

## **DRAFT Minutes of Copythorne Parish Meeting held at Copythorne Parish Hall on November 25th 2021 at 7.00pm.**

**Present as Chairman of the meeting:** Cllr. Graham Chillcott – Chairman of Copythorne Parish Council

**In attendance as Clerk of the meeting:** Mr David Rigby – Clerk to Copythorne Parish Council

24 members of the public attended the meeting

*(numbering of minutes follows the numbering of the agenda)*

### **Pre- Commencement of the meeting**

#### **1. Arrival**

Prior to the start of the meeting refreshments were served by Copythorne WI

### **Meeting**

#### **2. Introduction, welcome, apologies for absence**

Cllr. Graham Chillcott introduced himself as the Chairman of Copythorne Parish Council; welcomed those present; and explained the reason for holding the Parish Meeting followed the inability due to COVID-19 restrictions to hold the usual Annual Parish Meeting in March 2021. The Clerk presented apologies on behalf The Rt. Hon. Julian Lewis MP who had been invited but was unable to attend.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting (May 5<sup>th</sup> 2021)**

The minutes of the meeting held on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2021 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Graham Chillcott.

#### **4. District Councillor Feedback/update**

Dist. Cllrs Derek Tipp & Diane Andrews presented reports (copies of which can be found in the Meetings Section of the Parish Council website).

#### **5. County Councillor Feedback/update**

County Cllr Edward Heron presented a report (a copy of which can be found in the Meetings Section of the Parish Council website).

#### **6. Policing Update (to include Community Speedwatch Report)**

Acting Chief Inspector Helen Andrews delivered a Policing update (details on which can be found in the Meetings section of the Parish Council website). After delivering her report she asked for questions. A parishioner asked if animal deaths are high on the police agenda, CI Andrews confirmed that they were very much so and her team would continue to target the areas where these were sadly occurring, for example Roger Penny Way.

PCSO Richard Williams delivered a report on the activities of the Copythorne Community Speed Watch team (a copy of the report can be found in the Meetings section of the Parish Council website) which he prefaced by saying that it is the most active CSW in the New Forest.

#### **7. Presentation by the Parish Pickers**

In the absence of Martin Lander, the Clerk read a report prepared by Martin detailing their work over the year (a copy of the report can be found in the Meeting section of the Parish Council website).

## **8. Parish Hall Development Plans update**

Simon Lucas, a member of the Parish Hall Committee delivered a report on the current position regarding the development of the Parish Hall (a copy of the report can be found in the Meetings section of the Parish Council website). A parishioner suggested that the Hall Committee should consider reverting to a previous agreed development plan rather than the one in the presentation. Mr Lucas advised that the presentation reflected a design brief rather than a finished proposal and that the Hall Committee was still considering options.

## **9. An update on possible Affordable Housing Plans for the Parish**

The Clerk delivered a written report on the current position (a copy of the report can be found in the Meetings section of the Parish Council website).

## **10. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – June 2022**

On behalf of the Parish Hall Committee's Platinum Jubilee Working Party, Barbara Smith and Joy Vallis delivered a presentation on the draft plans for the Jubilee extended weekend (a copy of the presentation can be found on the Parish Council website).

## **11. Your Community Transport**

Graham Chillcott delivered a report on the current provision for Community Transport in the Parish (a copy of the report can be found on the Parish Council website). A parishioner asked if the new "number 5" service from Ringwood to Southampton (via Southampton Road) was a temporary or ongoing service. Mr Chillcott advised that it was understood to be an ongoing service.

## **12. Flooding Matters in the Parish**

John Goodwin delivered a presentation on Flooding (a copy of the presentation can be found on the Parish Council website).

## **13. Parish Design Statement**

Graham Chillcott summarised a presentation on the possibility of a community led "Parish Design Statement" and drew the attention of those present to leaflets explaining the project which had been handed out (a copy of the presentation can be found on the Parish Council website).

## **14. Climate Emergency**

Jackie Rhodes delivered a presentation on the "Greening Copythorne" project which is looking at how individuals can come together to make a positive impact on combating "Climate Change". She explained that in due course cards would be issued to all households and business premises in the Parish for them to choose from a list of changes to make. (a copy of the presentation can be found on the Parish Council website). Jackie was asked whether the cards would be "green" and Jackie confirmed that they would be on recycled card.

## **15. Final Questions and answers session**

No questions were raised

With nothing further to discuss, the Chairman of Copythorne Parish Council thanked the following:-

- Copythorne Women's Institute for providing the pre-meeting refreshments
- The Clerk for setting up the meeting
- Barbara Smith, the Parish Hall Bookings Secretary for the use of the Hall

The meeting closed at 9.01pm.