



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2021 - 7.00 P.M.
SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE CENTRE,
SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

As permitted by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 No. 392, this meeting was conducted by Zoom.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), Marjorie Parkinson (Vice-Chair), Nora Ball, Pauline Cobham (in the office), Neil Coggins, Matthew Crook, Elaine Jones (audio), Steve Holgate, Sheila Makin, Paul Taylor, Ash Whittaker, Susan Edwards (Clerk/office), County & Borough Councillor Julia Berry and Borough Councillor Alan Whittaker

1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Parish Councillors Paul Eastham (ill), Lynne Moores, Maggie Peel-Impey (ill) and Chorley Councillor Alex Hilton (key worker)

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)

2.2 DECLARATION OF GIFTS – None.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 11 NOVEMBER 2020 (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors) – No meetings since November due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

PROPOSED: Councillor P. Cobham

SECONDED: Councillor M. Parkinson

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

SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS FOR THE FOLLOWING REPORTS

4. POLICE REPORT – None.

5. COMMUNITY CHAMPION'S REPORT – None.



6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS – Councillor Julia Berry wished to raise information on the rail study by the Greater Lancashire Plan Joint Committee and School placements. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- Councillor Alan Whittaker stated that due to Covid 19 he remained as the representative for Chisnall for a further year, but due to boundary changes he will no longer be involved with Coppull after April 2021. In regard to the planning application at the Blainscough Hall site, on safeguarded land, this was discussed at length at the Borough Council. A similar application was turned down by Chorley Council in Euxton, but the developers appealed and the Planning Inspectorate overturned the refusal. Chorley Council is trying to oppose the Blainscough application, but has to meet government targets. Cllr Holgate agreed with what Cllr Whittaker had stated. Cllr Coggins stated that an Inspectors decision would be difficult to change. Lindsay Hoyle has become involved with this matter and also the MP for South Ribble.

Cllr Berry stated that there was a big problem with school placements, especially high schools, and this development would have a bit impact on this. There was also a concern about the impact on the GP's surgery.

Cllr Crook stated that Coppull Parish School is the only primary school that is full in Coppull. The other schools have been laying off staff as there are not enough children.

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

REIMPOSE STANDING ORDERS

9. NO MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD

10. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

10.1 Conclusion of Audit 2019/2020 – Approval of Section 1 & 2 (emailed to Parish Councillors).

Matters Raised. The figures in box 2 and 3 of the prior year column had not been restated, as the grant from Chorley Council was not correct. These have now been amended. It does not affect any of the balances.

PROPOSED: N. Coggins
SECONDED: M. Parkinson

That Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 and Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2019/20 be approved as a correct record, with the amendment as above – Agreed.



- 10.2 New Village Hall – CIL funding – plans for approval. The plans were agreed and the Architect to be asked to put them into Chorley Council for planning approval. It was suggested that when the building is completed, a piece of stone be obtained from Mr & Mrs Armstrong to mark the building date. This to be discussed again at a future meeting.
- 10.3 Neighbourhood Plan – CIL funding – meeting in January 2021. The Steering Group has been set up and the first meeting was very positive and productive, with very enthusiastic members. Monthly meetings are now taking place by Zoom.
- 10.4 Accounts to the end of December 2020 (9 months) (emailed to Parish Councillors). The accounts have been checked by Councillor Makin and no concerns raised.
- 10.5 Discussion regarding part-time Lengthsman who has been isolating at home due to Covid-19 from week commencing 2 November 2020. The Clerk is keeping in contact with the people who Chris lives with and liaising with JobSpec to try and get Chris back into work.
- 10.6 Tablets for all Parish Councillors. It was agreed not to pursue this, as all Councillors have the facilities to join in with the Zoom meetings, either by laptops, tablets or mobile phones.
- 10.7 Grass cutting for 2021/22 and purchase of a ride on mower. It was **RESOLVED** to bring the grass cutting in house and purchase a ride on mower for the self-employed gardener to use on behalf of the Parish Council. The amount of £1,500 was approved.
- 10.8 Grants to churches (Former Parish Councillor Glyn Jones). A query had been raised as to why grants were no longer distributed to local organisations. The Clerk had informed that it was a Parish Council decision a number of years ago that grants would no longer be given each year, but that any requests would be considered on an individual basis. The Clerk was asked to raise this again, but the Parish Council **RESOLVED** that this decision remain.
- 10.9 Leisure Centre update - Fire Risk Assessment required for Leisure Centre – does not meet current regulations – approx. £300. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint a suitably qualified company to organise a fire risk assessment as soon as possible.
- 10.10 Allotments update. The allotments are all full at the moment, including the half plots. Some work has been done to repair broken fencing.
- 10.11 Dog Fouling (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). Complaints have again been received in regard to the ginnels, in particular the one from Springfield Road. The ginnel is checked three times per week by the Lengthsman. A complaint has also been received in regard to the BT building adjacent to the ginnel, which is in need of a good clean, but this has been reported to them.



10.12 Village Grot Spots (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). None reported.

11. 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 – up to £1,000 for emergency use only)

- Clerk's Report from November 2020 to date (emailed to Parish Councillors).
- Refilling of salt grit bins £348.00

The above expenditure was **RATIFIED** by the Parish Council.

12. PLANNING (N.Coggins) – Separate report emailed to Parish Councillors.

The decisions on the report were **RATIFIED** by the Parish Council.

- Outline application for the erection of up to 123 dwellings – land adjacent to Blainscough Hall, Blainscough Lane – There have been 39 formal objections to date by residents. The District Council to try and ensure that this application does not get approved.

13. HIGHWAYS

13.1 Parking Enforcement Requests (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice):

- Mill Lane Traffic/Speeding;
- Clancutt Lane.

Concerns from residents have been reported to LCC. A small article to be put in the next newsletter to make all residents aware of these concerns.

14. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

14.1 Virtual children's competition through the schools to design dog fouling poster for Coppull and also a virtual dog competition through the newsletter with 3 categories: puppies under 1 year old, adult & Senior over 8 (MA). It was **RESOLVED** to do both these competitions through the newsletter, as most children are not in school at the present time.

14.2 Letter for local resident congratulating on reaching 100 years of age. It was **RESOLVED** to send a letter of congratulations to the resident and to ask if they would like an article in the next newsletter.

15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION

15.1 Councillor Holgate stated that District Councillors have a grant allocation each year, £300 towards a worthy cause. This year another 20 fruit trees have been ordered, to be donated to a location within



the parish. It was agreed that the trees would be planted on the Tansley playing field. The planting will take place in March with volunteers.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 p.m.

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Councillor Michael Atherton
Parish Council Chairman

