



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE 2019 - 7.00 P.M.
SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE CENTRE,
SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

**PRESENT: Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair),
Marjorie Parkinson (Vice-Chair) Pauline Cobham,
Neil Coggins, Janette Colecliffe, Matthew Crook,
Paul Eastham, Elaine Jones, Maggie Peel-Impey, Paul Taylor,
Ash Whittaker – County Councillor Julia Berry and
Susan Edwards (Clerk)**

- 1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Councillors Nora Ball (holiday), Steve Holgate (another commitment), Sheila Makin (holiday), and District Councillors Alex Hilton and Alan Whittaker (other 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 10.13
Councillors Paul Eastham and Lynne Moores – Item 10.1

2.1 **DECLARATION OF GIFTS** – None.

- 3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATED 15 MAY 2019** (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor N. Coggins
SECONDED: Councillor E. 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. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESSED THE MEETING FIRST.

- 4. COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS REPORT** – A price of £45.00 had been received for 1,000 business cards. Councillor Crook offered to look to see if this could be done any cheaper. The “flyer” is now a page in the newsletter which is due to be delivered in early July. A concern has been



raised by the volunteer partnership in regard to out of pocket expenses. The Parish Council has been asked to consider paying travel expenses with a limit of three or five miles at 42.5p per mile. To be discussed at the next meeting.

- 5. POLICE REPORT** - emailed to Parish Councillors, but only just received so also read out at the meeting. The Police did some high visibility patrols at numerous primary schools and became aware that a huge number of children were not secured in either the correct car seat, or even any seat at all. Therefore, they are requesting funding. None of parents asked did not know what the laws were regarding child seats. The Police initiative is to obtain funding to purchase 20 car seats at £25.00 each and they are therefore requesting funding of £500.00. As this is not officially on the agenda a decision cannot be made, but the general consensus was that parents should know the law and should buy their own child seats. To be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.
- 6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – None.
- 7. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** – Apologies received from Councillor Alan Whittaker who wished to report that he chaired a meeting of the Southern Parishes Area Committee last Tuesday and the footpath at Clancutt Lane was discussed. It would appear that LCC will be able to fund this project and it may be the only way forward is for the Parish Council to fund it from CIL money. To be placed on the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting.
- 8. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** – None.

THE CHAIRMAN REIMPOSED STANDING ORDERS.

- 9. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 29 MAY 2019** (Next one scheduled for August 19) - To consider the recommendations made by the above committee and to decide/ratify the necessary action (emailed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor M. Parkinson
SECONDED: Councillor J. Colecliffe

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the above meeting and the recommendations contained therein be approved as a correct record.

10. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

- 10.1 Accounts – presented quarterly – next after end of June 2019 (to be emailed to Parish Councillors as soon as checked by Councillor Makin) – Clerk & SM.
- 10.2 Proposed Village Hall – Report from the Steering Group (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors). Councillor Taylor had been in contact with



the landowners of the two plots of land that may be available for a new village hall and they would like to meet with Councillors to discuss further. They are to be invited to the next meeting of the Steering Group on Wednesday 19 June. The Clerk and Chairman had visited the pre-school as they had received questions from some parents in regard to the proposed plans. It was explained that this was in the very initial stages and no plans had yet been made, but that they would be consulted before any decisions are made.

County and Chorley Councillor Julia Berry arrived late, as she had been at another meeting. She had nothing to report at the present time, but would take on board any issues from this meeting.

- 10.3 Neighbourhood Plan – to formulate a Steering Group to progress this matter and to invite Julian Jackson, LCC, and possibly a Consultant to the first meeting. The Steering Group to consist of Councillor N. Coggins, J. Colecliffe and M. Peel-Impey. The Clerk had contacted Troy Planning, who stated that the District Council has to designate the area as a Neighbourhood Area, if this has not already been done. The Clerk to contact Chorley Council on this. If selected, they would look at the key issues and put together a proposed fee – the charge is £550 per day, possibly less for a junior Consultant – this is capped by Locality. However, the plan has to be community led, or it will not be passed by the Independent Examiner. It would then have to go to Referendum, when 50% or more of the voters would have to vote in favour. Councillor Whittaker had informed the Clerk that Standish Parish Council and Horwich were in the process of undertaking their plans. The Clerk to contact to ascertain which consultant they have used.
- 10.4 Speed Indicator Device (PT) and training. Mr Alan Cox from Lancashire County Council had sent in a few dates for the training and it was agreed to hold this on Tuesday 18 June at 2pm in the meeting room at the Leisure Centre, then a practical on Springfield Road. Councillors M. Atherton, M. Crook and P. Taylor to attend.
- 10.5 Summer Newsletter. A draft copy of the newsletter to date was circulated. This will be sent to the printers at the end of next week.
- 10.6 Facebook. Councillor Colecliffe stated that she could not commit to setting up a separate Facebook page for the Parish Council and asked Councillor Moores if she would consider taking this on. This was agreed to.
- 10.7 Neighbourhood Area Meeting – Southern Parishes (SH). To discuss again at the next meeting when Councillor Holgate can update the Parish Council.
- 10.8 Tansley Avenue Play Area complaint re footballs. Councillor Eastham reported that balls are going over another resident's fence and the children are climbing over to retrieve the ball. The Chairman to get a price for putting up netting to stop this happening.



