



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY 2019 - 7.00 P.M.
SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE CENTRE,
SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), Nora Ball (Vice-Chair), Pauline Cobham, Neil Coggins, Janette Colecliffe, Matthew Crook, Paul Eastham, Steve Holgate, Elaine Jones, S. Makin, Marjorie Parkinson, Maggie Peel-Impey, Paul Taylor Ash Whittaker – Susan Edwards (Clerk)

1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors David Cole (unwell) and County Councillor Julia Berry

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL / PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS (Members of the Parish Council are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provision of the Local Government Act 2000)

- Cllrs Pauline Cobham and Mick Atherton – Item 9.1 - Coffee Machine
- Cllr Paul Eastham – Item 9.5 Allotments
- Cllr Matthew Crook – Item 11.1 – An application just received for Chorley Panthers Rugby League Football Club

2.1 DECLARATION OF GIFTS – None.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 12 DECEMBER 2018 (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor Nora Ball

SECONDED: Councillor Maggie –Peel Impey

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the above meeting be approved as a correct record.

THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK.

4. POLICE REPORT – None.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Apologies received from Councillor Julia Berry, who stated that Cllr Holgate would update the Parish Council



on concerns regarding the site clearance at St. Oswald's Court. Cllr Berry asked that any site submissions for the Chorley Local Plan be shared with her and this was agreed to. Cllr Berry also asked if the Parish Council had considered having a Neighbourhood Plan, particularly focused on planning development? (To be discussed within the meeting).

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – Cllr Holgate reported on the following:

- A phone call from a resident informed Cllr Holgate that trees were being cut down on St. Oswald's Court, clearing the land. A site visit took place with County Councillor Berry and the contractors stated that LCC, whose land it is, had engaged them to clear the site. Unfortunately, LCC had failed to let anyone know what they were doing. Allegedly, an ecologist had said that there was nothing of value on the site. Half the site has already been allocated under the local plan for housing, but the other half has not. The Parish Council has asked for the land to be re-allocated as amenity land in the next Local Plan. Cllr Coggins stated that putting a Neighbourhood Plan in place would have equal authority in law to the Local Plan. The Clerk to look back through the records to ascertain when the Parish Council had previously applied for that land to become part of the Nature Reserve. A lease was agreed upon, but LCC pulled out of the agreement before the lease was signed. If the information cannot be found as it was approximately ten years ago and under the new Data Protection Act old correspondence has been deleted, a Freedom of Information request to be put to LCC.
- The Friends of Coppull Library planted two cherry trees at the front of the Library. Cllr Colecliffe helped with the planting, together with Councillor Holgate. Ninety winter flowering pansies had been donated from Pole Green Nurseries and two bags of compost.

7. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – None.

THE CHAIRMAN REIMPOSED STANDING ORDERS

8. REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE DATED 2 JANUARY 2019 (emailed to Parish Councillors) - TO consider the recommendations made by the above committee and to decide/ratify the necessary action:

- 5.1 Precept, 5.2 CIL Funding and 5.3 Scribe Accounts package to be discussed below, under General Management/Finance.
- 5.4 Register of Electors – Parish Councillors to note the rules in regard to the disclosure of information on the register, as stated on the report of the Management & Finance committee dated 2 January 2018.
- 5.5 Community Champion Volunteers – consideration of what the Parish



Council would like them to help with. The Clerk had been in contact with the local Police, who would like to liaise with the Parish Council in regard to the duties of the volunteers. Councillors also to consider what they would like to see the volunteers help with.

- 5.6 Provision of dog bags for Scouts to install plastic containers around the village. The Council **RESOLVED** to provide dog bags for the Scouts. Cllr Colecliffe to obtain the bags.
- 7.1 Site for non-animal circus. It was agreed that the field/play area at Tansley Avenue could be proposed for this event in June. If this is felt to be an adequate site, the cost of using to be considered.
- 7.2 Suggestion for siting of Scope Recycling Banks. It was agreed that the Leisure Centre site was not suitable for recycling banks, as these has been tried before and they had been vandalised, set on fire and used to climb on to climb onto the roof of the centre. It was also felt that there were numerous banks around the village and also the Charity Shop which accept clothing, etc.
- 8.1 Vandalised Bus Shelters. These have been reported to Lancashire Constabulary, asking that CCTV be checked.
- 8.2 LCC Budget Consultation Central Lancashire (emailed to Parish Councillors). All Councillors to look on the website at the proposed budget as it may effect Coppull. A link to the website was included in the email from LCC sent to all Parish Councillors on 7 December 2018.
- 8.5 Bins overflowing over the Christmas holiday period – suggestions of how to avoid this next year. It came to light that Chorley Council had not had a cardboard collection straight after the holiday period and that this had also caused concern. The Lengthsmen are now back into normal working hours so any problems with litter bins will be resolved. As the Christmas and New Year holidays are statutory, there will always be two/three days when no staff are in work, the Lengthsmen don't take time off together for the rest of the holiday period.

