



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 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, Paul Eastham, Steve Holgate, Elaine Jones, S. Makin, Marjorie Parkinson, Ash Whittaker – Susan Edwards (Clerk)

1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors Neil Coggins (bereavement), David Cole (unwell), Janette Colecliffe (holiday), Matthew Crook (another commitment), Maggie Peel-Impey (holiday), Paul Taylor (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)

- Councillors Mick Atherton and Pauline Cobham – Item 10.9 – Leisure Centre
- Councillor Paul Eastham – Item 10.14 - Allotments

2.1 **DECLARATION OF GIFTS** – None.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 9 JANUARY 2019 (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor Pauline Cobham
SECONDED: Councillor Elaine Jones

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 (emailed to Parish Councillors). Noted.

5. INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMUNITY CHAMPION VOLUNTEER – Mr Dorian Pilkington – arrangement for ward walks.



Mr Pilkington thanked the Parish Council for the opportunity to volunteer in the community. He had done some work with the schools in Astley Park, but this took up too much time. He has two teenage children and realised this was a new role for everyone, which would be a development opportunity to learn and provide a service. Mr Pilkington works mainly from home and would be available one day per week, evenings and weekends. The role is for 6 hrs per week at the present time.

Cllr Holgate stated that Borough Councillors had been holding street services and knocking on people's doors to ascertain what problems they have. The result is:

- Drug trafficking on the estates;
- Dog fouling – a perception that it is much worse now – more dog bins have been requested for problem areas, however, some of the people may still not use these. Bins full of dog bags have been erected around the village to try and help the situation. The Parish Lengthsman is completely demoralised by the situation.

Parish Councillors to undertake ward walks with Mr Pilkington when all training and his uniform has arrived.

- Two more potential Community Champions joined the meeting, Marie Malone and Zac Lowe. They would be working together, but are only in the initial stages of training. A meeting with to be arranged with them in the near future.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Councillor Julia Berry - none. Councillor Holgate reported that Councillor Berry is putting in a bid to County Council for funding to try and get Network Rail to agree to re-open / new station in Coppull. A petition has already received support.

7. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – Councillor Holgate reported on the following:

- It is budget month for both the District and County Councils. 1.5 million has been saved on a new bin contractor for the District Council, this is half of the 3 million shortfall they have received from the government.
- Blainscough Wood Nature Reserve Community Orchard and Edible Hedge – Various fruit trees and hedges will be planted and Councillor Holgate had emailed a map and list to Parish Councillors after receiving advise on which plants were best. They have enough funding to obtain these and planting is hoping to commence in the spring.
- Land at Mountain Road - The Clerk had been asked to obtain a letter from LCC when they had confirmed that the site would no longer be available for lease, as they were possible taking the site forward for planning. Noted.



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

THE CHAIRMAN REIMPOSED STANDING ORDERS

- 9. NO MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD –** Is a meeting required in February? It was **RESOLVED** not to hold a Management & Finance Committee meeting in February, unless there is anything urgent to discuss. Other sub-committees may be held if required. The subsequent Management & Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for May 2019.

10. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

10.1 Accounts up to end of January 2019 (emailed to Parish Councillors) – Councillor Sheila Makin had checked through the accounts and had no concerns. The next review of the accounts will be in April 2019.

- New banking proposal - It was **RESOLVED** to look into banking switching with the RBS and opening deposit accounts with other banks, i.e. Santander and HSBC.
- New accounts package – Scribe or Rialto (emailed to Parish Councillors) - It was **RESOLVED** that the Scribe package would be obtained and the Clerk will receive training before using it from April 2019.
- Neighbourhood Plan – Initial steps have been taken to ascertain the costs involved to produce a neighbourhood plan. Help can be obtained through Lancashire Locality and with the services of a management company. To discuss again when further information has been received.
- Newsletter – To include consultation on CIL expenditure and Neighbourhood Plan. The deadline for articles, etc., is Monday 18 March 2019.
- CIL income – List of projects and other work/repairs needed (emailed to Parish Councillors). The list can be added to as and when required and deleted when the work is done. It was **RESOLVED** that Chorley Planning Department be contacted in regard to initial information re the siting of a new Village Hall and that quotes be received for the work that needs doing.

10.2 List of files/information (emailed to Parish Councillors). This is a list of all information kept on record by the Parish Council. Again, this will be added to and deleted as and when required.

