



# COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 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, Neil Coggins, David Cole, Janette Colecliffe, Matthew Crook, Steve Holgate, Elaine Jones, Sheila Makin, Marjorie Parkinson, Maggie Peel-Impey, Paul Taylor, Ash Whittaker – County Councillor Julia Berry, Mr Julian Jackson (LCC) and Susan Edwards (Clerk)

- 1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Councillor Paul Eastham (unable to gain access to the building) and District Councillor Alan Whittaker (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 10.11

2.1 **DECLARATION OF GIFTS** – None.

- 3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 13 MARCH 2019** (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

**Amendment:** Page 73, Item 9.9 – the proposal was seconded by Councillor Marjorie Parkinson.

PROPOSED: Councillor P. Cobham  
SECONDED: Councillor M. Parkinson

**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 REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESSED THE MEETING FIRST.**



## **8. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

8.1 Residents from Spinners Court attended the meeting in regard to a planning application for eight apartments with parking, a double storey building which is to be placed on a high banking at the back of houses already there. The residents of the houses feel that it would be like living in a goldfish bowl and are asking the Parish Council for their help and a site visit by all concerned to see the detrimental effect it would have on them. This matter to be discussed in further detail by the Parish Council under Planning.

8.2 A resident from Chapel Street had contacted the Clerk in regard to anti-social behaviour at the rear of her property which backs on to a car park on the Arcon Road Estate. Photos had been taken of the people concerned, which have been forwarded to the Police, who stated that they are not known by them. However, members involved with the Leisure Centre knew some of them. The Police to be informed.

**4. ADDRESS BY JULIAN JACKSON, LCC, REGARDING UNDERTAKING A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.** Julian gave a very detailed view of the pros and cons of undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan. Julian has 40 years' experience of a Chartered Town Planner and worked at Chorley Council for a while. He is now self-employed and is a Planning Aid Volunteer for tonight and if he helped the Parish Council with the plan. Notes from his address will be emailed to all Parish Councillors. The Chairman thanked Julian for attending the meeting and for his valued knowledge and he then left the meeting. A further meeting to be arranged to discuss this matter in more detail in the near future.

**5. POLICE REPORT** - emailed to Parish Councillors and distributed at the meeting as it only arrived by email just prior to the meeting.

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Councillor Berry reported that she is starting a regular surgery on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 5-7 pm, as there is now no PACT meetings. Any issues can be talked about in confidence and there will also be a suggestion box. Hopefully this will open lines of communication. There is a lack of police in the village and a surge in anti-social behaviour just before the school holidays. People have lost confidence in the Police.

**7. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** – Councillor Holgate had nothing to report as his time had been taken up during the election period.

### **THE CHAIRMAN REIMPOSED STANDING ORDERS.**

**8. NO MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD** – Next meeting scheduled for 29 May 2019.



## 9. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

- 9.1 Accounts up to end of March 2019 (to be emailed to Parish Councillors as soon as checked by Councillor Makin) – Clerk & SM. Councillor Makin had checked the accounts up to the end of the financial year and there were no concerns. The end of year Financial Statement will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on 24 April.
- 9.2 CIL income – Any feedback from consultation in newsletter and receipt of April payment. The only feedback received at the present time is in regard to the proposed footpath on Clancutt Lane, asking that if the footpath is installed, it be by removing the hedge and not narrowing the road.
- 9.3 Public Works Loan Board – May Loan Repayment & Annual Statement. It was RESOLVED that a repayment figure be obtained To ascertain how much it would cost to pay up the loan.
- 9.4 Local Elections update. The nominations for election have been uncontested. Therefore, there will be no election for Coppull. Members were asked to attend at the office to complete their Declaration of Acceptance Forms and Register of Interests prior to the AGM in May. There is one new Councillor who the Clerk will contact in respect of the above.
- 9.5 Community Champions update. Two of the volunteers have now received their uniforms and will be going into the Leisure on Friday afternoon/evening, where they will be met by the Chairman and Councillor Cobham. The Champions will be working in the village in pairs and will liaise with residents in regard to any ongoing concerns, reporting dog fouling, fly tipping, etc., back to the Parish Council. The Chairman and Clerk visited Lancashire Constabulary at Hutton to meet the new boss there and to sign remaining paperwork. A copy of the contract and potential/inappropriate tasks were distributed to members.
- 9.6 Keep Britain Tidy Spring Campaign – Any volunteers from advert in Newsletter. Unfortunately, there have been no volunteers to take part in this campaign.
- 9.7 Christmas Lighting – update from event at Festive Lights (MA). The Clerk and Chairman attended upon invite a showcase of new lighting for next Christmas. The Chairman was impressed with new lighting controlled through wi-fi, but prices were not available. Festive Lights will forward these as soon as possible, with details on when to order if required.
- 9.8 Piece of land for sale off Station Road – update & discussion (NC & PT). The Parish Council had been informed that Chorley Council would also be bidding for this piece of land, as they wished to retain it for



