

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY JUNE 8th 2021

ITEM NO: 18 – Chairman’s Report

In the spirit of keeping today’s meeting as short as possible, I’ll try to keep this brief.

So in no particular order:

- As you know following Simon Lucas’s resignation last month, our Clerk has begun the process of getting us a replacement. As I write, it looks unlikely that 10 residents will be calling for an election to be held, so hopefully we will be able to co-opt a willing volunteer in the autumn! Can I ask that you all actively seek out likely candidates please
- As you probably all know by now, as a small gesture of his fellow councillor’s appreciation for all he did for Copythorne PC, I presented Simon with a gift of a set of Webber BBQ Tools and his wife Jane with a bouquet of roses.
- The New Inn Road telephone box has now been given a fresh lick of paint and new windows. By the time you read this hopefully all the Parish telephone boxes will have been fitted with leaflet holders. The idea being to bring the new style Parish Newsletter to as wide a readership as possible
- I attended my first Parish Hall Committee meeting on May 10th 2021. The attached Annex A provides details of items relevant to the Parish Council (see annex A). I will be going to my second meeting on June 7th and will provide a verbal brief of what happened, when we meet on June 8th.
- As we work our way through the process of electing new chair’s to our various Advisory Committees, can I say a big thank you to those of you who have volunteered to take a chair.
- NFNPA Partnership Plan – Steve Avery (Planning and Policy Executive Director) presented a paper on the Plan at the last NE Quadrant meeting. He is happy make a presentation to us if we want one (see also Cllr. Goodwin’s notes on NE Quadrant Mtg)
- We are missing yet another waste bin! This one went some time in early May from the Parade at Cadnam. This bin is a particular favourite of local dog walkers so will be missed. Hopefully we can get another one soon. The Clerk is on the case
- The long awaited HCC Flood & Water Management Team “Copythorne Flooding Report” was finally published in May. The Flooding Advisory Committee will of course look closely at the content and report its findings in the Autumn

Think that it for now, I will also provide a brief verbal update on June 8th.

Graham Chillcott
May 26th 2021

Annex A

Copythorne Parish Hall

Trustee Committee Meeting

10 May 2021, 7.30pm via Zoom

Hall Reopening

The Hall will reopen from 17 May following social distancing requirements as per ACRE guidance. The sub-committee will meet shortly to finalise the reopening guidance (Special Conditions of Hire, reopening checklist, risk assessment etc) and regular users have been provided with the updated Special Conditions if they have requested a return prior to the anticipated release of restrictions on 21 June.

It is anticipated that all “Lockdown restrictions” will be lifted from 21 June and a review of Hall guidelines will take place once the government confirms what is to happen.

Hall Hire Rates

These have not been updated for two years and a review will be undertaken and discussed at the next meeting.

Hall Development

The sub-committee was conscious that its updates on progress were not sufficient and that it will from now on publish a newsletter which will provide a useful and clear account of progress being made which can be circulated to regular users, the Yellow, our newly created website and Facebook page.

Work with the consultants is investigating the local need for services. It is clear that we understand our existing user groups very well, but we don't know what the community and local needs are, so we are undertaking a research project to address this. Once we are better aware of the local needs we can use the knowledge to better inform our development designs and also stand a better chance of securing grant funding (i.e. by addressing a known local need we are more likely to secure funding).

Repairs & Maintenance

The hall decoration has been organised for May half term.

CCTV

An updated system is due to be installed.

Trees

Consideration is to be given to planting trees to replace some of those lost in recent times.