

# **COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

## **ITEM NO: 18 – Chairman’s Report**

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### **1. SAFER NEW FOREST WEBINAR**

The Safer New Forest Webinar was attended by Cllrs. Jackie Rhodes and Simon Lucas on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

This was a very well-organised webinar with over 100 attendees and a total of 6 main presenters. The host for the conference was Cllr. Diane Andrews as this falls within her Cabinet Member role for the NFDC.

The conference was focussed on the Safer New Forest Partnership Priorities which are:

- Children at risk
- Modern Slavery and human trafficking
- Drug and alcohol related harm
- Domestic abuse

The slide pack from the conference, which will be distributed to Councillors separately to this statement, contains all the presentation materials used on the day and provides a great deal of information about the organisations operating within the Partnership and their work in our New Forest Community.

Overall, this was a very well-attended event with a broad range of professional, voluntary and local government bodies represented. The presenters exhibited a great deal of professional insight and experience in their work. While there were a number of topics covered which, on the surface, appear to be beyond the work of a Parish Council, there were many aspects which we need to be aware of as many of the issues will exist (albeit probably unknown to us or hidden), within our own Parish.

More information on the work of the Safer New Forest Partnership can be found via the following link:-  
<http://communitysafety.newforest.gov.uk/article/17293/Safer-New-Forest>

Cllr. S. Lucas  
November 24th 2020