

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - OCTOBER 13TH 2020

ITEM 19 – COUNCILLORS REPORTS – GRAHAM CHILLCOTT

As members will be aware I completed the HCC Energy Survey questionnaire on behalf of the Council, which you should have all seen. It was way back in January that I attended the HCC Parish Council Briefing on its “Vision for Hampshire 2050 Commission of Enquiry”. Since then (due to Covid 19) apart from the questionnaire not much has happened. The Clerk has recently received an e-mail from Andy Brennan (he works for NFNPA) on Climate Change and Local Action, which lists lots of ideas for Parish Councils to get involved with. I think we should consider adding Environment as a discussion topic to the next Council meeting agenda please.

The Flooding Advisory Committee (“FAC”) and the Clerk had a very productive meeting with a representative from Hampshire County Council’s Flood & Water Management Team last month. I have prepared a summary report of that event for debate at the next FAC on 28th October and will report the outcomes to Council next month. Topics for discussion will include, the sending of Riparian responsibility letters to residents by HCC, adding HCC Emergency numbers to our next update of Flooding Advisory Leaflets (consideration also given to adding the numbers to our Parish website). We have been asked to provide a map showing which residents to send Riparian letters to and also a map showing the Highways assets that are in need of maintenance and repair to HCC for their action.

As members know I have removed the iconic Bartley Village sign from New Inn Road for refurbishment and Cllr. Simon Lucas has very kindly offered to re-paint it. So well done Simon.

Finally, I attended the NFNPA’s North East Quadrant meeting on 2nd October (together with Cllrs. Goodwin and Wiggins). Steve Avery, the NFNPA’s Executive Director (Strategy & Planning), gave a presentation on the Government White Paper on Planning Reform. One of the suggestions that came up, was that everyone should make the effort to comment on the proposals. As the closing date is 29th October 2020 this might prove difficult to achieve for us as a Council. I personally would like to comment on the perceived lack of representation of Parish Councils in the planning process, the ambiguity surrounding the “Protected” status of National Parks and the establishment of national development management policies rather than at the local level.

Cllr. Graham Chillcott

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