



COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter: October 2021

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PARISH DESIGN STATEMENT

The process to re-start the Parish Design Statement (PDS) has begun and will form part of the Parish Meeting in November.

Parish Council suggested that it's to be called a Parish Design Statement rather than a Village Design Statement (VDS), because our parish is made up of six villages.

The production of a PDS was effectively stalled last year by Covid-19.

This will be a community lead process, rather than one led by the Parish Council.

The first part of this process will be to set up a "Task Force" made up of a representative of each of

the 6 villages in the Parish (plus a member of the Parish Council). The idea is to call for volunteers at the Parish Meeting, do you wish to become part of this exciting venture?

New Local Bus Service between Ringwood and Southampton

A new bus service is due to start on the 25th October. The No 5 service which will be operated by Southampton Mini Link will run between Ringwood and Southampton (via Cadnam and Totton).

It will run Monday to Friday, during the day, with four buses in each direction.

The first east bound bus stopping in Cadnam (The Old Post Office) at 0754, before continuing down Southampton

Road (A336) towards Netley Marsh.

The last west bound bus from Southampton will be at 1715. Full details of all times and bus stops, can be found at www.southamptonminilink.co.uk.

Details of the existing T3 and T4 Blue Star bus services on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the Parish and Totton can be found at www.bluestarbus.co.uk/services



New Parish Councillor

At the Council Meeting on September 14th 2021, the members of the Council voted to Co-Opt Sarah Coombs for the vacant seat in the Copythorne North Ward, bringing the Council back to its full compliment of seven. Sarah's name may be familiar to some residents as she was previously a parish councillor between May 2015 and May 2019.

Richard Fowler, a resident of Cadnam also offered himself for Co-Option and the Parish Council would like to thank him for doing so.

NFDC Empty Homes Initiative

As our local District Council, NFDC are keen to see empty homes within their area occupied.

Their aim is to bring long-term empty homes back into use and improve the standard of housing in our communities.

If you need advice or notice an empty home, you can email privatesectorhousing@nfdc.gov.uk or call 023 8028 5151.



Printed copies are available from • Forest Pharmacy • Fourways Stores (Bartley Post Office) • Budgens Woodington Feeds • Coach and Horses, Compass Inn and The Empress of Blandings as well as the four information Hubs – the former red telephone boxes.

An update on Affordable Housing

The Parish Council is aware that there has been recent speculation about the possibility of a potential Affordable Housing Development within the Parish.

A statement written by our Parish Clerk on the present position was presented at the Council meeting on September 14th 2021.

A copy is available on our website as the supporting paper for Item 12 at that meeting via this link www.copythorne.org.uk/council-meetings/

The statement concluded with the following:

Copythorne Parish Council does not determine planning applications. Any applications submitted for the land to the rear of The Haywain would be determined by the NFNPA (as Local Planning Authority).

The Parish Council is notified when planning applications are submitted and has the ability to make comments (in favour or against).

Members of the public are also able to submit comments to the NFNPA (again in favour or against).

ERHA have advised me that if, after their preliminary investigations have been concluded, they believe that there is merit in them submitting a planning application to the NFNPA for the site at the rear of The Haywain then, PRIOR, to doing so they will share their proposals with the Parish Council and the residents of the Parish.

This sharing is expected to take the form of a public exhibition of the plans (probably at the Parish Hall) which will be publicised by the Parish Council via as many channels as possible.



Paultons Park Traffic Issues



Over the summer there has been daily congestion on roads around Paultons Park. It would appear that this is the result of large numbers of visitors to this popular attraction and non-connected road works in the wider area.

I have had e-mail exchanges with our County Cllr. Edward Heron and also Neville Penman, the County Councillor for Totton North & Netley Marsh. HCC Highways are aware of the issues with Cllr. Heron raising concerns on behalf of residents.

Over the next few months HCC Highways Traffic Managers (together with other relevant bodies) will be looking into ways that improvements to traffic flows could be made for the future.

Cllr. Heron is aware that the Parish Council wants to be kept up to date on any developments so that we can ensure that local residents are aware of the discussions being held.

Greening Campaign

An article appeared in the September issue of the Newsletter regarding the Greening Campaign, this is a reminder that volunteers are being sought who are willing to engage with the whole community to make a difference in this worthwhile Campaign.

If you are interested, please email Jackie Rhodes jackierhodes@copythorne.org.uk



The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday October 12th 2021 in the Parish Hall.

Please check our website the week before to confirm the arrangements and view the agenda.

Details of Individual Parish Councillors plus information on District and County Councillors may be found on the Parish Council website and on our community notice boards and information hubs. (the old red telephone boxes).

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