success at the thirteenth annual New Forest Brilliance in Business Awards at Careys Manor Hotel in December. Eight businesses won awards, presented by Matthew Lawson, Chairman of the New Forest Business Partnership. The New Forest Business Partnership, which organised the awards, was established to improve relations between commercial organisations and local government, to promote better business-to-business relationships, to build a stronger economy and to bring prosperity to the community.
3. E-mail from NFDC -New Forest District Council’s Film: New Forest project has announced that Mark Kermode, Chief Film Critic for the Observer, co-host of Kermode & Mayo’s Film Review on BBC Radio 5 Live, host of his classical music show on Scala Radio, and reviewer for the BBC’s News Channel Film Review, will be their head judge of the film competition at the New Forest Film Festival.

The film critic previously showed his support for Film: New Forest, narrating a film short showcasing the area to prospective filmmakers. The promo short film can be viewed on the filmnewforest.com website.

Film: New Forest and organisers of the New Forest Film Festival are looking for films of under ten minutes in seven categories; narrative, comedy, animation, horror, documentary, sci-fi, and music.

The festival takes place over nine days from the 8 to 16 June 2019, with events throughout the district.

The film competition closes for general categories on 12 May and for student film categories on 26 May.

The winning films will be shown at the Festival’s awards ceremony on 8 June.

www.filmnewforest.com

4. E-mail from a resident of Riverside Close, Bartley providing feedback on the draft flooding report and reporting hedgerow overgrowth and lack of road sweeping in Shepherds Road. The Clerk reported this to Hampshire County Council. The road -sweeping issue has been passed to NFDC for attention.
5. E-mail from Hampshire County Council Countryside team reporting that in response to “problems” reported by the Clerk a new post has been installed on ROW 4 and a way-marker has been added to the post on ROW 15.
6. E-mail from David Illsley, Policy Manager NFNPA reporting that at the North East Parish Quadrant meeting the success of the New Forest Tour in encouraging sustainable tourism in the National Park and the contribution it makes to reducing the number of cars on the New Forest’s roads was highlighted. It was agreed that the National Park Authority would circulate some information on the success of the Tour in 2018 and this is set out below.

Nearly 40,000 people explored the New Forest National Park on the New Forest Tour bus instead of by car in the summer of 2018, saving over 261,000 private car miles.

Operated by Morebus in partnership with the New Forest National Park Authority, 39,157 passenger journeys were made on the open-top bus – nearly 15% up on last year.

The New Forest Tour is a key part of the National Park Authority’s aim to encourage more people to leave their cars at home and is sponsored by local businesses. The Tour stops at local cycle hire centres within the Forest, with each Tour able to carry up to four bikes, giving access to the area’s quiet country lanes and 100 miles of waymarked cycle tracks.

The New Forest travel concierges greeted over 9,000 visitors and residents at the New Forest Heritage Centre in Lyndhurst and Brockenhurst train station, providing sustainable travel advice and general information about the New Forest National Park to ensure everyone could make the most out of their day out.

In addition to the New Forest Tour, there is an aspiration to continue operating the Bluestar 9 extension to serve Lepe beach in the summer of 2019, although currently a subsidy is required to ensure its financial feasibility. It is hoped that more widespread knowledge of the route and the new facilities at Lepe Country Park will lead to an increase in patronage and should help achieve a shift towards commercial viability.

Clerk's Report

1. Copy of the January Beat Report is attached.
2. The 6 month Operational Inspection of the Playground is being carried out on Friday 15th February by Nick Adams, with Cllr Lucas observing. Training for Operational Inspection is likely to be accessed through joint arrangements with NFNPA and other parishes in June – discussions regarding dates and venue are ongoing.