

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter: November 2021

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GREENING CAMPAIGN

PUBLIC MEETING TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.00PM
 In the Function Room at the Empress of Blandings, Romsey Road, SO40 2PF
EVERYONE WELCOME

GREENING



COPYTHORNE

Phase one of the Greening Campaign aims to encourage local people and businesses to take easy and straightforward steps to reduce energy consumption and waste.

To kickstart the campaign, Greening Copythorne are holding a public meeting where the Greening Campaign will be explained in more detail.

Those who attend the meeting will be invited to help choose a number of simple actions they consider to be most relevant to the community and which will enable people to make a difference to our environment today – and long into the future.

Join us to learn more about what you can do to make a difference to help our environment.

To ensure we have adequate seating, please e-mail Jackie Rhodes jackie.rhodes@copythorne.org.uk if you would like to attend.

Please also email Jackie Rhodes should you want further information or are unable to attend this meeting but would like to be involved in future events.

5G MOBILE PHONE MAST - UPDATE

Since the installation of the new 5G phone mast on Southampton Road, several residents have queried the colour of the mast.

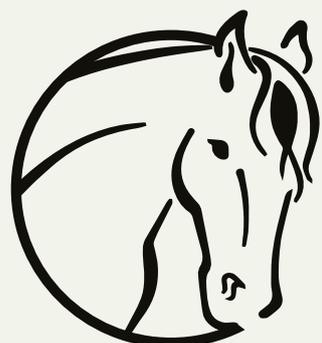
It's currently painted a light mist grey but when viewed from the road, it looks more like off white.

New Forest National Park Authority (NFNPA) were approached about the colour and the reply was they had received a number of representations from members of the community regarding this.

NFNPA have suggested to the mast owner, they may wish to contact Netley Marsh Parish Council directly about the colour as the mast is within their Parish.

NFNPA also confirmed they would have no objection if the mast were to be re-painted green.

We have yet to hear if Netley Marsh PC have had any contact with the mast owner regarding a change of colour of the mast.



PARISH DESIGN STATEMENT (PDS) - UPDATE

The production of a PDS was stalled last year because of the pandemic.

This being a community-led process, rather than one led by the Parish Council (PC) and will be discussed at the Parish Meeting on November 25th 2021 at the Parish Hall.

The first part will be to set up a "Task Force" made up of a representative of each of the six villages within the Parish and a member of the PC. Volunteers will be called for at the Parish Meeting.

The Clerk to the Council, David Rigby may be contacted by
 Post at: 9 The Cleaves, West Totton, Southampton SO40 8WL by Telephone 023 8112 0150 or
 via Email: parishclerk@copythorne.org.uk | Website: www.copythorne.org.uk



AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE

Following on from last month's update I have - as requested by the members of the Parish Council - been continuing to maintain a dialogue with English Rural Housing Association ("ERHA") regarding a site to the rear of The Haywain that they are considering as a possible site for a potential Affordable Housing Development.

ERHA have advised that, in advance of any possible planning application (which as previously explained if submitted would be determined by the New Forest National Park Authority, as the local Planning Authority) they are planning to launch an online public consultation for the proposed affordable housing scheme.

The website for the consultation is - at this time - expected to go live on

November 1st 2021 and be open for six weeks until December 13th 2021.

It will allow the public to view the proposals and post comments, In addition, potential applicants will be able to register their interest in the scheme.

Details of the website would be provided to the Parish Council who will share it as widely as possible via our noticeboards; newsletters; website; and Facebook page.

The Parish Council has asked and ERHA have agreed to provide the Parish Council with a weekly report on responses (for GDPR reasons personal details will be removed by ERHA).

Additionally, the Parish Council has indicated to ERHA that should they decide to submit a formal Planning

application to the NFNPA an in person "drop in" event be arranged locally by ERHA to give local people a further opportunity to view the proposals.

ERHA have advised that, for now, they want to encourage parishioners to respond via the online consultation if possible, rather than wait for a drop in event.

A copy of my report to the Parish Council can be found within the supporting documents for the October 12th 2021 Council meeting via this link www.copythorne.org.uk/council-meetings/ David Rigby, Clerk to Copythorne Parish Council

"ANNUAL" PARISH MEETING UPDATE

As regular readers will be aware the Parish Council usually convenes an Annual Parish Meeting (sometimes referred to as a "meeting of the electors") in March each year.

Due to COVID restrictions the last full meeting took place back in March 2019.

A short meeting to fulfil the legal requirement to hold an Annual Parish Meeting took place on May

5th 2021 with Cllr. Graham Chillcott, the Chairman of the Parish Council (and the meeting) promising to hold a traditional meeting when safe to do so.

The Parish Council now feels we have reached that point and so Copythorne Parish Hall has been booked for Thursday November 25th 2021, doors open at 6.45pm for a Parish Meeting that will start at 7pm and finish at 9pm.

This will be an opportunity for residents of the Parish to hear updates on a number of topics that we hope will be of interest.

The agenda for the meeting will be posted on our noticeboards, website and Facebook page on Monday November 15th.

David Rigby,
Clerk to Copythorne Parish Council

TEMPORARY ROAD SIGNS LEFT BEHIND BY CONTRACTORS

Several residents have recently reported temporary road signs have been left behind by contractors in various parts of Copythorne Parish.

County Councillor Edward Heron was approached and said these may be reported on the Hampshire County Council Highways webpage.

Follow the link <https://roadenquiries.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems/highwaydefect/otherroad.aspx>

This link will take you directly to the right section of the report. Hampshire Highways will collect all signs and reunite them with their respective owners.



The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday November 9th 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).

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.