a railway station if this ever got implemented. After discussions with the Chair, Vice-Chair and Councillor Holgate, it was felt right to pull out of the auction, as the Parish Council would only be going up to £20,000 and, after discussions with Chorley Council, it emerged that they could go a lot higher, but there was no point in the Parish and Chorley Council bidding against each other. However, there was another bidder and Chorley Council ended up paying over £40,000 for the land, which they have stated the Parish Council can utilise until a decision about the railway station is made. It was **RESOLVED** that the Chief Executive at Chorley Council be contacted and asked for his assurance that the land would be used for that purpose and asked to confirm this in writing. Councillor Colecliffe felt that the land could be used as an informal garden, similar to the Jubilee Garden.

- 9.9 Speed Indicator Device (PT). Councillor Taylor asked that this item be moved to the next meeting, as he did not have the information to hand – agreed. LCC has still not contacted the Clerk in regard to fitting the brackets for the device. The Clerk to chase this matter.
- 9.10 Play Areas – The sinking safety surface on Tansley has been repaired and no underground concerns were noted. Play bark and sand has been ordered where necessary. There are no other concerns at the present time.
- 9.11 Leisure Centre (MA/PC). Managers of the Leisure Centre had volunteered to paint the reception area in the same colour scheme as the Sports Hall, which they did around two years ago (black and white). However, members felt this was too cold a colour for the reception area. Councillor Taylor offered to consult an interior decorator for advice on which colours to use.
- 9.12 Proposed Circus on Tansley playing field. The owners of the circus thanked the Parish Council for their offer of no charge for use of the field and agreed to pay £300 up front which would be non-returnable if they did not leave the field in the same condition as they found it. They have booked a week in October, arriving on the Sunday with performances commencing Wednesday to Sunday.
- 9.13 Future Events (PT). Councillor Taylor asked that this item also be moved to the next meeting for future discussion – agreed.
- 9.14 Blainscough Community Orchard & Edible Hedge (SH). Everyone concerned with the recent planting were devastated to discover that they had been stolen the day after. However, some of the stolen hedges have now been found dumped in the reserve and a volunteer has replaced them. Chorley A&E group have raised £25 to put towards replacing the others. It was **RESOLVED** that, in future, these kind of events would not be advertised on Facebook, especially not out of the Coppull area.



- 9.15 Allotments Update (PE). The Chairman reported on behalf of Councillor Eastham. The hardstanding is being done in May. The Allotment Association is paying for this out of funding received. A quote is also required for a fence near the river at the bottom, to make the area more secure.
- 9.16 Dog Fouling (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). This problem is getting better due to the lighter mornings and nights. The Scouts have also put a lot of plastic bottles filled with dog bags around the village and it is hoped that this will also make a difference. A notice on how this can hurt children if not picked up has been put around the Leisure Park, in the noticeboards and in the newsletter. Chorley Council is also running the "We are Watching You" campaign, which the Parish Council ran last year and are to be asked to put these posters around the village.
- 9.17 Village Grot Spots (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). Councillor Makin asked that the Lengthsman be asked to go down the ginnel on Park Road, near to The Beeches Nursing Home, to collect a lot of litter approximately 50 yards down the path.