Springfield Park Play Area – painting of fencing (JC). Part of the fencing to the muga (multi use games area) on the park needs cleaning/painting. It looks rusty. The youth shelter also needs attention, as does the knee rail and the rail in front of A1 fitness. The Chairman to get the paint. The full-time Lengthsman will paint the railings at A1 Fitness.

10.9 Proposed use of part of Blainscough Wood for a Forest School. A request has been received to use parts of the wood for some stay and play sessions for parents and children. It was agreed that these could go ahead, but there must not be any fires and the land must be left as it is found.

10.10 Trees on Jubilee Garden – complaint re height. The height of the trees is allegedly stopping the TV signal from Winter Hill. The Chairman felt that the resident concerned did not have the correct equipment. To be looked into further and discussed again at the next meeting.

10.11 Dog fouling/litter/anti-social behaviour – plan of action (SH). To be discussed again at the next meeting.

10.12 Leisure Centre (MA/PC). The coffee machine is now up and running. The problem with the smell of weed was discussed under Item The staff have started on the painting.

10.13 Allotments Update (PE) and Micro plots (MA). There had been a little bit of damage due to the recent hailstorms, but otherwise everything else is ok. There is a meeting next week of the Allotment Association, when the possibility of creating micro plots will be discussed (approx. 50 sq.m.)

10.14 Future Events (PT). Councillor Taylor had a number of ideas for boosting the identify of Coppull, by engaging with different sectors and individual groups to hold events. Events such as/similar to a Scarecrow Festival, etc. There is going to be a circus in October on the Tansley playing field. To discuss again at the next meeting, with a view to forming a committee.

10.15 Dog Fouling (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). A lot better now the light mornings and nights are here and the initiative from the Scouts and the Parish Council in regard to putting up plastic bottles with dog bags in has also helped.

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)

- To replace a rotten piece of wood on equipment at the Byron Crescent Play Area £30.00;



- To contact the Parish Council Solicitor in regard to a Confidential Personnel matter with possible costs of up to £300.00;
- Repair to a broken/rotten waste bin on Springfield Park - £62.00 plus vat.

The Council **RATIFIED** the above expenditure.

12. PLANNING (N.Coggins)

12.1 Planning Applications:

- App.No. 19/00191/FULHH – Amendment - 35 Bogburn Lane – The first floor side extension has been removed - **NEUTRAL.**

12.2 Planning Decisions:

- App.No. 19/002782/FULHH – 1 Holly Crescent – Single storey rear extension and side porch – **PERMITTED.**

13. HIGHWAYS

13.1 Parking Enforcement Requests (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). The Clerk to contact the Police again with regard to complaints received about the van parking at the bottom of Lancaster Street. Photos to be sent.

13.2 Public Right of Way No.FP30 – Poplar Trees at the back of 48 Rectory Drive –update. LCC is looking into this. The resident to be informed.

13.3 Street lights for German Lane. LCC has been contacted after a request from a local resident. This is an historic Roman road, which also requires street signs. It was agreed that a letter be sent to residents on Park Road and Bentham Street, asking for their views on installing street lights.

13.4 Speed on Chapel Lane – update. A response from LCC states that the lighting on Chapel Lane indicates a 30mph speed limit and drivers should be aware of this. If any vehicles are causing a hazard they should be reported to the Police.

13.5 Speed on Brookfield Estate – update. As this estate has not yet been adopted, LCC has no authority to place signs on this road. A suggestion has been to contact the developers.

13.6 Preston Road Zebra Crossing (LM) and update. LCC are aware of the road markings and the work is to be undertaken.

13.7 Blainscough Hall access road (LM). This public footpath is in very bad condition and needs attention. Photographs to be taken and forwarded to LCC.



13.8 Road closure, Spendmore Lane from New Road to Regent Street – Wednesday 10 July until Friday 19 July, between 09:30 and 15:00 Hours. Noted.

14. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION-DISCUSSION

14.1 The Big Lunch (LM). On the first weekend of June, communities across the UK come together for a day of food, friendship and fun with the Big Lunch. Last year, over 6 million people took part. It was agreed that this could be an event to hold next year, to help bring the community together.

14.2 Digital Skills – A taster session is being held on Wednesday 10 July 2019 from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, followed by a weekly course starting in September. Noted.

15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION

15.1 Grange Drive – The play area surface is in need of repair, but this has not yet been adopted by Chorley Council, although the rest of the estate has. Photographs to be taken and sent to Persimmon Homes.

15.2 Branch meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks – The Clerk is not attending tomorrow’s meeting as this is a very busy time at the moment. The next meeting is in September.

15.3 Blocked grids on Spendmore Lane (near Springfield Nursing Home) – three grids have been reported. LCC is aware and the work will be undertaken.

16. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER – Personnel (See separate report)

THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.00 P.M.

Dates of next meetings:

WEDNESDAY 19.06.19: 7.00 PM VILLAGE HALL STEERING GROUP

WEDNESDAY 10.07.19: 7.00 PM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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Councillor Michael Atherton
Parish Council Chairman

