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Following Graham Chilcott, Chairman of the Parish Council congratulating Natasha and presenting her with the award, Natasha said "throughout lockdown it was a pleasure to do my bit in the local community, if everyone does something small in their area of expertise, it helps everyone. I did it without question and still continue to do so. Our community is an amazing place to live and one which I'm proud to be part of."

**2021 Parish Award
Winner Natasha Beatty**



Natasha Beatty, centre, with Graham Chilcott and Councillor Sylvia Wiggins.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people that volunteered or adapted their way of life to help others during these past 16 months, and some continue now to volunteer. There are too many people to thank individually but it has shown what a strong and caring community we live in. It has been an extremely difficult time for many but the kindness of others has made it more bearable - **THANK YOU!**



**Final call for a new Parish
Councillor – Application
deadline 23rd August 2021**

We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Please see Parish Council website for full details.

Parish Environmental Policy



The new Parish Environmental Policy was approved and has been added to the Council website. It was agreed that the Council would join the Greening Campaign for support in tackling climate change. The Greening Campaign believes that local Councils such as Town and Parish Councils are the most important link to tackling climate change. The Greening Campaign is a structured approach which guides communities through a process towards being more sustainable.

Copythorne Flood Reports

A list of suspected inaccuracies with this report are to be compiled and submitted to Flood & Water Management Team at Hampshire County Council.



The F&WMT is also to be requested to expedite the publication of the Bartley Flood Investigation Report which is the sister report to the Copythorne Village report.

Council Mapping Software

The Council agreed to continue to subscribe to Parish Online, supplied by Geosphere Ltd, alongside its subscription to the NFDC GIS Parish Mapping. A further review will take place in January 2022.

Parish Newsletter Update

An increased budget was agreed to allow the possibility of a coloured four-page newsletter every month.

**Matters related to the May
2021 Annual Parish Council
meeting**

The Council approved the various policies, procedures and practices presented by the Clerk.

Full details are available on the supporting papers for the meeting on the Council's website.

The Retail Operations team from Post Office Counters Ltd have advised the Council that they will be including Cadnam as one of four new stops for a mobile Post Office from Friday 23rd July 2021. The Post Office van will be located in the Romsey Road car park of the White Hart public house on Fridays between 10am and 11am.

Mobile Post Office to visit White Hart, Cadnam on Fridays between 10 am and 11am



This trial service will be reviewed, based on customer levels, in approx. 3 - 6 months' time.

Due to the limited space within the van, customers using the service are requested to wear face masks when inside the van and respect social distancing guidelines when queuing inside and outside.

Affordable Housing: An update from David Rigby, Clerk to Copythorne Parish Council:

“Following a discussion at the Council meeting on 13th April 2021 regarding the above topic I have been in contact with English Rural Housing Association (“ERHA”) on a monthly basis to seek updates on their activities within the Parish and in particular in relation to the land previously identified as a potential “Rural Exception Site” behind The Haywain.

The latest response received at the end of June 2021 was to advise me that ERHA have been discussing with HCC Highways (as the Highway Authority) a possible access point onto the land behind The Haywain from New Inn Road. ERHA expect this to enable their architects to prepare a layout as part of any pre-application advice submission to the New Forest National Park Authority (“NFNPA”).

I have also been advised that ERHA trust this will allow the NFNPA to offer advice that will be helpful to them in preparing drawings that may form part of a planning application that they may in time submit to the NFNPA. Further updates will be advised as and when received.”



Councillors and the Clerk will be walking all 23 of the rights of way in the Parish during July and August and reporting on them.



The Council approved a grant for the New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau in recognition of its work. In support of their application they advised the Council that around 50 parishioners are assisted on an annual basis.



As an update on the missing litter bins from The Parade, Southampton Road and Splitwind Pond, Romsey Road, NFDC are to return the one at The Parade for a three month trial period to assess its usage.

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: Coach and Horses, Compass Inn and The Empress of Bandings as well as the four information hubs – the former red telephone boxes.

As there is no Council meeting in August, the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 14th September 2021

Please check the details on 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 Cleaves, 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 and on community notice boards and 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.

1. Copythorne Parish Hall Grounds - Sports Wall - returfing:



The new turf was laid the end of June and is looking very good. The sports wall has been out of action to allow the new grass to take. The good news is the new grass is growing very well and we hope to remove the tape and open the area up by the end of July just in time for the schools' summer recess. In future we will be encouraging that only the side of the wall facing the hall car park is used for football.

2. Footpath in Pollards Moor Road, between Vicarage Lane and Romsey Road:



HCC has recently undertaken work on the footpath at the northern end of Pollards Moor Road, between Vicarage Lane and Romsey Road. However the work has not been completed as expected and HCC will be returning to complete the reinstatement of the footpath to its full width.



3. Road drainage issues between Bartley School and Parish Hall, Winsor Road:



The replacement of the broken kerbs outside The Wilderness in Winsor Road has not, unfortunately, solved this partially blocked gully leading to water flowing down Winsor Road.



4. An update on Japanese Knotweed:



The reappearance of Japanese Knotweed has been noted by several residents in the Cadnam area.

The Clerk is to contact New Forest District Council to seek support with issues relating to the believed presence of Japanese Knotweed in the parish.

If you want to find out more details related to non-native invasive species, please follow the link available on the home page of the Council's website.

5. A visit to a local home with a Ground Source Heat Pump:



District Councillor Diane Andrews, right, with our Jackie Rhodes in front of the heat pump “kit” at a home in Winsor.

Jackie Rhodes is our Parish Councillor leading our Climate Emergency initiatives and was very pleased to accompany District Councillor Diane Andrews on a visit to a local installation of a ground source heat pump in a home in the village of Winsor which has been working successfully for over 15 years. Diane is the Cabinet member at NFDC and recently changed her Portfolio responsibilities to Planning, Regeneration and Infrastructure. In her new role she is, amongst other things, focussing on climate change and working towards a zero-carbon economy. Diane Andrews was surprised at the compact size of the heat pump, being about the size of a small upright fridge/freezer. Diane commented: “Heat pumps are excellent low carbon heating systems and can be 300-400% efficient in terms of their use of electricity.”

6. Two New Parish Council Notice Boards:

As reported in the June 2021 newsletter the Parish Council has purchased and now installed the first two replacement noticeboards. These are located in Newbridge Village and Winsor Road lay-by (both next to one of our red K6 phone boxes/information hubs).

As part of our newly adopted Parish Council Environmental Policy, the noticeboards are made of recycled plastic.

The open left-hand side is for community notices and the closed right hand side is for Council matters.

Later in the 2021/22 Council year we will be considering which two of the other five noticeboards are next in line for replacement.



Newbridge Village



Winsor Road lay-by

7. Winsor Road: Kent’s Farm to Pound Lane - Footpath



The footpath in this area of Winsor Road is impassable for anyone with a wheelchair or buggy. As well as the hedge adjoining the footpath overhanging the footpath, the weed growth in the footpath alongside the kerb line has reached such a height that it’s possibly time for it to be classified as a verge and therefore, at least, occasionally cut!

The Clerk has contacted HCC and NFDC regarding these issues along this part of Winsor Road.

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