## 10. DECISIONS MADE UNDER THE CLERK'S DELEGATED AUTHORITY

(After consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair)

- Membership to the ALCC - Association of Local Council Clerks - £40.00 – It runs in conjunction with the Society of Local Council Clerks. This has been subscribed too since its onset two years ago – **RATIFIED**.
- Agreement to pull out of the auction for land on Station Road, as it would have been fruitless to bid against Chorley Council who had more money for the purchase than the Parish Council – **RATIFIED**.

## 11. PLANNING (N.Coggins)

### 11.1 Planning Applications:

- App.No. 19/00202/FUL – Lowes Tenement Farm, Burgh Lane – Section 73 application to vary condition 1 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 15/00488/FUL (Conversion of barn to dwelling house, erection of detached garage and associated external works) involving changes to the windows and door openings and rebuilding of the single storey front and rear projections – **SUPPORT**.
- App.No. 19/00191/FULHH – 35 Bogburn Lane – First floor side extension, single storey front extension to existing garage and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation – **NEUTRAL**.



- App.No. 18/00334/FUL – Woodcocks of Coppull Bridge Farm, Coppull Bridge Farm, Coppull Moor Lane – Change of use of former agricultural dairy farm and milk processing operation (mixed use) to mixed use of storage and distribution (B8) and builders yard. Councillor Coggins distributed information in regard to Yew Tree House Farm in December 2016, as he felt that if the change of use for Bridge Farm is accepted, it would open the door for Yew Tree Farm also. A strong **OBJECTION** – to be placed against this application. Councillor Coggins to prepare a statement.
- App.No. 19/00251/FUL – Land to the rear of 13-16 Spinners Close – Erection of building comprising 8 apartments with associated parking and landscaping – An **OBJECTION** to be placed and a site visit to be arranged with Planning Officers prior to any decision being made.
- App.No. 19/000266/CLPUD – 40 Clayton Gate – Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed rear dormer and single storey rear extension – No **OBJECTIONS**, but Councillor Coggins to liaise with Chorley Council over minor details.
- App.No.19/00270/DIS – Land between Wheatsheaf Hotel and 2 Chapel Lane – Application to discharge conditions of 18/00118/FUL (Erection of a detached dwelling house and garage, including alterations to access) – **SUPPORT**.
- App.No. 19/00272/FULHH – 1 Holly Crescent – Single storey rear extension and side porch – **SUPPORT**.

#### 11.2 **Planning Decisions:**

- App.No. 18/01225/FUL – Chorley Panthers Rugby League Football Club, Chisnall Lane – Erection of replacement clubhouse, following demolition of existing clubhouse – **PERMITTED**.

## 12. **HIGHWAYS**

- 12.1 Parking Enforcement Requests (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). Vehicles are being parked on the bend on Chapel Lane adjacent to Lancaster Street. Although there are no restrictions there, it is making an obstruction for passing traffic. The Clerk to inform the Police when a licence plate has been obtained.
- 12.2 Request for 20 mph Bogburn Lane (EJ). LCC to be contacted as there are no 20mph signs on this lane and all other side roads in the village are now 20mph.



**13. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION-DISCUSSION**

- 13.1 Community Funding Evening Tuesday 14 May at 6pm – open to clubs or community groups. This has been passed on to local groups. If anyone wishes to attend, please contact the Clerk.
- 13.2 Merchant Navy Seafarers – Flying the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day on 3 September 2019. It was **RESOLVED** to participate in this even and a flag to be purchased.
- 13.3 Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Chorley: Final Recommendations – the report can be viewed at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk) and an interactive map can be found at: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/>. Noted.

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

- 14.1 Call for Sites – Part 2 – the consultation for the second part of the initial consultation ended on Monday 8 April 2019.
- 14.2 Chorley Liaison and Borough Council/Parish Clerks Liaison meeting minutes are now available for the last meetings in March. If anyone wants to view, please contact the Clerk.

**THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.45 P.M.**

**Dates of next meetings:**

**WEDNESDAY 24.04.19: 7.00 PM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
(Community Meeting)

**WEDNESDAY 15.05.19: 7.00 PM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** (Being held one week later than usual as this is an election year)

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**Councillor Michael Atherton**  
**Parish Council Chairman**

