



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2018 - 7.00 P.M.
SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE CENTRE,
SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

PRESENT: Parish Councillors M. Atherton (Chair), N. Ball (Vice-Chair), P. Cobham, N. Coggins, J. Colecliffe, M. Crook, P. Eastham, S. Holgate, S. Makin, P. Taylor - S. Edwards (Clerk)

1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors D. Cole (illness), E. Jones (illness), M. Parkinson (illness), M. Peel-Impey (another commitment), Chorley Councillors P. Leadbetter, R. Toon and A. Whittaker (other commitments) and County Councillor Julia Berry (another commitment)

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.**

2.1 DECLARATION OF GIFTS – None.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 13 DECEMBER 2017 (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor N. Coggins

SECONDED: Councillor P. Cobham

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 – A written report has been sent in and this was circulated to members present and emailed to all Parish Councillors.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Apologies given – Councillor Berry is following up on various highway matters reported to Lancashire County Council.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – Apologies given from Councillors P. Leadbetter, R. Toon and A. Whittaker



6.1 Councillor P. Leadbetter had informed the Clerk that several people had contacted him about the closure of the Post Office. The closure is particularly affecting the elderly and less mobile residents, as they rely on the Post Office for, such as, their pension. The nearest Post Office is in Heskin, but there is no easy access to Heskin from Coppull by public transport. Cllr Leadbetter is hoping the situation is resolved and the Post Office is reopened. Cllr Leadbetter was advised that people would be better going to the Post Office in Chorley, as there is a regular bus service

6.2 Councillor R. Toon had reported the following to the Clerk:

- Work is taking place along the Yarrow, improvements to footpaths, planting, etc. A few organisations are involved.
- Post Office – pushing to try and get contingencies put in place.
- An article in regard to the new bridge from Clancutt Lane to Charnock Richard to be put into the next newsletter. Cllr Toon will provide a write up and photographs.
- Longfield Avenue Estate – trying to get improvements made.
- Clancutt Lane footpath and murals on railway bridges discussed under items 8.11 and 8.12.

6.3 Councillor A. Whittaker had asked for the following to be noted:

- Residents on Grange Drive have again raised issues regarding safe access on to Spendmore Lane. Cllr Whittaker is pursuing the matter with LCC.
- The planning application for the former Camelot site, which could have serious implications for neighbouring areas, has again been deferred, at least until the end of March. Cllr Whittaker will keep the Parish Council informed.

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

THE CHAIRMAN REIMPOSED STANDING ORDERS

8. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

8.1 Half-year Internal Audit – The Internal Auditor has completed the half yearly audit, by carrying out a selective assessment of compliance, with relevant procedures and controls being examined, for the period April to September 2017. The Auditor reports that the Parish Council operates a very effective accounting system which shows the Council's control objectives are of an adequate standard to meet the needs of the Council.



- 8.2 Parish Council Vacancy – there has been no call for an election so the Parish Council can now co-opt on. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy in the next newsletter and also to contact a previous applicant who was not ready at the previous vacancy to commit, but wished to be considered again in the future.
- 8.3 Report by Parish/County Councillor S. Holgate:
- The hospital campaign in regard to losing the A&E department and general demise of Chorley Hospital has been running for 100 weeks and at the beginning of March it is hoped there will be a big turnout to recognise this. A large number of motorcyclists attended the first meeting at the beginning of the campaign to show their support and it is hoped that they will be in attendance in March.
 - Blainscough Wood Nature Reserve – Cllr Holgate had been looking through a Management plan which was devised in 2007 and ran until 2011 and it would appear that Chorley Council owned the land. The Parish Council did not feel this was correct, as it has always been believed that this land was given to the Parish Council along with the land where the Leisure Centre stands and Coppull United FC. The Clerk to check with the Solicitor who it is believed holds the deeds. Cllr Holgate is to look into making improvements to the site and look at funding opportunities.
- 8.4 Areas of Responsibility – it was agreed that Councillor P. Taylor would take over the area which Simon Thomson used to look after, until another Councillor is appointed.
- 8.5 Allotments Update (PE). Councillor Eastham reported that from July this year, the allotment holders would only pay until the end of December then would pay a full year from January, to bring them in line with the allotment committee’s financial year. The Treasurer has been successful in obtaining funding from Tesco Bags of Life. An article to be placed in the newsletter asking for people to use their coins for the Allotments and £1,000 should be received.
- 8.6 Donations towards planting – Wheatsheaf and Rivington View Nursery. The Wheatsheaf has donated towards the planting at the triangle and Rivington View has indicated they would donate towards what used to be 101 Carnation flowerbed and a flowerbed on the Berry Garden. Plaques to be obtained for all beds and to be mentioned in the newsletter.
- 8.7 Heritage Sign proposed for the entrance to the Yarrow Valley Park at the top of Birkacre Brow. Unfortunately, the funding from Councillor Toon as a Borough Councillor cannot be given to Parish Councils. However, it was agreed that this was still a worthwhile project and further prices to be obtained.



