

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH 2020

Item 13. Correspondence & Clerks Report

- 1. Southampton Road Layby, Bartley** – As expected in my report to our last meeting, HCC Highways have now added barriers (in the form of temporary fencing) to this layby to close it for public use. The pathway along the back is still open. The layby will - under the terms of an existing Temporary Traffic Regulation Order - be used as a temporary store for road surfacing materials until June 2020. As previously advised by HCC Highways “.. A 2020 Order will – in due course - be processed to cover an 18 month period from 17th June 2020 so the closure will be seamless through the construction season. Within this Order we will look to ensure that parking restrictions can be enforced throughout this time.”
- 2. Riparian Responsibilities** – The issue of the lack of maintenance of drainage ditches/culverts near a property within the Parish continues and guidance has been sought from the Flood & Water Management Team at Hampshire County Council (the Lead Local Flood Authority) on the next steps for the Parish Council to take to support the affected residents.
- 3. VE DAY 75 (Friday May 8th)** – I have been in correspondence with the Parish Hall, Royal British Legion, Copythorne History Society and St Mary’s Church regarding possible events to mark this important anniversary. Updates will follow in due course.
- 4. Splitwind Pond** – The following work has now been completed, Grass cutting; Pruning of overhanging branches; Brushwood chipped and removed; Strimming of pond sides; Leaf collection. For logistical reasons it was not possible to undertake the “pond based” maintenance within the period recommended by Natural England and so these works will now be undertaken towards the end of 2020. Periodic “non pond based” maintenance will continue as per the schedule recommended in our “Management Plan for Splitwind Pond”. The works have brought to sharper focus the need to improve the various signs in and around the pond. Cllr. Goodwin and I will consider what can/needs to be done and report back to Council in due course.
- 5. Advisory Committees** - I am aware of the following meetings that have been scheduled:-
 - Finance – February 27th 2020 (10am)
 - 5 Year Plan – February 27th 2020 (12pm)
 - Flooding – March 3rd 2020 (10am)
 - Media & Publicity – March 6th 2020 (11am)
 - Personnel & Governance – March 6th 2020 (12.30pm)

David Rigby, Parish Clerk