



# COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST 2017 - 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, M. Crook, S. Makin, M. Peel-Impey, P. Taylor - S. Edwards (Clerk) and Chorley Councillor J. Fitzsimons**

- 1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Councillors J. Colecliffe, (holiday), P. Eastham (illness), S. Holgate, E. Jones, M. Parkinson (holiday), S. Thomson (another commitment) and Chorley Councillors P. Clark, A. Whittaker
- 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.**

**2.1 DECLARATION OF GIFTS** – None.

- 3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 12 JULY 2017** (emailed/distributed to Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor P. Cobham

SECONDED: Councillor S. Makin

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

**THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW OUTSIDE REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK** (20 minutes allowed in total).

- 4. POLICE REPORT** – None – the Police have been contacted to request a written report if a representative cannot attend.
- 5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – None.
- 6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

Councillor J. Fitzsimons reported as follows:

- Byron Crescent – Working closely with Adactus Housing as there are quite a few issues on the estate, one being the groundwork on some



of the backs. The holes have been filled in, but due to the recent bad weather the holes are re-emerging. In the long term, the area needs tarmacing and funding is being looked into for that. With regard to the area as a whole, Adactus are looking at demolishing the old garages and putting up lighting and some screening next to the new development. Landscaping to take place on some of the smaller grassed areas and residents have suggested allotments on some of the courtyard area. This is a long term project and Adactus have put some money aside for this. There will also be a community day with activities for the children and the whole community. A meeting is to be set up on site to get the Parish Council's input and involvement, as the land next to the play area is parish land.

- George's ramp – The ramp is in and a gate, but the ramp does not reach the back door, so the resident still cannot access the rear of his property. This matter has now been passed to the Chief Executive of Chorley Council and Lindsay Hoyle, MP.
- Another tenant of 20 years has no rear access to his property. The Surveyor has been round and said there is no problem putting it in, but the tenant would have to pay for it himself. Adactus has now said they will do it.
- Buttermere Community Centre – Different activities take place at this Centre, involving children, Age UK and Citizens Advice. It is hoped to get more of these activities to also take place at Coppull Leisure Centre in the future.
- Mill Lane – the back of this lane is being used as a rat run and Chorley Council has agreed to fund the installation of bollards. However, LCC's permission is required and the surveyor from LCC does not believe there is a problem.
- There is a problem with overgrown laurel trees on land near Arcon Estate. It is unsure whether this is the responsibility of Adactus or not. Cllr Fitzsimons offered to look into this. Photos to be sent.
- Willow House, Chapel Lane – There are serious concerns in relation to staff vehicles and ambulances being parked on Chapel Lane, too close to the junction of Lancaster Street, blocking visibility. The Richmond Fellowship has been contacted and they are looking into it as a matter of urgency. LCC is also going to liaise with the Richmond Fellowship, their staff and the police and double yellow lines have been suggested to them. There is a new mental health unit opening at Chorley Hospital with eleven unit which will take some of the pressure off the facilities on Chapel Lane.

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

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



## **8. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE DATED 26 JULY 2017** (Emailed to Parish Councillors) –

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

- Item 4 – Village Hall Pre-School – necessary repairs/painting. The inside and outside at both sides need painting, floor needs repairing, plumbing and lighting attended to. It was felt that more money needed to be put in the budget next year to enable maintenance on a more regular basis.
- Item 5.2 – Recommendation to hold the Management & Finance Committee meetings every three months, or as and when required – Agreed. Next meeting to be held in November.
- Item 5.3 – Personnel Reports (emailed to Parish Councillors) - Recommendation to hold every three months in future instead of every two months – Agreed. Next meeting to be held in October.
- Item 5.7 – Time Credits – the Clerk to attend a training session in November, if anyone else wishes to attend, please contact the Clerk.
- Item 8.2 – Brookfield development, Chapel Lane. There had been concerns in regard to the maintenance of the grassed area at the front of the development and also that the pavements had not been properly finished. The company had been contacted and replied that these will be attended to. It was noted that the grass cutting had commenced this morning.

PROPOSED: Councillor M. Peel-Impey

SECONDED: Councillor M. Atherton

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

## **9. GENERAL MANAGEMENT & FINANCE**

- 9.1 Monthly Accounts (emailed quarterly after balancing at the end of September, December and March – ½ yearly projection at the end of September and budget in November). Hard copies available on request, or can be viewed in the office.
- 9.2 Photography Competition in conjunction with Home Truths Estate Agents. It was agreed that the Parish Council would help support this competition with local schools, but to ask if it would be possible to get the proposed calendar out prior to the New Year.
- 9.3 Coppull Youth Centre. LCC has proposed to hand back the building at the end of August. A date is being arranged for the Chairman to view the building and the contents and a decision will have to be agreed as to what the building will be used for. The Leisure Centre would like to take on the building to extend facilities at the centre.