A beech hedge on the Leisure Park needs cutting back, at the



request of local residents. A quote of £190 had been received from the Parish Council's preferred contractor and it was **RESOLVED** that this be accepted, as the work needs doing in February, before any growth and birds nesting.

- 10.3 National Association of Local Councils – Open letter to Councillors (emailed to Parish Councillors). **Noted**.
- 10.4 Chorley Council - Central Lancashire Local Plan – Final Version (emailed to Parish Councillors). **Noted**.
- 10.5 Chorley Council -Call for sites – Part 2 – Consultation from 28.01.19 to 08.04.19 (emailed to Parish Councillors). Councillor Holgate felt that it would be a good idea to try and relocate businesses in Coppull which are situated in residential area, in particular, the business at the back of The Heys. A piece of land off the A49 was proposed, but Councillor Jones stated that this land was privately owned and the owner did not want it built on. The consultation is open from Monday 28 January to Monday 8 April 2019.
- 10.6 Chorley Council – Have your say on budget proposals (emailed to Parish Cllrs). The consultation has now closed.
- 10.7 Neighbourhood Area Meeting update (SH). Councillor Holgate will await the report from Chorley Council and will update the Parish Council as necessary. The two priorities this year are the Clancutt Lane proposed footpath and the Community Garden on the Byron Crescent Estate.
- 10.8 Spid Sign – location sites. Four sites have been allocated for the Signs – Chapel Lane both sides – Southbound (toward the Printers Arms and away from Coppull), New Road – Northbound (away from Coppull), Clancutt Lane - Northbound (into the estate) and Springfield Road – Southbound (towards the football ground). Waiting for LCC to fit the brackets. Matthews and Leigh have donated £400 for the purchase of the sign. Cllr Taylor is to arrange a photo shoot for the newsletter and website. A letter of thanks to be sent.
- 10.9 Leisure Centre:
- Repair or renew windows – one quote for replacing had been received for £1,300. Further quotes to be received before a decision whether to repair or renew is made.
 - Repair and service to overhead blow heaters in the sports hall – this had to be done as a matter of urgency, at a cost of £435 plus vat, plus the cost of hiring the scaffolding (invoice awaited). The expenditure was **RATIFIED** by the council.



- Replace seven emergency light fittings – these will cost approximately £200.00 – it was **RESOLVED** that these be replaced as soon as possible.

All the above are the responsibility of the Parish Council under the terms of the lease with the Leisure Centre.

- 10.10 Tansley Play Area – renewing surface and painting. The old safety surface appears to have water under it and is sinking. A quote of £1,200 for the surface has been received, but the cost may increase dependent upon what is found underneath that is causing the problem. It was **RESOLVED** that this go ahead as soon as possible.

A quote of £930 was received for the painting and this was not agreed to. Further quotes to be obtained and the Probation Service also to be contacted, or volunteers obtained.

- 10.11 Proposed Circus on Tansley playing field – cost of hire (emailed to Parish Councillors). This is a community circus, who provide some seats free of charge and others at just £2, £3 and £4. The Clerk to ascertain what other councils have charged for leasing out their land. Also to be noted that there are no water or toilet facilities on the ground.

- 10.12 Purchase of Wood Nymph for Jubilee Garden (NB) (emailed to Parish Councillors). It was **RESOLVED** to purchase this sculpture from Councillor Ball for £35. To be placed in the Jubilee Garden. Councillor Holgate offered to fit it. The paths are also to be resurfaced. It was suggested that volunteers be asked to lay the path, but this involves using specialised equipment and needs to be doing properly. The quote received is for £140. It was **RESOLVED** that this be accepted. This is a condition of the funding received and both amounts will be taken out of this money.

- 10.13 Request to site picnic style bench on Berry Garden (SE). The Clerk asked if a picnic style bench that was donated to her on the death of her partner could be placed in the Berry Garden. This was agreed to.

- 10.14 Allotments Update (PE). The allotments have funding for a hardstanding and new path at the allotments. A quote has been received and a further one is awaited. Three plots have become available and these will be offered to those on the waiting list. Allotment rent is being collected and a reminder has been sent to those who have not yet paid, quoting the paragraph in their tenancy agreement which states that monies must be paid within 40 days of the due date, after which the Parish Council could take back the allotment.



10.15 Dog Fouling (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). Very bad everywhere at the moment. If times and days could be obtained for problem areas, the Dog Warden would be able to visit and hopefully catch the perpetrators, who would then receive a substantial fine and publicised to warn other people of the consequences of not picking up the dog fouling. Any information to be forwarded to the Dog Warden.

