



# COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY 08 JANUARY 2020 - 7.00 P.M.  
SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE CENTRE,  
SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

**A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET TOOK PLACE AT 6.30 PM AND FINISHED BY 7.000 PM, SO THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING STARTED, BUT ANY COUNCILLORS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING AT 7.30 PM WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK**

**PRESENT: Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), M. Parkinson (Vice-Chair), Pauline Cobham, Matthew Crook, Sheila Makin, Lynne Moores, Maggie Peel-Impey, Paul Taylor, Ashley Whittaker, Susan Edwards (Clerk), County/District Councillor Julia Berry and District Councillor Alex Hilton at 7.30 pm**

**The Chairman wished everyone a very Happy New Year.**

**1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Councillors Nora Ball (illness), Neil Coggins (another commitment), Janette Colecliffe (working), Paul Eastham (illness), Steve Holgate (another commitment) and Elaine Jones

**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)

- Councillor Matthew Crook – Item 10.3 – Village Hall
- Councillor Lynne Moores – Item 10.12 – Allotments
- Councillors Mick Atherton and Pauline Cobham - Item 10.13 – Leisure Centre
- Councillor Ash Whitaker – Item 12.1 - Planning

**2.1 DECLARATION OF GIFTS** – None.

**3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 11 DECEMBER 2019** (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor P. Cobham

SECONDED: Councillor L. Moores

**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. COMMUNITY CHAMPION'S REPORT** – Apologies from Dorian as he has a prior commitment.

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Councillor Julia Berry stated that there was nothing really to report due to the recent elections being held. There will be nothing extra spent on roads for the next two years in Chorley. LCC has assessed every road in Lancashire and this data has been requested under the Freedom of Information Act. Any problems need to be continually reported to LCC.

**7. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

7.1 Councillor Julia Berry reported that the Neighbourhood meeting at Chorley Council have been cancelled, but they are keen to identify projects for the village. Jigsaw have up to 2.5k for projects/gardens around their properties.

The Police and Crime Commissioner has communicated with the Inspire Youth Zone to engage with children in the village. There is a councillor surgery at the Library on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month and other councillors have theirs on a Saturday morning. It is hoped that the Police will drop in at these meetings.

7.2 Councillor Alex Hilton stated that he was representing the views of the people regarding anti-social behaviour in the village and was arranging a meeting with the MP, LCC, Chorley County and the Police, to come up with a plan of action and ascertain what these authorities can do. This meeting will also discuss the other concern in this village of drug dealing. Apparently, there is an ice cream van going around selling drugs.

Councillor Hilton has been doing leaflet drops to advertise the local plan consultation in the Library.

**8. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** – None.

**THE CHAIRMAN REIMPOSED STANDING ORDERS.**

**9. NO MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING IN DECEMBER 2019** - the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 26 February 2020 at 7 pm.

**10. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE**

10.1 Accounts. Councillor Makin had spent the afternoon checking through all the accounts. These will be emailed to Parish Councillors.



- 10.2 Budget/Precept for 2020/21 – This had been discussed prior to this meeting and a precept of £102,130 was proposed. The increase is due to the cost of living, but also due to not putting any reserve monies back into the budget, instead to save this money for projects and maintenance of current assets. **RESOLVED** - The proposed precept was accepted unanimously.

Chorley Council Tax Support Scheme Consultation. More information to be requested from Chorley Council. The consultation closes at midnight on Monday 3 February 2020.

- 10.3 Village Hall – Possibly two applicants to use the hall for pre-school/nursery. One of the applicants has now pulled out due to the time it will take to get all permissions required, whilst the other one is now ready to proceed. It was **RESOLVED** to set up a lease agreement, as is already in place with A1 Fitness, with a rent of £650.00. The hirer will be responsible for all utilities and the Parish Council would still be responsible for the maintenance of the building, etc. To arrange a meeting every six months with the hirer to ascertain how they are progressing.
- 10.4 Neighbourhood Plan – Public Meeting – Booked for Wed. 15 January 2020 at 7 pm in the Royal British Legion Club, Springfield Road North. It is hoped to get enough support to get the plan started.
- 10.5 Central Lancashire Local Plan consultation– Coppull Library Tuesday 21 January 2020 between 4-7pm – Discussion re sites for Coppull. There is also a consultation at the Scout Hut in Charnock Richard on 15 January between 10am – 12pm.
- 10.6 Chisnall Hall visit 11 January 2020, 10am at the A49 concrete road access. This visit will enable councillors to see what work has taken place.
- 10.7 Play Area Reports. A number of repairs are in hand, but some have not been found. To ask the inspector from Chorley Council to meet with the Chairman to ascertain where this faults are.
- 10.8 Longfield Avenue Play Area – funding application. There is a joint project with Chorley Council and Jigsaw (formerly Adactus) to improve the play area and planting, subject to funding being received.
- 10.9 Trees for Blainscough Nature Reserve (SH). Chorley Council has stated that the Nature Reserve is not really the place to be planting more trees now, so an area at the back of the Byron Crescent play area has been identified. This is near to houses and the planting would consist of fruit trees which residents could collect. The Parish Council owns the land and it was agreed that the Parish Council would apply for the funding, with the help of Chorley Council.