- 8.8 General Data Protection Regulation information. Further information has been received and emailed to all Parish Councillors. Chorley Council has been contacted and they are writing a policy, which Parish Councils will be able to adapt.
- 8.9 Former Youth Centre – removal of gas meter – it was agreed to have the meter removed at a cost of £229.73, plus vat, as there is a standing charge every month if it is left in and the new tenants do not required gas.
- 8.10 Chorley Liaison Committee and Chorley Neighbourhood Committee (Southern Parishes) – representatives from the Parish Council required and consideration to be given for neighbourhood priority for 2018/19 (minutes emailed by separate email). Councillor S. Holgate agreed to be the Parish Council’s representative on both of these committees.
- 8.11 Clancutt Lane Footway. A letter is awaited from the Chief Executive of Chorley Council in regard to the possibility of jointly funding this footway.
- 8.12 Murals on public footpath bridges – Byron Crescent, Old Parish School, Clancutt Lane, Hic Bibi. It was agreed that Cllr Toon contact the schools to ascertain if the schools are interested and, if so, Network Rail to ascertain if they would give permission and possible funding towards the project.
- 8.13 Dog Fouling (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). Cllr Taylor has obtained the stencils, but the weather has to be dry to use them.
- 8.14 Village Grot Spots (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). None that the Parish Council is aware of.

9. DECISIONS MADE UNDER THE CLERK’S DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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

10. PLANNING (N.Coggins)

10.1 Planning Applications:

- App.No.18/00025/FULHH – 16 Chantry Place – Single storey rear extension – **No objection.**
- App.No.18/00029/FULHH – 1 Brookside – Single storey rear extension – **No objection.**
- App.No. 18/00039/FUL – 183 Spendmore Lane – Dropped kerb – **No objection.**



10.2 **Planning Decisions:**

- App.No. 16/00805/FULMAJ – Land 120m South West of 21 Lower Burgh Way, Chorley – Full application for the erection of 88 dwellings, associated access, drainage and the provision of public open space and landscaping – **GRANTED.**
- App.No. 17/01095/FULHH – 12 Oakwood Road – Two storey side extension – **GRANTED.**
- App.No.17/01091/FUL – Land to rear of 60 Clancutt Lane – Erection of one detached dwelling – **GRANTED.**

11. **HIGHWAYS**

11.1 Parking Enforcement Requests (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice).

- White lines at the mini roundabout near the Spar need re-doing.
- Vehicles are continually being parked within the area not allowed at junctions. LCC to be asked to take some enforcement on this.
- Parking at the Spar – causing some problems as drivers have to reverse out onto Spendmore Lane. The Clerk to contact the Manager to see if he has received any complaints.

11.2 Spendmore Lane is to be closed from the junction of Lancaster Street to Regent Street from 26 March until 4 April 2018 for necessary utility works. The diversion is up Lancaster Street, Chapel Lane, Coppull Moor Lane, Preston Road and back down Spendmore Lane. The information and map to be put in the notice boards and in the newsletter.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION-DISCUSSION** – None.

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

13.1 Someone in Charnock Richard has put up a plastic bottle filled with dog bags. Coppull Parish Council had considered this previously, but with a special dispenser and bags, which proved very expensive. Everyone to consider taking up this initiative in Coppull and discuss at the next meeting.

13.2 Some work is being done on a piece of land at the back of the new houses at the junction of Coppull Moor Lane and Chapel Lane. The land was previously up for sale and it is believed that the house who backs onto it from Meadow View has bought it to extend his garden.



13.3 It would appear that a business is being run from a farm on Coppull Moor Lane that may not have permission. Chorley Council is looking into this.

13.4 Information to be obtained from Chorley Council on what can be burned in open fires or multi-fuel burners, after concern has been expressed from local residents. The information to be put into the next newsletter.

13.5 Chorley Council to be asked to litter pick New Road.

14. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER – Personnel (Parish Councillors only) – The report from last month's meeting was approved as a correct record. No further action required.

THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.50 P.M.

Dates of next meetings:

WEDNESDAY 14.03.18: 7.00 pm PARISH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 28.03.18: 7.00 pm MANAGEMENT & FINANCE

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Councillor M. Atherton
Coppull Parish Council Chairman

