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Please note the additional outlets to collect a paper copy of the four page newsletter given on the next page.



We are looking for a new Parish Councillor

We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. You need to be willing to give up some of your time. How much depends on you and your commitment to work for your community without being paid.

You must be 18 or over, an elector and have been resident or worked within 3 miles of the Parish for the last year. If you would like to know more before registering an interest, please contact David Rigby (Clerk to the Council) who will be happy to answer any questions. We are looking for a community minded and enthusiastic person. Even if you do not wish to apply now there may be questions you would like to ask with a view to joining the Council in the future. Full details are available on our website.

The Parish Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month (except August), usually at Copythorne Parish Hall. Meetings normally last about two hours. The Council also has several advisory committees.

ENTHUSIASM AND COMMITMENT ARE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN EXPERIENCE

Listed below are some of the details from our last meeting which was our first "open" meeting for 15 months! The Council was pleased to welcome to this meeting local Councillors Edward Heron (Hampshire County Council) and Diane Andrews (New Forest District Council).

Sports wall at the Parish Hall

The grass in front of this wall has gradually eroded with time and is now an area of very little grass where water collects when raining. It has been agreed to re-turf an area of 40m² to the side and front of the wall. In order to carry out this work, the area will be taped off for approximately three weeks to allow for the new grass to root. It is hoped to have the area back in use for the schools' summer recess.



The Parish Hall ready to hold the June Council meeting.

2022 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Councillor Lady Kara Hawks was nominated to represent the Parish Council on the working group being formed by the Copythorne Parish Hall Committee.

Health & Safety

The Council adopted a health & safety policy which has been added to the website.

Lengthsman

The Lengthsman has been tasked to carry out the following work around the parish:

- where required clean the parish notice boards, benches, village signs, information hubs and bus shelter and cut back vegetation;
- in Old Romsey Road and Kewlake Lane, Cadnam: cut back vegetation to enable painting of metal barriers on both sides, in white;
- cut back vegetation around 15 sets of white railings that were painted in 2020, and
- cut back vegetation on the footpath between Vicarage Lane and St Mary's Church.

Bartley crossroads update:



The following two recommendations have been supported by the Council as the next steps in this initiative:

Recommendation 1:

Following the support received from our district councillors, Hampshire Highways is to be approached to find out the costs associated with initial road modelling and design of road improvement at Bartley crossroads. Once these costs are known, sources of funding can be investigated.

Recommendation 2:

Assuming the traffic monitoring exercise currently awaiting implementation shows the need for improvements, to press on with obtaining a feasibility study. It is the Council's view that the future community needs will be best served by installing a roundabout; however, the feasibility study is expected to include all options.

This newsletter, together with its two-page **Our Parish Matters** supplement to update residents on progress being made to maintain and improve our local environment, is available in colour on the Council's website where links to many other items are available. Printed copies, again in colour, are available from Forest Pharmacy; Fourways Stores (Bartley Post Office); Budgens; Woodington Feeds as well as the four information hubs – the former red telephone boxes. Copies are now also available from the SPAR store, The Coach and Horses and The Compass Inn.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

The AGAR is a document that every Parish Council must complete; the Council has approved this year's return which will now be available for viewing on our website. The Notice of Public Rights is available for viewing on the Council's notice boards.

The next Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday 13th July 2021

Whilst it is expected that this meeting will again be open for members of the public to attend, please check our website the week before the meeting to confirm the arrangements.

Copythorne Parish Council has a Facebook page which is regularly updated

The Clerk to the Council, David Rigby, can be contacted by post at: 9 The Cleeves, West Totton, Southampton SO40 8WL or by telephone: 023 8112 0150 or by email at: parishclerk@copythorne.org.uk; **website:** www.copythorne.org.uk

Details of individual Parish Councillors, information on District and County Councillors, can be found on the Parish Council website, on Council notice boards and within our information hubs.

This sheet is intended 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.

1. Copythorne Playground carousel:

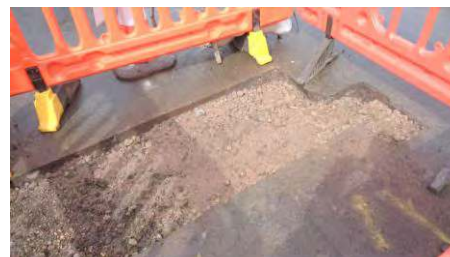


The carousel has had to be taped up and should not be used. A recent inspection found a bearing was worn and causing friction. A new bearing has now been sourced and the Council is awaiting a date for the repair.

