

## COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> 2020

### Item 15. Correspondence & Clerks Report

1. **New Inn Road, Bartley** – Further to my last report at our May 2020 meeting I have contacted HCC Highways on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 to ask for their “... confirmation that the May Inspection has taken place and the outcome of it.” As soon as I have a reply I will report back to the members.
2. **Caravans in HCC Highways layby at Southampton Road, Bartley** – Over the last few weeks I have had regular contact with the HCC Gypsy Liaison team (“the GLT”) regarding the (now) two caravans in the layby. The GLT have advised that they are a family group well known to them. Under the current Coronavirus restrictions, Travellers are considered a “vulnerable group” and so action to evict cannot be taken. Additionally, the courts are not currently hearing such applications. To minimise the eventual clean-up operation GLT had asked NFDC if they would be willing to supply a ‘portaloo’. This was declined on safety grounds as a road surfacing contractor appointed by HCC Highways continues to operate from the layby. The GLT are continuing to keep me up to date with the position.
3. **Japanese Knotweed** – I have spoken to Clerks of other local Parish Councils locally, regarding the role that they take when dealing with reports of Japanese knotweed. It would appear that it is primarily one of general education rather than targeted contact. To raise awareness, we have included an article on the issue within the June Parish Newsletter. It is my plan once I have more guidance from NFDC/HCC/EA to produce an article to place on Facebook to continue raising the profile of actions required in respect of this non-native invasive plant.
4. **Footpath Access Issue (RoW 057/7 – Chinham Road to Bourne Road)** – The Countryside Service Access Team have advised me that they are investigate issues relating to this footpath. It would appear that access along the path after the stile at the Chinham Road end has been blocked and an electrified fence has been erected across the path. As soon as I have more information I will pass it on to members.
5. **Footpath clearance contract update** – The Countryside Service Access Team (“CSAT”) have advised that as a result of difficulties encountered (due to COVID-19 restrictions) in awarding the “Priority Cutting List” contract to an external contractor it has been decided to postpone the 2020 contract. CSAT have asked that each council reviews their network and informs us if they have an option for alternative delivery of the PCL via return of this email by 29th May 2020 in order for us to develop a work programme and partnership arrangements to deliver 2020 PCL. My response to them was as follows:- *“To help me give consideration to making more use of our Parish Lengthsman (and his allocated budget) to undertake the work please can I ask if any of the budget allocated by yourselves to the PCL 2020 contract will be available to Parish Councils or whether we will have to use our own reserves to undertake this work”*. I have diarised for a response.
6. **Splitwind Pond – Great Crested Newts Survey** - Water samples are due to be taken on behalf of the Freshwater Habitats Trust” on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 to check for the continued presence of Great Crested Newts. Survey results are due in Qtr 4 2020. Strimming of pond edges is required and I have e-mailed Alex Catt.
7. **Matters reported to HCC** – Attached is a list of matters reported by the Clerk to HCC. Also included are matters reported by councillors or residents who have then supplied the reference number to me.
8. **Playground & Visual Inspections** – In accordance with HM Government Advice the playground remains closed. The padlock and the signs notifying the reason for the closure are still in place.
9. **Advisory Committees** - I am aware of the following meetings that have been scheduled:-  
Flooding – June 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 (10am) – Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
Finance – June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 (11am) – Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
Five Year Plan – June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 (12pm) – Virtual Meeting via Zoom

David Rigby, Parish Clerk  
June 2nd 2020

ISSUES REPORTED TO HCC FAULT REPORTING WEBPAGE (updated 2/6/20)

DATE REPORTED	REFERENCE NUMBER	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE RAISED	REPORTED TO HCC BY	FIRST CHECK DUE ON	LAST CHECKED	COMMENT	RESOLVED
15/01/2020	21463492	Winsor Road, road flooding issue	John Goodwin	22/01/2020	02/06/2020	Enquiry complete	22/05/2020
16/01/2020	21473741	Winsor Road, Surface water drainage issue	David Rigby	23/01/2020	02/06/2020	Enquiry complete	22/05/2020
20/01/2020	21475318	New Inn Rd/Rockram Close, block ditch	David Rigby	27/01/2020	02/06/2020	14/5 - Enquiry updated	
20/01/2020	21475328	New Inn Rd/Rockram Close, overgrown vegetation	David Rigby	27/01/2020	03/03/2020	lengthsman cleared	28/02/2020
09/02/2020	21481011	New Inn Road, ditch issue (non highway)	John Goodwin	16/02/2020	02/06/2020	2/6 - Chased for an update	
10/02/2020	21481433	Pound Lane drainage issue	??	17/02/2020	02/06/2020	2/6 - Chased for an update	
13/02/2020	21482808	Newbridge Road, drains issue under M27 bridge	David Rigby	20/02/2020	02/06/2020	2/6 - Chased for an update	
19/02/2020	21484689	Dangerous Tree - The Gables, Pollards Moor Road	John Goodwin	26/02/2020	26/02/2020	progressing	27/02/2020
19/02/2020	21486037	Field ditch issue causing flooding, Barrowhill Road	Resident	26/02/2020	03/03/2020	Enquiry complete	02/03/2020
24/02/2020	21486399	Drainage Issue - Meadow View, Pollards Moor Road	David Rigby	02/03/2020	02/06/2020	26/5 - Work started	
28/02/2020	21488236	Pound Lane drainage issue	David Rigby	06/03/2020	02/06/2020	24/3 - Work passed to contr.	
22/03/2020	21494617	New Inn Road Drainage issue	Graham Chilleott	30/03/2020	07/04/2020	24/3 - Made safe/repairs	24/03/2020
22/03/2020	21494619	Barney Hayes Lane, broken road sign	Graham Chilleott	30/03/2020	04/05/2020	20/4 - Work completed	20/04/2020
11/04/2020	7061319	Query condition of New Inn Rd (direct to Highways)	David Rigby	27/04/2020	01/06/2020	1/6 - Chased for Insp update	
29/04/2020	21497228	Carriageway issue opposite The Brickyard, Winsor	David Rigby	06/05/2020	02/06/2020	22/5 - Work Raised	
29/04/2020	7066731	Query re surface repairs to Pollards Moor Road	David Rigby	06/05/2020	04/05/2020	4/5 - Works are only initial	04/05/2020