- 10.10 Adopted Forest Schools Policy (emailed to Parish Councillors). It was **RESOLVED** to adopt this policy forthwith. There would be no charge for using the nature reserve, as long as everything is cleared up and the site left in the condition it was found.
- 10.11 Office closed from 27 – 30 January inclusive (working days of the Clerk). The Clerk's last working day is Thursday 23 January and the office will re-open on Monday 3 February 2020.
- 10.12 Allotments update. The Chairman reported in the absence of Councillor Eastham. There is no progress yet on the micro plots. The AGM is to be held at the end of the month.
- 10.13 Leisure Centre update (PC). The Centre is now back up and running after the Christmas closure. The management have met with a school who want to use the hall during the day. The bowlers are in until Spring. The Bouncers continue to hire the hall for their trampoline club. There is also recreational trampolining and free-running.
- 10.14 Dog Fouling (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). Chapel Lane from Seddons up passed the cemetery is continually bad. The dog bags will also be put in situ shortly.
- 10.15 Village Grot Spots (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). Councillor Taylor reported that a cycle track has been made by children at the top of Yarrow Valley Park, with bumps made apparently by children, but someone appears to have cut down branches with what looks like a chainsaw. Councillor Alex Hilton will look into this.

## **11. DECISIONS MADE UNDER THE CLERK'S DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

(After consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair) – a road sign for German Lane has been obtained, previously agreed upon. This cost £25.00 plus vat. This was **RATIFIED** by the Parish Council.

## **12. PLANNING** (N.Coggins)

### **12.1 Planning Applications:**

- App.No. 19/01169/FUL – The Co-operative Shop, 195 Spendmore Lane – Erection of replacement plant compound and perimeter fencing, installation of new shop front and roller shutter doors and associated elevational alterations/external lighting – **NEUTRAL.**
- App.No.19/01166/FULHH – 273 Coppull Moor Lane – Single storey rear extension – **NEUTRAL.**
- App.No. 19/01182/MNMA – Brock House, 58 Coppull Moor Lane



– Minor non-material amendment to previous planning permission for a single detached dwelling house, to increase the depth of the approved dwelling to the rear and add a larger dormer with Juliet balcony, to alters dormers and window fenestration – **SUPPORT.**

## 12.2 Planning Decisions:

- App.No. 19/00855/ App.No. 19/01033/FUL – The Colour Lounge, 10-12 Spendmore Lane – Proposed change of use from hairdressers to micro bar – **REFUSED.**

## 13. HIGHWAYS

- 13.1 Parking Enforcement Requests (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). Not aware of any at the present time.
- 13.2 Speeding on Coppull's Roads. This is a concern in many areas throughout the village, especially Preston Road (near the school), Coppull Moor Lane, Chapel Lane, Chapel Street, Clancutt Lane, Mill Lane. These will be reported again to LCC and residents encouraged to report every incident, as this will build up a case for these areas.
- 13.3 Reminder of road closures – Spendmore Lane near railway bridge, for Network Rail to carry out bridge strike sign works on Thursday 30 January until Saturday 1 February 2020. Noted.

## 14. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION-DISCUSSION

- 14.1 Chorley's Green Agenda - Chorley Council are currently undertaking a Task Group on Developing the Council's Green Agenda. As part of this Task Group, Members are looking to gather information from Parish and Town Councils on what the main climate change issues/concerns are, the work being done to address climate change and the challenges faced and what the council can do to help to become more environmentally sustainable. Councillor Holgate is chairing this committee at Chorley and asked that everyone think about what issues there are and what can be done about them.

These points were raised for submission to Chorley Council:

- Solar panels – subsidised schemes for all council buildings
- LCC – funding for solar panels available for schools
- Recycling
- Walking buses – setting this up with schools to reduce traffic and parking



**15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION**

15.1 It was **RESOLVED** to ask Chorley Council to remove all of the Parish owned dog bins (which cost £258.44 inc.vat each year to empty). All dog waste can now be put into ordinary litter bins.

**THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.00 P.M.**

**Dates of next meetings:**

**WEDNESDAY: 12.02.2020 7.30 PM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY: 23.02.2020 7.30 PM MANAGEMENT & FINANCE**

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**Councillor Michael Atherton**  
**Parish Council Chairman**