PROPOSED: Councillor Marjorie Parkinson

SECONDED: Councillor Nora Ball

RESOLVED - That the report of the Management & Finance Committee and all the recommendations contained therein and above be accepted as a correct record.



9. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

9.1 Accounts (reviewed quarterly, next April 2019)

- Consideration of Precept/Budget for 2019/20 (emailed to Parish Councillors).

PROPOSED: Councillor Steve Holgate
SECONDED: Councillor Ash Whittaker

RESOLVED - that the proposed budget be accepted and details sent to Chorley Council by the required date.

- Community Infrastructure Levy – to consider various projects (emailed to Parish Councillors).

Village Hall - Consideration of a new Village Hall was discussed and where this should be located. All Councillors present at the meeting were asked their views and the general consensus was that a new hall should be sited at the Leisure Centre, as it is the centre of the village with parking. However, the current Village Hall on Chapel Lane should also be updated if possible, to serve that side of the village.

Neighbourhood Plan – It was agreed that a Neighbourhood Plan should be looked into. The Clerk to obtain information.

RESOLVED - Consultation with residents on these proposals to be undertaken through the next newsletter.

- Consideration to either finance or loan funding to the Leisure Centre for a new coffee machine. It was **RESOLVED** to loan the Leisure Centre the money for a new coffee machine, which is to be repaid over a six month period.
- Consideration of new accounts package – Scribe. The Clerk had been in contact with another Clerk, who had a different accounts package at a cheaper price. The Clerk will look into this before a decision is made.

9.2 Local Plan - Call for sites. A further meeting of the sub-committee took place, but until further information is obtained on what sites have been put forward, there is nothing that can be done. Chorley Council is to make the proposed sites public in May.

9.3 Neighbourhood Area Meeting update (SH). This is scheduled for Thursday 10 January 2019.

9.4 Woodland Trust, free trees. The Clerk to contact the Woodland Trust to ascertain if any of the trees would be suitable for placing on the proposed edible hedge site at Blainscough Nature Reserve.



- 9.5 Allotments Update (PE). No concerns, the AGM is to take place at the end of January 2019.
- 9.6 Dog Fouling (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). Numerous areas around the village are being reported as problem areas. As previously discussed the Scouts are putting up plastic bottles with bags in around the village and the Parish Council will continue to put them up as well. Areas mentioned are: Around schools, Chapel Lane down to Church, bottom end of Clancutt Lane, all the Ginnels, Moss Lane, Green Lane.
- 9.7 Village Grot Spots (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). There have been quite a few areas over the Christmas period where bins have not been emptied and also where residents have apparently been putting household rubbish into or by the side of the litter bins. Again, this will be resolved when normal working hours are resumed.

10. DECISIONS MADE UNDER THE CLERK'S DELEGATED AUTHORITY

(After consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair) – None.

11. PLANNING (N.Coggins)

11.1 Planning Applications:

- Application No. 18/00017 – 10 Grange Drive – Appeal lodged against refusal of demolition of existing rear conservatory and construction of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Noted.
- Application No. 18/01181/FULHH - 10 Grange Drive – Part two storey and part single storey rear/side extension following demolition of conservatory. The application has been changed slightly, the roof is lower on the side of the extension.
RESOLVED - Neutral.
- An application had just been received for the erection of a replacement clubhouse for Chorley Panthers Rugby League Football Club, Chisnall Lane and Cllr Crook declared an interest.
RESOLVED – Support.

12. HIGHWAYS

- 12.1 Parking Enforcement Requests (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). Still concerns at the bottom of Lancaster Street with a transit van parking too close to the junction. The Police have been informed.
- 12.2 Parking on the pavement on both sides of The Heys, blocking it for pedestrians. To inform the Police.



13. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION-DISCUSSION

- 13.1 Notification of temporary road closure on Spendmore Lane from 08:00 hrs on Thursday 14 February to 17:00 hrs on Friday 15 February.

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION

- 14.1 Making the most of your tablet and smartphone – course commences Wednesday 23 January 2019 from 9.30 am to 11.30 am for eight weeks, held in the meeting room at the Leisure Centre.
- 14.2 Proposal for a ward walk in conjunction with the Police and the Councillor responsible for their area in the village.

THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.20 P.M.

Dates of next meetings:

WEDNESDAY 13.02.19: 7.00 PM PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillor Michael Atherton
Parish Council Chairman

