

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2019

ITEM 20 – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT - SL NOTES FROM NFALC MEETING 17/10/19

Brief Notes from the Meeting of relevance to Parish Council – these are notes taken by S. Lucas and not necessarily minuted.

1. **Q&A Session** - Glenn Peacey, Superfast Broadband Programme Manager - HCC & Andy Harding, Assistant Highway Manager - Hampshire Highways
Superfast Broadband delivery is still progressing and new connections are being made in accordance with the overall plan. 23000 properties up to 24 mbps – 94% coverage. However, there are some significant logistical issues with specific areas where the ability to install new services are hampered by geography. HCC is working with BT Openreach on these issues and will update in the next quarter. Prog. Closes mid 2020.
Highways Works are planned according to need for repairs and update quarterly – current plan not signed off yet. Potholes are prioritised according to their severity. However, main issue discussed was potholes at roadway edges / verges. There are issues with these as solutions such as kerbing are prevented by the status of the verges in many cases. Some use of ‘dragon’s teeth’ to prevent vehicle encroachment to verges has taken place, but this is rare as not a perceived good solution. List requested of who does what in which area in HCC – TBA. Issue – coordination between NFDC; NFNPA; HCC; Natural England; Environment Agency etc.
2. **Safer New Forest Partnership** - Paul Markham the new Chief Inspector of Police for the New Forest District, Brian Byrne (NFDC Service Manager for Community Safety) and Nikki Swift (NFDC Community Safety Manager) spoke about the community engagements held over the summer to inform the Strategic Assessment 2019. They also discussed the surveys sent to all Town & Parish Councils for their contribution to the assessment. Paul Markham had to leave early due to work commitments. NF has 4 new PCs / 1 new CPSO. Hampshire Constabulary has 156 new officers.
3. **New Forest District Council** – GF had no major update
4. **New Forest National Park** - Steve Avery – Local plan hard copies available ‘soon’. ‘State of the Park’ report will be sent to Clerks on matters of interest within the National Park area. Mention of entries wanted for the NFNPA design awards – please submit (not well responded to last year).
5. **Website Accessibility Guidelines** - New public sector website on or after 23 September 2018 must meet accessibility standards and publish an accessibility statement by 23 September 2019. Websites which existed before 23 September 2018 have until 23 September 2020 to be compliant (SL – TLC have advised on this in regard to a few things but we need to check our position at CPC)
6. **Climate Change** – New Forest Zero Carbon Alliance have a project under way for initiatives and a workbook for Councillors has been produced (see separate doc).
7. **Countryside Access** – cyclists are campaigning for reform of England’s rights of way - shared use of all countryside paths – national issue – important to New Forest. Further update in due course. Also, off road vehicles pose specific issues – what can they and can’t they access? Finally, more pressure for improved access for mobility scooters. All discussed. See briefing notes.

Date of Next Meeting: To be held in Council Chamber, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst SO43 7PA on THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2020 from 7.00pm.

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ITEM 20 - SL NOTES FROM PARISH HALL COMMITTEE MEETING – 4/11/19

Brief Notes from the Meeting of relevance to Parish Council – these are notes taken by S. Lucas and not necessarily minuted.

1. The Parish Hall Committee meeting was changed from the original 28th October date as a result of the decision to cancel the Bonfire and Fireworks event on Saturday 2nd November due to a water-logged field.
2. Work on ceiling in main hall to replace lighting bar needs further investigation.
3. The Parish Hall has conducted an H&S review and some relevant actions are being taken as a result. Similarly a fire safety review has also been undertaken and some changes made as a result (e.g. new PAT Testing)
4. The hall floor is being repaired and refurbished – a date is yet to be set as this involves closing the main hall – likely to be in 2020. CPC will be kept informed as a user.
5. Cycle rack – the Parish Hall plans to install a covered bicycle rack in the car park plus some small hoop racks by the playground for children’s bikes. This will be progressed in due course. (A grant of £500.00 has been secured from ATC towards this via a member of the committee).
6. Business Plan for the Parish Hall – developing this via a sub-committee and a working draft brief for changes to the building has been prepared. The Parish Council can add briefing comments if it wishes. (Current draft of brief will be e-mailed to councillors)