



# COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES



**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2023 - 7.00 P.M.  
SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE CENTRE, COPPULL**

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), Marjorie Parkinson (Vice-Chair), Pauline Cobham, Matthew Crook, Chris Kay, Ken McCrea, Lynne Moores, Susan Edwards (Clerk)

**1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Parish Councillors Neil Coggins (child care), Jan Colecliffe (working), Steve Holgate (holiday), Elaine Jones, Sheila Makin, Maggie Peel Impey (holiday), Paul Taylor (another commitment) and County/District Councillor Julia Berry (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) – **None declared.**

**2.2 DECLARATION OF GIFTS** – None.

**3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2023** – (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

**PROPOSED:** Councillor K. McCrea

**SECONDED:** Councillor P. Cobham

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

**THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW OTHER BODIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK - AGREED.**

**4. POLICE REPORT** – PCSO Maria Fetherstone had sent in incident figures for February, which were very high again for Coppull. The Clerk had contacted her to ask for a breakdown of the figures, but had been informed that this would be very time consuming. The Clerk to contact Maria, as Coppull has the highest incident and crime rates out of the figures she has provided, and ask what they are doing about it.

Statistics for January from the website are:

- Anti-social behaviour –7
- Violence and sexual offences – 18

- Criminal Damage & Arson – 4
- Public Order - 4
- Shoplifting - 2
- Other theft - 2

This is an increase of 7.4% in crime statistics. This information can be found on the Police website:

<https://www.police.uk/your-area/lancashire-constabulary/coppull>.

**5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT –**  
Apologies received from Councillor Julia Berry.

**6. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC –** None.

**THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE REIMPOSED AND THE MEETING CONTINUE – AGREED.**

## **7. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE**

- 7.1 New Village Hall update (Cllr.MatthewCrook). The build is proceeding well, the first floor is now going in. There are some outstanding matters for building regulations, but these should soon be resolved. The Clerk to keep on top of this with the Architect.
- 7.2 Play area reports (sent by separate email). There are a number of small repairs needed on all the play areas and the bark needs topping up. **RESOLVED** to find out the cost of rubber particles to use instead of bark.
- 7.3 Wicksteed re-quote for supply of 8 no. replacement cross beams £3,681.82 (exc.vat) compared to initial quote of £2,245.45. This is for the tower unit on the Leisure Park. The Clerk has queried this and the supplier stated that the original quote was wrong and there has also been a slight price increase. It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead and purchase the steel cross beams at the new price.
- 7.4 Cutting back large bushes at the back of the Leisure Centre approx. £2,500 – A further quote received for £1,300, including trees needing attention in the Memorial Garden (information received from Cllr.Chris Kay). AS this quote was around half the price of the first quote and another one received, the Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk felt that this should be accepted and the Clerk emailed all Councillors to ascertain if anyone was against this. Therefore, the contractor was asked to proceed with the work as soon as possible.
- 7.5 Railway Subway – Public Inquiry 14 March 2023 at 10 pm in the British Legion Club. The Chair and Clerk will be in attendance.
- 7.6 Best Kept Village Competition – due to Coppull's size, it would just be one area, not the whole village. The Chair had spoken to the gardener about this and he was keen to participate. It was **RESOLVED** to enter the Leisure Park at a cost of £25.00.

- 7.7 Chorley Council Play and Open Spaces Fund 22/23 – Application for funding towards new swings on the Leisure Park approved – awaiting confirmation of amount. The full £5,000 match funding has been approved. The swings are now on order (at least six weeks) and an additional disabled swing will be purchased, as per the condition of the grant.
- 7.8 LCC Parish Champion Funding – Funding for Picnic in the Park approved – £500 received – Crowd funding page set up. The £500 from the Parish Champion has been put in and there have been individual donations too. There has to be over 20 donations for the project to continue and the amount requested has to be met. The fund is on course for this to happen. Any shortfall at the end will be met by the Parish Council.
- 7.9 Dog competition update. This has now been judged by Pinewood Vets, who have made prizes available for the winners. The winners to be notified and all to be put in the next issue of the newsletter.
- 7.10 Membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks - £236. It was **RESOLVED** to pay the membership.
- 7.11 Proposal to create a working/voluntary group to help keep the village clean, a “Coppull Clean Up Crew” (Cllr.KenMcCrea). It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. McCrea take this proposal forward. There are spare vests, litter pickers and bags available in the store room and the Clerk can obtain more if required.
- 7.12 Proposal to fund “movement cameras!” for the ginnels in Coppull to ascertain who does not pick up after their dog and dropping litter – the legalities of this be looked into (Cllr.KenMcCrea). The Clerk had obtained information (emailed to Parish Councillors) and has also contacted LCC for advice. Prices to be obtained and discussed again at the next meeting.