2. Winsor Road, drainage works near the junction with Pollards Moor Road:



The broken pipe across Winsor Road just to the north of the junction has now been repaired. The gullies running north along Winsor Road should now flow freely to the outfall alongside Spring Cottage.



3. Winsor Road, kerb replacement works in two locations:



Broken kerbs have been replaced both outside The Wilderness and Gardenia in Winsor Road.

Only following a reasonable rainfall will it be known if this has cured the blocked gully!



4. Hedges, watercourses and ditches:



Please take some time to see if your hedges need cutting back to allow pedestrians to be able to walk freely along the full width of any footpath outside your property. If you don't have a footway outside your home then please ensure that your boundary hedging does not mean pedestrians have to walk further out into the road to pass your property. Also, if you have a watercourse or ditch on or adjacent to your property please take time to check that it is not obstructed in any way.

If you have a watercourse between you and the highway you have riparian responsibilities – please see the flooding section on the Council's website for more details.

5. Forest Pharmacy: Good News!

Our local Forest Pharmacy can now offer ear wax removal by microsuction, plus hearing tests and treatment for ear infections when needed.

6. Park Life – News from the New Forest National Park Authority:

The Spring/Summer edition of Park Life has just been published and copies may be collected from any one of the four information hubs - the refurbished red telephone boxes.



Park Life is a free twelve page magazine giving articles including: Care for the Forest; Care for each other; New Forest Partnership Plan: Have your say; Tackling the climate and nature crises, including how you can help and tips for creating a wildlife-friendly garden; A lasting legacy for the New Forest; A centre double-page on Be Forest-friendly which covers the many ways, by following the New Forest code, everyone can enjoy the National Park without causing inadvertent harm to these protected habitats and wildlife, the New Forest has now been declared a no BBQ and fire zone; The flagship environmental scheme which has received further funding; New nature centre at secluded New Forest reserve near Nomansland; Information on PEDALL, New Forest inclusive cycling charity; Conserving the character and history of New Forest buildings; New Forest Marque which celebrates the best of local produce and finally an article on connecting young people to nature.

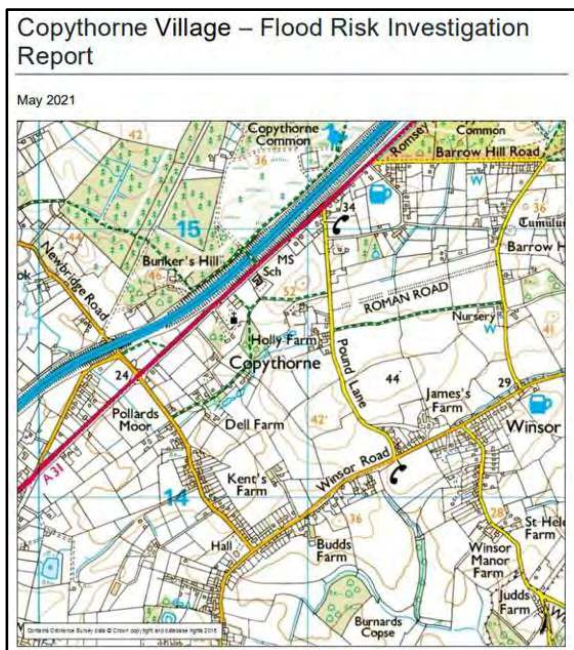
So, please remember to collect your free copy from one of the Council's four information hubs:

- New Inn Road, **BARTLEY**
- Pound Lane, near its junction with Romsey Road, **COPYTHORNE**



- Winsor Road, in layby opposite the junction with Pound Lane, **WINSOR**
- Newbridge Road, **NEWBRIDGE**

7. Copythorne Village – Flood Risk Investigation Report:



Hampshire County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority has prepared and recently issued this final version of their report to understand the flood event that occurred in 2013-14 and relevant historic occurrences; review actions taken since 2013-14 and consider what, if any, further actions may be required to address residual flood risk. The focus has been on Pollards Moor Road, Winsor Road and the land adjacent.

This report could be used to inform the development of any future measures to reduce flood risk. It is due to be considered at the Council's Flooding Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday 24th June 2021.

If you would like a copy of this report please contact the Clerk.

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