



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES



**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY 2023 - 7.00 P.M.
SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE CENTRE, COPPULL**

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), Marjorie Parkinson (Vice-Chair), Pauline Cobham, Neil Coggins, Matthew Crook, Sheila Makin, Paul Taylor, Susan Edwards (Clerk) and Julia Berry (from 7.45 pm)

1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Parish Councillors Jan Colecliffe (working), Steve Holgate (holiday), Ken McCrea (covid), Lynne Moores (ill), Elaine Jones, Maggie Peel Impey (holiday) and Chorley Councillor Ryan Towers

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) – **None declared.**

2.2 DECLARATION OF GIFTS – None.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2022 – (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

AMENDMENT: Page 42, Item 7.4, Budget/Precept 2023/24 – to include the amount of the precept - £121, 900.00.

PROPOSED: Councillor M. Parkinson

SECONDED: Councillor M. Atherton

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

THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW OTHER BODIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK - AGREED.

4. POLICE REPORT – No report available. Statistics for November from the website are:

- Anti-social behaviour – 3
- Violence and sexual offences - 19
- Vehicle Crime - 4
- Other theft - 3

This is a further slight decrease in crime statistics. All this information can be found on the Police website:

[https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/lancashire-constabulary/coppull.](https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/lancashire-constabulary/coppull)

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – None.

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

THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE REIMPOSED AND THE MEETING CONTINUE – AGREED.

7. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

7.1 Parish Councillor Vacancy – there has been no request for an election for the vacancy for Councillor Whittaker. Therefore the PC can co-opt or leave the vacancy open until the full elections in May 2023. An application to be co-opted had been received from Mr Christopher Kay (emailed to all Parish Councillors).

RESOLVED: That Mr Kay be informed that the Parish Council had approved his application and he be asked to attend at the PC office to complete his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The vacancy for Paul Eastham is currently being advertised and if there is no request for an election by 26 January 2023, the position can be left vacant or the Parish Council can co-opt.

7.2 Accounts – Oct, Nov, Dec 2022 (forwarded by separate email). These have yet to be checked by Councillor Makin. There were no concerns or questions in regard to the accounts. The budget is on course up to the end of December 2022.

7.3 New Village Hall update – 2nd invoice received for £42,000.00 and next meeting date. Councillor Crook reported that the slab had gone down today, waiting to be passed by Building Control. There have been slight changes to the plans, due to updates to building regulations in regard to insulation. The plans have been resubmitted to building control, but they cannot attend now until Tuesday next week. The contractor has ordered all the brick and block work, as a price increase was imminent. Therefore, it was **RESOLVED** to pay a part payment of £20,000 and the remainder when the amendments have been passed by Building Control at Chorley Council. The next meeting to be held on 18 January 2023 at 7pm.

7.4 Allotments – proposed increase for annual fees for 2024. There has been no increase since the allotments started and it was therefore **RESOLVED** to increase the fees from £60 to £70 per year and from £30 to £35 for the half size plots. The Allotment Association to be informed and asked for their views.

7.5 Neighbourhood Plan update. There has been no meeting since prior to Christmas, but the plan is progressing and there is a consultant from Chorley Council helping out and giving advice. The next main step will be to apply for funding and appoint a private consultant to undertake the work.

- 7.6 Picnic in the Park update – Sunday 11.06.2023. There has been no meeting since prior to Christmas, but activities are being organised and funding applied for. A further meeting will be held shortly.
- 7.7 Chorley Council, Neighbourhood Priorities Youth Activity Scheme in Coppull – Awaiting payment from Chorley Council, together with guidance and application form for organisations.
- 7.8 Lancashire County Council – Public Realm Agreement (sent with agenda to Parish Councillors). LCC has asked if the Parish Council has any concerns about the present operation of the highways Public Realm Agreement and particularly the relevant work functions as carried out by county council or the district council and if there are any relevant suggestions for improvement. None.

8. DECISIONS MADE UNDER THE CLERK'S DELEGATED AUTHORITY (After consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair – delegated to make low key decisions on behalf of the Parish Council due to Covid-19 – maximum spend £500 – now raised to £1,000)

- Computer Monitor £199.00 – the monitor had stopped working and was needed urgently.
- New lock for barrier - £9.58. A further one to be ordered.

