

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY MARCH 9TH 2021

Item 16 - Correspondence & Clerks Report

- 1. New Inn Road, Bartley** – New Inn Road was last inspected by HCC Highways on 22/11/20 with no safety defects recorded. I have in the last few days e-mailed HCC to check the outcome of the next scheduled inspection of New Inn Road which was due to take place during February 2021.
- 2. Traveller Caravan, HCC Layby on Southampton Road, Bartley** – At some point over the weekend of February 27/28th 2021 the traveller caravan that we have seen several times in the last few years returned to the layby. The HCC Gypsy Liaison Team have been notified and I have asked that action is taken as swiftly as possible to move the caravan on from the layby.
- 3. Lengthsman Tasks – Related to Flooding** – The Parish Lengthsman has been requested to undertake some further examination and preventative work relating to potential surface water flooding hotspots in the parish. The latest instructions covered ditch/watercourse checking and “grip” re- instatement in Beechwood Road, Brockishill Road and Bartley Green. Additionally, he has been asked to clear vegetation from a set of “white railings” marking a culvert under Kewlake Lane to assist with future drainage checks.
- 4. Census Day, March 21st 2021** – It is now only a few weeks until the official date for the Census. The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives the Office for National Statistics a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. The next census takes place on Sunday 21 March 2021. The answers to the census questions will help organisations make decisions on planning and funding public services, including transport; education; and healthcare. It is hoped that as many people as possible will complete the Census online. Further details (including how to obtain a paper copy for completion) can be found at www.census.gov.uk or by phoning 0800 141 2021. A Census Support Centre was to be set up at Totton Library but due to the current COVID-19 restrictions it can only be contacted via the HCC Library Service central number 0300 555 1387.
- 5. Advisory Committees** – The following meetings have taken place since the last Council meeting:-

Five Year Plan	February 19 th 2021, 10am
Finance	February 19 th 2021, 11am

Agenda, meeting notes & papers have been added to the Advisory Committees page of our website

I am aware of the following meetings that have been scheduled for the next few months. All are expected to be “virtual meetings” via Zoom:-

Flooding	March 25 th 2021, 10am
Media & Publicity	April 22 nd 2021, 10am
Personnel & Governance	April 22 nd 2021, 11am

The agendas and Zoom details for all of these meetings will be made available to the public via the Council’s website.

- 6. Pavement and road surface issues – Pollards Moor Road** – HCC Highways continue to chase Southern Water for a start date for the repair of the road surface just beyond the pumping station. I have met with an engineer from HCC Highways to discuss vegetation removal to restore the pavement between the pumping station and Vicarage Lane. With the hedge along part of this section now cut back, I am advised that this work will be undertaken early in the new financial year. Finally, as part of my discussions with HCC Highways relating to this area I will be contacting the owners of the land to the south east of the pumping station regarding the water that overflows onto the pavement from that land.

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7. **Drainage issues at The Parade, Southampton Road and Old Lyndhurst Road** - I am continuing to chase HCC Highways for details on when their contractors will return to continue the investigative work on the drains in this area that was started at the end of January 2021.
8. **Kewlake Lane/Cadnam Lane, Surface Water Flooding Issues** - Cllr. Chillcott has already mentioned this matter in a report from the Flooding Advisory Committee but I can confirm that I have e-mailed the National Trust's local Lead Ranger for his assistance with – what we hope will be – an improvement to the surface water drainage in this area.
9. **Activity on Copythorne Common (south of A31, Romsey Road)** – On February 19th 2021 I accompanied Dist. Cllr. Joe Reilly on a visit to woodland on Copythorne Common to look into an issue related to the small scale cutting of timber which had been brought to his attention by a resident of the parish. It would appear that some young trees (and/or branches from more mature trees) have been cut to make a small shelter alongside some tracks through the woodland that are being used as a small scale track for bicycles. As I believe that the section of woodland concerned may be protected by a Tree Preservation Order I have notified the Trees Team at the NFNPA in case they wish to investigate. I have also written to the registered owner of the land to bring these activities to his attention.
10. **COVID-19 Grant Distribution** - I have received e-mails or letters of grateful thanks from the six organisations that the Parish Council agreed to provide grants to at the Council meeting on February 9th 2021.
11. **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.

David Rigby, Parish Clerk
March 2nd 2021

ISSUES REPORTED TO HCC or NFDC FAULT REPORTING WEBPAGE SINCE 1/1/2020 - OPEN ENQUIRIES - (updated 02/03/21)

DATE REPORTED	REFERENCE NUMBER	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE RAISED	REPORTED TO HCC BY	FIRST CHECK DUE ON	LAST CHECKED	COMMENT	RESOLVED
09/02/2020	21481011	New Inn Road, ditch issue (non highway)	John Goodwin	16/02/2020	02/03/2021	16/2 & 19/2 - Investigation works undertaken	
11/04/2020	7061319	Query condition of New Inn Rd (direct to Highways)	David Rigby	27/04/2020	02/03/2021	5/1 - Next Inspection due Feb 2021	
04/09/2020	21515091	Drainage Issue - Meadow View, Pollards Moor Rd	John Goodwin	11/09/2020	02/03/2021	13/10 - Passed to 3rd party 22/2 - HCC Chased for an update	
06/10/2020	21520848	Blocked drain under Southampton Rd (The Parade)	Graham Chillcott	13/10/2020	02/03/2021	15/10 - Work passed to contractor. 28/1 - Investigations underway	
18/10/2020	21522789	Damaged kerb gully, Augustine, Romsey Rd	John Goodwin	26/10/2020	02/03/2021	30/10 - Work passed to contractor. 3/2 - Work passed to contractor	
22/10/2020	21523620	Blocked ditch near The parade, Southampton Road	Graham Chillcott	29/10/2020	02/03/2021	22/10 - Work passed to contractor. 28/1 Investigations underway	
28/10/2020	24207974	Junction markings, Bartley Crossroads	David Rigby	04/11/2020	02/03/2021	20/12 - Enquiry updated. 11/1 - Markings to be re-painted. 2/3 - To be scheduled post 1/4	
03/11/2020	21525785	Drain blocked outside The Wilderness, Winsor Rd	David Rigby	10/11/2020	02/03/2021	17/11 - Work passed to contractor. 3/2 - Work passed to contractor	
03/11/2020	21525791	Drain blocked top of New Inn Rd (near Rockram Cl)	David Rigby	10/11/2020	02/03/2021	7/1 - Work passed to contractor	
20/11/2020	21528948	Damaged inspection cover, Lynwood, Soton Rd	Graham Chillcott	27/11/2020	02/03/2021	24/11 - Work passed to contractor	
20/11/2020	21528956	Insp. chamber clearance req'd near above	Graham Chillcott	27/11/2020	02/03/2021	24/11 - Work passed to contractor	
22/12/2020	21533842	Drainage Issue - Near Budgen, Romsey Rd, Cadnam	Graham Chillcott	29/12/2020	02/03/2021	5/1 - Work passed to contractor	
11/01/2021	21536412	Road/pavement surface, Pollards Moor Rd	David Rigby	18/01/2021	02/03/2021	29/1 - Comment Added. HCC working with Southern Water to repair damage 8/2 Enquiry updated 17/2 Passed to 3rd Party (Southern Water)	
14/01/2021	21536984	Fallen hedge, west of layby on Southampton Rd	Graham Chillcott	21/01/2021	02/03/2021	19/1 - Work passed to contractor (work now undertaken)	

Number only = HCC

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