

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY DECEMBER 14TH 2021

Item 10 - To receive & approve a response to the HCC F&WM Team Copythorne Village Flood Risk Investigation Report

BACKGROUND

On May 7th 2021, the final version of the long awaited “Copythorne Village Flood Risk Investigation Report” (“the report”) - produced by the HCC Flood & Water Management Team - was received by the Clerk. It was shared with members of the Parish Council’s Flooding Advisory Committee on May 10th 2021 and with the other members of the Council on June 10th 2021.

It was first discussed by the Flooding Advisory Committee at its meeting on June 24th 2021 (item 5). The published notes of the discussion read as follows: -

GC (Graham Chillcott) opened the discussion by recommending that we should identify the perceived errors, advise HCC of them and then push the F&WMT to move on to the “sister” report for Bartley. After some discussion GC proposed that he prepare a report of the issues and bring before the Council a report on what the Flooding AC will be doing. All members voted in favour on this proposal. After the vote JG (John Goodwin) advised that he remained unhappy and reserved the right to deal with it as a member of the community.

A copy of the report was added to the Flooding page of our website on July 5th 2021.

Cllr. Graham Chillcott reported to the Council on July 13th 2021 (Agenda item 11) on the outcome of the above Flooding Advisory Committee meeting. A copy of his report is attached as Appendix A. The published minute relating to the agenda item read as follows: -

135/21 To receive and approve a response to the HCC Flood Risk Investigation Report for Copythorne Village.

Cllr. Chillcott presented the above report (a copy of which is included in the supporting documents for this meeting on the Council’s website).

RESOLVED: That the two recommendations be approved.

Proposed Cllr. Chillcott, Seconded Cllr. Rhodes, all in favour. APPROVED

ACTIONS – 1) Cllr. Graham Chillcott to prepare and share with members the list detailed in recommendation 1 before Clerk then sends list to HCC Flood & Water Management Team.

2) Clerk to discuss with the HCC Flood & Water Management Team the production and publication of the Bartley Flood Investigation Report.

PRESENT POSITION

The Flooding Advisory Committee meetings on November 4th 2021 and November 29th 2021 discussed the errors contained within the report and an agreed list of suggestions and corrections was approved at the November 29th 2021 meeting (Item 4). The published notes of the discussion read as follows: -

Cllr. Chillcott provided those present with a report detailing his proposed comments based on the discussions held at the last Flooding AC meeting on November 4th 2021. Those comments were then discussed and agreed upon by the three members present, A copy of the agreed comments is attached as Item 4.

ACTION – Cllr. Chillcott to provide the Clerk with a formal report to be submitted to Council for them to approve as an agenda item at the Council meeting on December 14th 2021

A letter to the HCC F&WMT has been prepared incorporating the list of agreed comments and is attached as Appendix B.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council endorses the approved comments made by the Flooding Advisory Committee.
2. That Council approves the sending of the letter attached as Appendix B.

David Rigby

Clerk/RFO to Copythorne Parish Council

November 30th 2021

APPENDIX A

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 13TH 2021

Item 11 - Report on the recently published Copythorne Village Flood Investigation Report and the request for approval by the Council on the suggested way ahead

Introduction

Following the publication of the Copythorne Village Flood Investigation Report (“CVFR”) by the HCC Flood & Water Management Team (“F&WMT”) in May 2021 and it’s subsequent debate by the Flooding Advisory Committee (“FAC”), my report to Council seeks approval to proceed with the recommendations shown below.

Background

After considerable delay, the CVFR was finally published in May 2021. Although the FAC knew that the CVFR contained some inaccuracies, it was felt that it was better to get the CVFR published and then seek to have the inaccuracies corrected, rather than wait any longer.

Prior to the July Council meeting, I asked our Clerk to provide all members with hard copies of the CVFR for their perusal.

The FAC debated at its meeting on June 24th 2021 its response to the CVFR and as a result agreed to bring the existence of the CVFR to the notice of the Members and then seek their approval of the following recommendations:

Recommendations

1. Confirm that Cllr. Graham Chillcott is to compile a list of suspected inaccuracies and then share these with the Council, before asking the Clerk to submit the list to the F&WMT.
2. Ask our Clerk to write to the F&WMT to ask that they expedite the publication of the Bartley Flood Investigation report. This Report is the sister report to the CVFR and as the name suggests will cover those parts of the Parish which fall within the “Bartley Water” catchment area.

Cllr Graham Chillcott

June 24th 2021

APPENDIX B – Council’s letter to HCC Flood & Water Management Team in response to the “Copythorne Village Flood Risk Investigation Report”

Mr Tom Callaway
Senior Flood & Water Management Project Officer
HCC Flood & Water Management Team

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Dear Mr Callaway

Copythorne Village Flood Risk Investigation Report

Thank you for sharing the “Copythorne Village Flood Risk Investigation Report” with the Parish Council back in May 2021. Having read it, Copythorne Parish Council would like to make a few comments and suggested amendments please:-

- i. Page 2, Executive Summary 3rd paragraph, we would like to see the proposed Bartley Village report issued as a standalone report rather than as an addendum to this one please.
- ii. Page 4, can we ask if the flood maps (Figure 3) have been remodelled and if so when please?
- iii. Page 9, Para.2.5 1st sentence: amend to read “The New Forest District Council is the planning authority covering those parts of Copythorne Parish that lie outside the National Park.”
- iv. Page 10, Para.2.6 Add a sentence to say “The New Forest National Park Authority is the planning authority covering the majority of Copythorne Parish except a small corner in the north east.”
- v. Page 11, Para 2.7 3rd sentence: change “ditch to culvert” and add “this remains ongoing and is yet to be resolved, (See also Image 2 on Page 21).”
- vi. Page 11, Para. 2.7 4th sentence: add after 2011 “and subsequently updated.”
- vii. Page 15, Para 4 See also comment against Executive Summary on page 2.
- viii. Page 16, Para 4.1 3rd sentence: We would like to bring to your attention that there is further information available about flooding events in Pollards Moor Road, for an example see planning application 15/00484.
- ix. Page 16, Para 4.1 4th sentence: can we ask please for this review to be held.
- x. Page 19, Para 5 4th sentence: We should like to point out that flooding has re-occurred since 2013-14. Mulberry Cottage and Riverside properties are more recent examples.
- xi. Page 19 Next Step Table: Please add how often the CCTV the surface drainage water system survey is to be undertaken, i.e. monthly, yearly, every other year.

We look forward to receiving your response and hopefully a revised final version of the report reflecting the above comments before January 31st 2022.

Yours sincerely

David Rigby
Clerk/RFO, Copythorne Parish Council