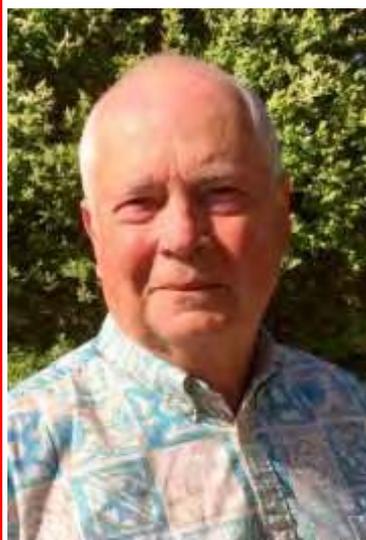


**In this issue:**

the new Parish Council year begins; new Chairman and Vice Chairman; a message from our new Chairman; Annual Parish Meeting update; introducing “Our Parish Matters”.

This newsletter is also available on the Council’s website: [www.copythorne.org.uk](http://www.copythorne.org.uk) where links to other items are available, including “Our Parish Council Matters”. Printed copies, in colour, will be available from Forest Pharmacy (Haywain crossroads); Fourways Stores (Bartley Post Office); Budgens (BP Garage) and Woodington Feeds (The Parade, Cadnam) as well as all four information hubs - the former BT red telephone boxes.

**Copythorne Parish Council has a Facebook page which is regularly updated.**



Chairman  
Cllr Graham Chillcott

**The Annual meeting of the Parish Council** was held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May and the Council elected a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

The dates for Council meetings for the coming year are:

Second Tuesday in each month, commencing at 7pm – August - No meeting.

8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
14 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
9 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
11 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
8 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2022

10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - first meeting of the 2022/23 Council year.



Vice Chairman  
Cllr Jackie Rhodes

**A message from the Chairman:**

It is not without regret that in early May I learnt of the resignation of Simon Lucas as a Copythorne Parish Councillor. Simon has served on the Parish Council for over six years and for almost the last three years as Chair. During his time on the Council, Simon has been instrumental in bringing forward a number of projects. The introduction of the Parish 5 Year Plan, the replacement of the Parish Benches and instigating the programme for the replacement of the Parish Noticeboards, to mention but a few.

Simon was also responsible for the production of the much loved, Copythorne Parish Council monthly newsletter. He managed to amass an astonishing 74 editions during his time as editor!

As your newly appointed Parish Council Chair, I for one, acknowledge that he will be a hard act to follow.

I’m also sure that like me you would want to thank Simon for all that he has done for Copythorne Parish during his time on the Council and to wish him all the very best for whatever he decides to do in the future.

Can I also take the opportunity to thank Steve Herra for all the work he did for the Parish during his time as Vice Chair. For those that don’t know a good example is the installation of all the new village signs that have popped up round the Parish over the last few months.

Lastly can I congratulate Jackie Rhodes on her appointment as the new Vice Chair and of course not forgetting David Rigby our Clerk without whose sterling efforts the Council couldn’t function.

Graham Chillcott

**Climate Emergency:**

At our Council meeting on 13th April 2021, it was resolved to declare a Climate Emergency. Cllr Jackie Rhodes is taking the lead with this initiative. The first step is to write an environmental policy to be presented to the Five Year Plan advisory committee. More information on this subject will follow in subsequent newsletters.

### **Annual Meeting of the Parish:**

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May. This meeting was very brief, lasting some 10 minutes, simply to satisfy legal requirements that it was held (virtually) between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021. A further full Parish Meeting will be held face to face, when the relaxation of “lockdown” rules allows. More details of this meeting will be given in the next newsletter but it is expected that it will be held before the end of July 2021.

### **Advisory Committees:**

The Council has five advisory committees that meet outside the monthly meeting to help progress Council business. These meetings are open to the public to attend and observe and meeting details are available on the Council’s website. The membership of these committees was confirmed at the Annual meeting of the Parish Council and is shown below:

#### **Finance:**

Cllrs Chillcott, Herra, Rhodes & Wiggins

#### **Flooding:**

Cllrs Chillcott, Goodwin, Lady Kara & Wiggins

#### **Media/publicity including website:**

Cllrs Herra, Chillcott & Rhodes

#### **Personnel and Governance:**

Cllrs Chillcott, Herra, Rhodes & Wiggins

#### **The Clerk**

attends all meetings

#### **Five Year Plan:**

Cllrs Chillcott, Herra, Rhodes & Wiggins

The Chairman is to be elected at the next meeting of each advisory committee.



