

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 13th OCTOBER 2020

ITEM 19 – COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – JOHN GOODWIN

As the Council's representative for the New Forest National Park's Consultative Panel a breakdown in communication meant that I did not attend any of the meetings held, to date, in 2020.

- The 5th March 2020 NFNP Consultative Panel Meeting was held as normal and details have been circulated to all and also available on this link:
<https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/documents/consultative-panel/agendas-reports-and-minutes-05-03-20/>
- The 4th June 2020 NFNP Consultative Panel Meeting was held as a virtual meeting and details have been circulated to all and also available on this link:
<https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/documents/consultative-panel/agendas-reports-and-minutes-04-06-20/>
- The 3th September 2020 NFNP Consultative Panel Meeting was held as a virtual meeting and details have been circulated to all and also available on this link:
<https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/documents/consultative-panel/agendas-reports-and-minutes-03-09-20/>

As the Council's representative for the New Forest National Park Authority's North East Quadrant I attended, along with Sylvia and Graham, the virtual meeting on 1st October 2020. Notes of this meeting have been circulated to all.

The intense rainfall on Sunday 4th October 2020 led to external flooding of properties at The Parade, Cadnam. A resident received a visit from Hampshire Highways and was issued the report reference 21520146. Following an inspection of the surrounding area with Graham Chillcott and discussion with some affected residents it is apparent that this area is a local hotspot of drainage/flooding issues. Graham is coordinating a wider investigation of the surface water system in this local area under a different reference.

The replacement highway drain in Pound Lane, near to its junction with Winsor Road, was completed on Friday 9th October 2020 under Hampshire Highways reference 21481433. A pothole, nearby has been reported under the reference 21521618. Everyone appears to be satisfied with the work that Hampshire Highways has undertaken.

A serious road defect was reported to me in Newbridge Road, just past the bridge under the motorway, towards Newbridge village. I inspected the road on Sunday 11th October and confirmed a void had appeared at the edge of the carriageway and this has been reported to Hampshire Highways and the reference is 21521593. I considered this a potentially very hazardous situation but it appears that there is no emergency cover for Hampshire Highways available outside normal working hours.

In order to move forward the concern of the poles for the overhead cables/telephone that have damaged the highway drain in Pollards Moor Road in the area near the pumping station, initial contact has been made with Scottish and Southern and progress will be reported through the Flooding Advisory Committee.