- 9.4 Signposting in the Village. It was agreed that some signposting in the village would be advantageous and the Clerk to contact LCC to ascertain how much funding would be available.
- 9.5 Public Defibrillator at the Spar Shop, Spendmore Lane. A local resident had requested that a public defibrillator be installed near the Spar Shop, as the only other public one was housed at the Conservative Club on the other side of the village. The Clerk contacted the Manager of the Spar to ascertain if they would be willing to help with funding. The management is very interested in this and quotes for the supply of a defib and outdoor housing to be forwarded to them when received.
- 9.6 New Play Area at Tansley Avenue – update. The play area has now been installed and received good reviews from local people. The whole area has been weedkilled and the full-time Lengthsman has removed all the weeds. Some of the old equipment still requires painting.
- 9.7 Plan for the Village (Proposals for Five, Three or One Year). A discussion ensued about having a proper Neighbourhood Plan, which would involve employing a consultancy firm and a great deal of expense. However, some funding would be available and it would mean that Coppull would receive 25% of CIL money received from local developments instead of 15%. The clerk to contact Chorley to ascertain how many houses are proposed for Coppull in the near future, as part of Chorley council's Local Plan.
- 9.8 Sensory garden – quotes for new timber. It has been suggested that wooden sleepers be used instead of timber posts, as these would be much stronger and last much longer. A quote is awaited.
- 9.9 Allotments update. A delivery of stone is awaited for the drainage of the land where it is hoped to put eight new allotments. A large tree has been cut down to the base and the branches chipped free of charge. There has been a little bit of vandalism, potatoes and onions taken, but no real damage.
- 9.10 Dog Fouling (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). This problem is always less of a problem during the summer months with the lighter nights and evenings. However, concern was expressed about South Road. The Dog Warden to be informed.
- 9.11 Village Grot Spots (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). The areas of land at the top of Birkacre Brow still needs attention. The Gardener will attend to it as soon as he can. It was suggested that Rivington View Nurseries be contacted to ascertain if they would like to sponsor this area.

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

(After consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair) – None.



## **11. PLANNING (S.Holgate)**

### **11.1 Planning Applications:**

- App.No. 17/00660/FUL – Ian McCarthy, Blainscough works, Blainscough Lane – Erection of a new industrial building to form an extension to the existing works and associated increased car parking provision – **No objections.**
- App.No. 17/00763/FUL – Land West of 28 Meadow Close – change of use of land to domestic garden and erection of 2.1m high fence – **No objections.**
- App.No. 17/00759/FULHH – 245 Coppull Moor Lane – Erection of a single storey side/rear extension – **No objections.**
- App.No. 17/00742/FUL – 83 Claytongate – Proposed demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with new dormer bungalow and retrospective temporary permission for a storage container and accommodation cabin for the applicants to use (to be removed upon completion of new dwelling) – **No objections.**

### **11.2 Planning Decisions:**

- App.No. 17/00553/FUL – Land North of 2a South Road – Erection of two semidetached dwellings – **PERMITTED.**
- App.No. 17/00562/FUL – Mid Lancs BMX Club, Chisnall Lane – Remodelling of site levels and importation of soils to create a raised spectator area, level and uneven area and create additional parking for Mid-Lancashire BMX Club and Chorley Panthers Rugby Club – **PERMITTED.**

## **12. HIGHWAYS**

- 12.1 Parking Enforcement Requests (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). Parking issues at Chapel Lane/Lancaster Street junction, as discussed under item 6 with Cllr Fitzsimons.

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

- 13.1 Chorley Equality Forum – Meeting on 10 August 2017 (emailed to Parish Councillors). Noted, but no-one available to attend the meeting.
- 13.2 Chorley Council's Social Isolation Pilot Project (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors). Cllr Thomson is to be the Parish Council's representative if Coppull is chosen to take part in this project.

## **14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION – None.**

**THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.05 P.M.**



**Dates of next meetings:**

**WEDNESDAY 13.09.17: 7.00 pm PARISH COUNCIL**

**NO MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING UNTIL NOVEMBER**

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**Councillor M. Atherton**  
**Coppull Parish Council Chairman**