### **New Inn Road, Bartley – Information Hub**

The former telephone box located in New Inn Road, Bartley has now been lovingly refurbished thanks to the sterling efforts of local residents and Councillors Sylvia Wiggins and Graham Chillcott.

This is the final one of the quartet of former telephone boxes in the Parish to be converted into information hubs.

All four are being provided with holders to enable members of our community to collect our monthly newsletter which is available from the first Monday of every month.



### **The next Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

The Clerk is currently investigating how and where to hold this meeting which will need to be open to members of the community to attend however, numbers will clearly have to be limited to meet ongoing restrictions. Please let the Clerk know if you wish to attend.

Full details will be available on the Council’s website as soon as they are known.

From this month onward it is intended to produce a supplement “**Our Parish Council Matters**” to update residents of the Parish on progress being made to maintain and improve the local environment. Comments and contributions are always welcome. Please contact the joint editors Jackie Rhodes or John Goodwin, or the Parish Clerk; contact details for all are available on the Parish Council website.

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### **1. Parish Council Noticeboards at: i) Southern entry to Newbridge Village and ii) Winsor Road layby opposite Pound Lane:**



Newbridge Village  
noticeboard

The Parish Council has just purchased replacement notice boards at Newbridge Village and Winsor Road layby because of their extremely poor condition. Each notice board has cost £1,325 and is, unlike the existing ones, manufactured from recycled materials.

These are the first of an ongoing project to replace all the seven Parish Council notice boards over the next couple of years.



Winsor Road, Winsor  
layby

### **2. Bus Shelter, junction Pollards Moor Road/Romsey Road, CADNAM:**



The bus shelter, at the junction of Pollards Moor Road and Romsey Road has been adopted by the Parish Council who has now become responsible for its maintenance and upkeep. The shelter was “opened” on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 1971. More historic detail is available in the report presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Parish Council meeting. These details are available on the Council’s website.

### 3. An update from Copythorne Parish Pickers – A report by Martin Lander of Bartley

The Parish Pickers team of litter pickers are still working our way around Copythorne Parish collecting litter where we find it.

Since we first started in February 2019 we have collected 1237 bin liners full of litter. Over time we have developed an understanding of which areas require the most attention and can direct our efforts according to need. Residential roads with housing on both sides generally suffer the least from litter casually dropped although there can be problems here with litter spilled from domestic rubbish bags awaiting collection. Whilst it is hard to understand why anyone would litter the forest at all, the roads within the cattle grids are usually less littered than those outside. The worst areas are lay-bys,



motorway roundabouts and approach roads, the Ower area with its McDonald's Drive Thru, and any major road.

Many of you in the Parish will be aware that one of our most dedicated litter pickers, Evelyn Warren, was hit by a car on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April and was taken to hospital with serious injuries. Whilst the dangers of traffic are obvious and are something that all Parish Pickers are very aware of, this incident was quite shocking because litter picking is statistically a very safe activity.

Together with our insurers we have carried out a review of our method of working as this unfortunate accident has brought home to all of us how careful we need to be in the presence of traffic. We are in regular contact with Evelyn and all of Parish Pickers wish her a full and speedy recovery. We also look forward to welcoming her back to litter picking just as soon as she feels well enough to join us. Thanks to the efforts of all the Parish Pickers the six areas of Copythorne Parish have never looked so clean.

For more information and updates please see our website: <https://parishpickers.co.uk>.

### 4. Pollards Moor Road: between Vicarage Lane & Romsey Road junction, COPYTHORNE: Footpath/Road condition adjacent to Southern Water's Pumping Station



Following the damaged caused earlier this year by Southern Water's tankers, the road surface at the northern end of Pollards Moor Road has been repaired. The Clerk will now move on to chasing Hampshire Highways to commence the promised pavement re-widening works.

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