10.16 Village Grot Spots (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). None at the present time.

11. DECISIONS MADE UNDER THE CLERK'S DELEGATED AUTHORITY
(After consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair) – Refilling of grit bins £90.00. The council **RATIFIED** the above expenditure.

12. PLANNING (N.Coggins)

12.1 Planning Applications:

- App.No. 19/00032/FULHH – 99 Longfield Avenue – Pitched roof to front porch and external alterations – **SUPPORT.**
- App.No. 18/01225/FUL – Chorley Panthers Rugby League Football Club, Chisnall Lane – Erection of replacement clubhouse – discussed at the last meeting due to time constraints – **SUPPORT.**

12.2 Planning Decisions:

- App.No. 18/01075/FULHH – 245 Spendmore Lane – Two storey rear extension and single storey side extension – **PERMITTED.**

12.3 Chorley Council Planning in Practice training event - (emailed to Parish Councillors). Councillors Neil Coggins and Paul Taylor to be asked if they can attend this meeting on Monday 7 January from 5.45pm until approx. 7.45pm. Councillor Holgate mentioned that there is not a District Councillor from Coppull on the planning committee at the present time.

12.4 Chorley Council Statement of Community Involvement 2019 – (emailed to Parish Councillors). Noted.

13. HIGHWAYS

13.1 Parking Enforcement Requests (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). None.

13.2 LCC - Notification of road closures:

- Formal notification of road closure on Spendmore Lane from



Preston Road to Chapel Lane 08:00 on Thursday 14 February until 17:00 on Friday 15 February 2019, or until completion of the work.

- Initial notification of road closure on Preston road from Spendmore Lane to Wigan District Boundary 09:30 to 15:00 on Friday 15 March and Monday 18 March, or until completion of the work.
- Initial notification of road closure on New Road from Spendmore Lane to Lower Burgh Way 09:30 on Tuesday 19 March until 15:00 on Wednesday 20 March 2019, or until completion of the work.

Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible on the above routes and school buses will be accommodated during the closures (emailed to Parish Councillors)

14. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION-DISCUSSION

- 14.1 LCC Consultation on Household Waste Recycling – visit: www.lancashire.gov.uk/consultations for online questionnaire available from Monday 28 January – ending Monday 25 March 2019. It was felt that this would not affect the Recycling Centre on New Road, as this is well used. Councillor Ball stated that the road going up to the tip needs resurfacing. Councillor Holgate to raise this matter with County Councillor Berry.
- 14.2 Best Kept Village Competition (emailed to Parish Councillors) – do the PC want to enter the revamped competition? It was felt that it would be difficult to get the whole of the village up to standard for this competition, without the help of residents and a committee who would be willing to help with the work.
- 14.3 Opening of a micro pub on Spendmore Lane, opposite the Memorial Garden. It was **RESOLVED** that concerns be raised as residential properties are adjacent and above the premises and noise from music needs to be considered and enforced if allowed, or it would become a public nuisance.
- 14.4 Public Path Diversion Order – Part of public footpath No. 23. This path runs down Mill Lane and is being diverted slightly due to the new development. Noted.

15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION

- 15.1 Computer course cancelled due to lack of attendees, partly due to bad weather – to hold again in Spring.
- 15.2 Friends of Coppull Library Meeting at the Library at 10.00 am on Saturday 23 February 2019.



15.3 Chorley Ramblers volunteers have checked 630 paths in the Chorley parishes this year and have reported 85 obstructions, concentrating on reporting problems which are considered to be a health and safety issue only, due to financial constraints on local councils. As a group, they state that Chorley footpaths are the best kept in the Lancashire countryside. Minor repairs have been undertaken by them and four kissing gates have been purchased for the Cuerden Valley Park using a legacy fund they receive. Volunteers are always welcome. The Ramblers would appreciate the Parish Council notifying them of any planning application which impacts on a Public Right of Way in any way.

15.4 A company has sent information in regard to a parish map, which shows where shops, libraries, etc. are within the village. It was for an offer price of £500 with free updates for three years, so it could be amended to coincide with a neighbourhood plan. It was felt that this sort of a map would be easy to produce and could be done alongside the plan. Therefore the cost was felt to be too much.

THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.30 P.M.

Dates of next meetings:

WEDNESDAY 13.03.19: 7.00 PM PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillor Michael Atherton
Parish Council Chairman

