

**COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
**ITEM 17 – Correspondence & Clerks Report**

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**Correspondence**

1. Letter from New Forest villages Housing Association

Informing the Council that The Board of the NRVHA has found keeping pace with regulatory requirements and developing new schemes increasingly challenging. In response to this in 2016 they employed English Rural Housing Association (ERHA) to work on their behalf in providing a management and development service to the Association.

They have recently been considering the benefits that joining a larger organisation can bring but wish to retain their own identity and independence and have rejected the idea of transferring the Association's business to another social housing organisation. However, they have been in discussions with ERHA about taking the existing arrangements one step forward through us joining its group structure. This would give the benefit of being under the umbrella of a larger organisation whilst retaining our independence.

They are currently in discussions with ERHA on what can be agreed and to inform this process they are writing to all of their residents and providing them with a question and answer newsletter.

2. E-Mail from Hampshire County Council regarding availability of superfast broadband. Hampshire County Council is rolling out superfast broadband across the region. It enables people to get internet speeds of 24Megabits per second or more – making streaming TV, working from home, online banking and shopping, and gaming a lot easier – to name just some of the benefits. A postcode checker is available on the Hampshire Superfast Broadband website and individuals can register to be told when it's available in the area at: [www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/myparish/](http://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/myparish/)

3. E mail from Calor Gas announcing this year's Calor Rural Community Fund is now open for applications and will close on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Details can be found at :[Calor Community Fund](#),

**Clerk's Report**

1. Copy of the February Beat Report is attached.