The Council **RATIFIED** the above expenditure.

9. PLANNING (Cllr. Coggins) – Councillor Coggins reported as follows.

9.1 Applications:

- App.No.22/01277/FUL – Matthews & Leigh, 141 Chapel Lane – Change of use of one first floor room to nail salon and one first floor room to clothes retail shop. Other first floor rooms to be used as stock rooms in association with these proposed uses. This is a retrospective application and there were some concerns over parking on the road instead of the car park, but no real cause for objection. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council remain **NEUTRAL** but express the concerns.
- App.No.22/01293/FULHH – 29 Springfield Road – Demolition of existing concrete sectional garage & timber shed and construct double garage with storage & office area. This is a larger building than the original, but there is no loss of amenity to neighbours - **SUPPORT**.
- App.No.22/01263/FULHH – 151 Preston Road – Single storey front/side extension, single storey rear extension. This is a large development and close to the boundary line, there is no loss of amenities for neighbours – **SUPPORT**.
- App.No.22/01306/FULHH - 42 Oakwood Road – 3 no. poles and 3 no. radio antennas. It was **RESOLVED** to raise concerns over the height of the poles and that they have been installed without permission.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Coggins' recommendations be accepted and forwarded to Chorley Council.

9.2 Decisions:

- App.No.22/00733/OUT – 11 Goose Green Avenue – Outline application for the erection of a detached bungalow or dormer bungalow- **GRANTED.**
- App.No.22/01114/FULHH – 22 Hurst Brook – First floor side extension and bay window to front elevation – **GRANTED.**

9.3 To consider any planning applications received after publication of this agenda for which a response is required prior to the next meeting.

- App.No.21/00327/FULMAJ – Land 120m East of 27 Charter Lane, Charnock Richard – **NOTICE OF APPEAL.** The Parish Council's original objection to this application still stand, supporting Charnock Richard Parish Council.

9.4 Chorley Council – Planning - Local Plan preferred options sites consultation (previously sent by email). There are six preferred sites proposed and a consultation will be held in Coppull Library on Tuesday 7 February 2023 between 4pm and 7pm. The site at the back of The Grange estate already has a principal of housing.

10. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION – None.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION

- The National Association of Local Councils had sent an open letter to all councillors, outlining what the Association does and asking for support by joining the Association. Noted.
- Lancashire County Council has a budget consultation for 2023/24. Any comments are requested by 31 January 2023. Noted.
- The Chairman reported that the lampposts in front of the Leisure Centre can be changed to LED's, which is a much cheaper option than changing the whole posts. AW Fire to be asked to assist Cllr Atherton.

THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW COUNCILLOR JULIA BERRY TO SPEAK - AGREED.

Councillor Berry reported on the following:

- Issues with parking at primary schools. Traffic regulation orders will be in place after they have gone through the legal system. Enforcement action can then take place.

- Gritting – putting pressure on LCC to put more grit out where there are older people. LCC has stated that there are 7 grit bins in Coppull, but only one owned by LCC (the Library). There are four owned by the Parish Council. To find out where the other two are.
- Crossings on Spendmore Lane not suitable for people with impaired vision. There have also been accidents on two of the crossings in Coppull over the last two years.
- Proposed development at Darlington Street – issues with road safety and accessibility.
- Surface water on Spendmore Lane, Bentham Street & Kimberley Street.
- Concerns on Chapel Lane, longstanding issue of flooding, now a well has been found in a resident’s garden. LCC cannot fund private property. The resident is taking legal advice and Sir Lindsay Hoyle is involved.
- Waste collection – this has been very much behind time mainly due to the weather. Any areas of concern to be reported.
- Chorley Buddies – The British Legion and the Leisure Centre have been approached in regard to new premises for this group. To also request they consider St. Oswald’s clubhouse, as it is not used at the present time.

THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE REIMPOSED – AGREED.

The Chairman closed the meeting 8.00 pm.

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Councillor Michael Atherton
Chairman