

Affordable Housing – A Parish Council Discussion Forum

**Tuesday August 27th 2019, 7.00pm to 8.30pm
(in rear extension of Copythorne Parish Hall)**

As a result of some possible recent Affordable Housing proposals which could affect our community in Copythorne, the Parish Council will need to be clear on its view of any possible development which may be proposed.

Many Parishioners will know that Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing (HARAH), along with English Rural Housing Association (ERHA), made a presentation to the Parish Council in February about a possible development in the Parish. However, they have stated that they need the Parish Council endorsement to move onto the next stage of any scheme development. The Parish Council is very aware that:-

- its criteria for any possible Affordable Housing development in the Parish were developed in 2013/14 and now need to be reviewed as they may be out of date and
- it is a newly formed Parish Council since the May elections and should revisit its views.

Therefore, to ensure that the Parish Council is as contemporarily effective as possible in any decision regarding any scheme, it has decided to undertake a Forum Discussion, which will be open to the public to attend, to examine the criteria and any issues which it feels need to be discussed before formal consideration of the Parish Council's position at its full meeting on 8th October 2019.

The Forum Discussion will take place between 7.00pm and 8.30pm on Tuesday 27th August in the Annexe Meeting Room at the Parish Hall.

It's important to note that this Forum Discussion will not be a formally constituted meeting of the Parish Council and will not be a discussion about any scheme or proposal.

The issues addressed will centre on the review of the criteria the Parish Council set for any Affordable Housing development in the Parish and the current position the Parish Council might wish to adopt in respect of agreeing to feasibility work on any possible scheme in the Parish in the near future.

If you'd like to attend we'd be very happy to see you.

DAVID RIGBY, Clerk to Copythorne Parish Council