**8. 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 – now raised to £1,000)

- Appointment of tree surgeon to reduce the beech hedge at the rear of the Leisure Centre and trees on the Memorial Garden and Leisure Park - £1,300 (after consultation with Parish Councillors). The Council **RATIFIED** this decision (item 7.4).

**9. PLANNING** – Councillor Coggins forwarded his recommendations which were read out, as follows:

**9.1 Applications:**

- App.No.23/00116/FULHH – 33 Springfield Road – Single storey side and rear extension (following demolition of existing rear projection). A small wraparound extension. Some reservations in

regard to the extant driveway, but no risk of overshadowing and no loss of amenity for other residents. It was **RESOLVED** to support this application.

- App.No. 23/00121/FUL – 122 Chapel Lane – Section 73 application to vary condition 3 (approved plans) attached to planning permission App.No. 22/00266/FUL – Erection of 4. no dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings – to amend external details to the approved houses types. The changes are purely to do with internal room layouts, there is no increase in risk of overshadowing or loss of amenity. It was **RESOLVED** to support this application.

## 9.2 Decisions:

- App.No. 22/01277/FUL – Matthews and Leigh, 141 Chapel Lane – Change of use of one first floor room to nail salon and one first floor room to clothes retail shop, with other first floor rooms to be used as stock rooms (retrospective) – **GRANTED.**
- App.No. 22/01306/FULHH – 42 Oakwood Road – Erection of 2 no. poles and 2 no. radio antennas – **GRANTED.**
- App.No. 22/01018/FULHH – Longmede, Church Fold – First floor side/front extension including front gable, 2 no. front dormers, rear dormer and single storey rear extension with balcony above (following demolition of existing conservatory and single storey side extension – **GRANTED.**
- App.No. 22/01263/FULHH – 151 Preston Road – Single storey front/side extension and single storey rear extension – **GRANTED.**

## 9.3 To consider any planning applications received after publication of this agenda for which a response is required prior to the next meeting:

- App.No. 23/00155/FULHH – 8 Clancutt Lane – Single storey side extension. Cllr Coggins declared a prejudicial interest on this application. Members present **RESOLVED** to support this application, as there is no risk of overshadowing or loss of amenity for neighbours.
- App.No. 23/000160/FULHH – 23 Park Road – Single storey side/rear extension and associated external alterations; creation of new dropped kerb to enable vehicle access off Park Road. This is a change of use as well as extension. The extant property is a small 1-2 bed bungalow and the proposal is for 4 residential bedrooms plus some staff accommodation. The site is large enough, but there are concerns that the change of use has not been identified by the planning authority. It was **RESOLVED** that the council raise these concerns and remain **NEUTRAL.**

- App.No. 23/00056/FUL – 31 Preston Road – Erection of 1 no. horse walker. No impact on neighbouring properties. It was **RESOLVED** to support this application.
- App.No. 23/00180/FULHH – 73 Longworth Avenue – two storey rear extension including accommodation in roof and Juliet balcony, single storey rear extension, elevational alterations including rooflights to front, side and rear. A very large extension increasing the floor area by more than 100% of the existing. The second storey is concerning, as fully transparent glazing is to be used, affording considerable loss of privacy for the neighbouring property to the north west. Also increasing from 3 to 4 bedrooms, but no increase in parking. It was **RESOLVED** to raise concerns in regard to this, Parking Standards ST4 and Appendix A of the Chorley Local Plan and also the concerns over the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor glazing.

**9.4 Temporary Event Notice** - App.No. 23/00101/LATEN – 48 Coppull Moor Lane - 08.07.23 12pm to 12am for regulated entertainment. Private house/party, no concerns.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION** – None.

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

The Chairman closed the meeting 8.05 pm.

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**Councillor Michael Atherton**  
**Chairman**