



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL 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, D. Cole, J. Colecliffe, M. Crook, S. Holgate, E. Jones, S. Makin, M. Parkinson, P. Taylor - S. Edwards (Clerk) – County Councillor J. Berry and Chorley Councillor R. Toon

1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors P. Eastham and M. Peel-Impey (holiday) – Chorley Councillors P. Clark and J. Fitzsimons (other meetings)

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)

2.1 DECLARATION OF GIFTS – None.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 13 MARCH 2018 (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor S. Makin

SECONDED: Councillor E. Jones

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.

Cllr N. Ball attended the meeting at Chorley Council in regard to anti-social behaviour in Coppull. Minutes have been requested, but not yet received. Cllr Holgate to chase these up.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Councillor Julia Berry addressed the meeting as follows:



- There had been an acid attack on a resident of Mavis Drive. The Police are involved in this matter.
- Since the road closure under the railway bridge on Spendmore Lane, the potholes are worse than ever.
- There had been a small fire at Holt Farm and the public footpaths had been closed.
- Cllr Berry also attended the meeting at Chorley Council in regard to anti-social behaviour in Coppull. There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes with the children concerned and it is hoped that something positive will come out of this. Residents need to report any anti-social behaviour straightaway to 101.
- Cllr Berry was disappointed that the Police do not appear keen on starting up a Police and Community Together meeting (PACT). Their resources are thinly stretched, even to getting a report ready for the PC meetings. A letter has been sent to the Police Commissioner, stating that there is a deterioration of trust in what they are doing. There is to be an increase of Police on patrol as a result of the acid incident. No one must take the law into their own hands. Cllr Ball stated that there used to be a very good PACT meeting in Coppull, but it stopped because of no-one attending.
- Chorley Youth Zone will be open shortly for all residents. Coppull is very lucky as a village and has got good amenities which other areas do not.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

6.1 Councillor R. Toon addressed the meeting as follows:

- Cllr Toon attended the meeting at Chorley Council, together with County, District and Parish Councillors, Chorley's Chief Exec, MP and the police in regard to the anti-social behaviour in Coppull. This is very difficult to deal with due to the age of those concerned. A further meeting has been requested to include other agencies who are involved.
- The footpath at Clancutt Lane has been put into the list for potential neighbourhood priorities for Coppull, but this would need to be a joint funding initiative.
- £250.00 was received by Springfield Park Leisure Centre to obtain further ropes for the climbing wall.

7. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. Lynne Moore attended the meeting in regard to the Parish Council vacancy.

THE CHAIRMAN REIMPOSED STANDING ORDERS



8. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE DATED 28 MARCH 2018 (emailed to Parish

Councillors) – To consider the recommendations made by the above committee and to decide/ratify the necessary action:

- 5.3 Renewal of Society of Local Council Clerks membership and training courses – **Agreed.**
- 5.4 Personnel Reports (emailed to Parish Councillors) – Recommendation to no longer pay bus fares to part-time Lengthsman – **Agreed.**
- 5.5 Open Space Consultation – recommendation not to take part – **to obtain further information/meeting with Chorley Council.**
- 5.6 Silent Soldier Campaign – recommendation to obtain funding if possible – **Agreed.**
- 5.7 Speed Indicator Signs – recommendation not to pursue – **Agreed.**

9. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

- 9.1 Accounts (to be emailed to Parish Councillors – distributed at the meeting). The Financial Statement for the end of the year will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on 25 April 2018
- 9.2 Parish Council Vacancy. There have been five applicants and a number of Councillors wished to be on the interview panel. No more than five are on the panel, so it was agreed that the Clerk would put all names into a hat and draw out three who would be on the committee with the Chair and Vice-Chair.
- 9.3 General Data Protection Regulation information. Waiting to hear from Chorley Council in regard to an information session, but the Society of Local Council Clerk has sent some information too.
- 9.4 Report by Parish/County Councillor S. Holgate:
 - The acid attack on Mavis Drive is believed to be a one-off incident, a private matter between two parties, but people need to be very observant as individuals and councillors, the eyes and ears for the police. The person concerned is in hospital.
 - Residents have expressed issues with parking illegally very close to junctions. The Police to be contacted, as they had previously stated that they would monitor this, but there is no evidence of them having done anything. To ask what undertaking they could give to try and educate people about the dangers of parking in such a way.
 - Cllr Holgate is looking into improving Blainscough Wood for



more people to use it and also for the environment, ecology and biodiversity. The Parish Council would support an extension of the woods if this became possible.

- 9.5 Allotments Update. The Chairman reported that two allotments had become available, one has been let out and another one on the waiting list has been asked if he wants it. There would then be a waiting list of four people.
- 9.6 Clancutt Lane Footway – awaiting information from Chorley Council.
- 9.7 Jubilee Garden. The Clerk reported that the price quoted for the leaf table and seats was actually just for the table, but the mushroom table and seats was for the complete set. Therefore it was agreed to purchase the mushroom table. The trees and bushes will be ordered soon, ready for planting during spring.
- 9.8 Dog Fouling (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). A stencil had been obtained to paint around dog fouling in problem areas. These areas include The Leisure Park, Acreswood Road, Green Lane, Chapel Lane and Clancutt Lane. Councillors to look around their areas of responsibility and inform the Clerk of any problem areas.
- 9.9 Village Grot Spots (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). None.

10. DECISIONS MADE UNDER THE CLERK'S DELEGATED AUTHORITY

(After consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair)

- Office chair £49.99 – Ratified.

11. PLANNING (N.Coggins)

11.1 Planning Applications:

- App.No. 18/00196/FUL - The Beeches Care Home, 25 Park Road – proposed single storey extension to entrance, alterations to fenestration of east elevation and landscaping works to courtyard. Alterations to existing vehicular access and landscaping works. Alterations to internal layout to form lounge/dining area and terrace. Provision of smoking shelter and bin store – **Support.**
- App.No. 18/00292/CLPUD – 10 James Place – Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed rear dormer – **Support.**

11.2 Planning Decisions: None.

12. HIGHWAYS

- 12.1 Parking Enforcement Requests (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice) – If anyone sees any illegal parking, to take photographs and forward to the Clerk who can forward them onto the PCSO.



12.2 It was also noted that Green Lane was becoming very busy with traffic again, who do not appear to slow down for pedestrians or horses.

13. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION-DISCUSSION – None.

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION – None.

THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.00 P.M.

Dates of next meetings:

WEDNESDAY 25.04.18: 7.00 pm ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

WEDNESDAY 09.05.18: 7.00 pm ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Councillor M. Atherton
Coppull Parish Council Chairman

