

Copythorne Parish Council Meeting – December 14th 2021

Item No 17 – Chairman’s report

Update on our Parish Phone Boxes

I’m pleased to say that my request to refrain from leaving unwanted books in the kiosks seems to have been heeded. So, a thank you to the people who have taken the trouble to remove the unwanted books. Unfortunately, yet another window has been smashed in one of our kiosks and this time for good measure they have stolen the door handle! As you know I’m slowly working my way round replacing all the glass windows with polycarbonate ones which are much tougher.

Further update on the New Mobile Telephone Mast at the junction of Southampton Road and Bourne Road

I had another think about the problem of how to get the 5G mast re-painted. As a result, I managed to get the name and address of the agent of the 5G mast installer and wrote to him. I’m pleased to say that he has written back and said that providing the NFNPA give formal approval the mast will soon be re-painted green. I know from previously speaking to the NFNPA that they have no objection to green so pretty soon the mast will be a nice shade of fir green.

Repeat of reminder about Flooding in the Parish

Can I just repeat my seasonal reminder to ask **you all** to check that your ditches, pipes, gullies and drains are clear and free running? As we are aware it’s very important to ensure that surface water can drain freely off your land and property, a few hours spent clearing them now will reap dividends in the coming winter storms for you and your neighbours. The Parish Flood Plan (PFP) leaflet is designed to assist local residents to familiarise themselves with how to respond to a local flooding event. Copies of the PFP are available on the Parish website. I and my fellow Flooding Advisory Committee members also have paper copies of the PFP available for those who do not have access to the internet.

“Annual Parish Meeting Part 2”

As promised, we held a “Parish Meeting” hosted and chaired by me in the Copythorne Parish Hall on the 25th November. It was reasonably well attended, on what was a cold and frosty evening, but we in truth we could have done with a few more people. We had updates from our County and District councillors followed by presentations on Local Policing; Parish Hall Development Plans; Flooding Matters in the Parish; The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations; and the Greening Campaign amongst others. May I say a big thank you to David (our Clerk); the ladies of the WI (who made the tea and coffee); all the presenters; and especially to those people who braved the cold to attend.

NALC Future Communities 2021 Webinar

I attended the Future Communities Webinar on the 2nd December. There were 4 speakers including Jackie Weaver and 5 workshops. Hopefully by the time you read this I will have written up and published my notes of what happened on the day.

Royal British Legion Remembrance Service

The RBL Remembrance Service, this year, as a COVID precaution was held outdoors at the Copythorne War Memorial rather than as in previous years in St Marys Church. In my role as Chairman of the Parish Council, I was privileged to be asked to lay a wreath on behalf of the Council at the Memorial.

Cllr. Graham Chillcott
November 30th 2021