



# COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST 2019 - 7.00 P.M.  
SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE CENTRE,  
SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), Marjorie Parkinson (Vice-Chair), Neil Coggins, Janette Colecliffe, Matthew Crook, Paul Eastham, Elaine Jones, Sheila Makin, Maggie Peel-Impey, Ash Whittaker, Paul Taylor, Susan Edwards (Clerk) and Community Champions Dorian Pilkington, Marie Malone and Zac Lowe

- 1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Councillors Nora Ball (unwell), Pauline Cobham (holiday), Steve Holgate (holiday), Lynne Moores (holiday) and County Councillor Julia Berry (holiday)
- 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).
  - Councillor Mick Atherton Item 10.16 – Leisure Centre
  - Councillor Paul Eastham– Item 10.17 - Allotments
  - Councillors Matthew Crook and Sheila Makin – Item 12.1 – Planning – in respect of App.No. 19/00656/FULHH – 29 Springfield Road

**2.1 DECLARATION OF GIFTS** – None.

- 3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 10 JULY 2019** (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

**AMENDMENT:** Page 21, Item 10.10 – Allotments. Cllr Eastham reported that the committee cannot give the allotment holder 14 days to register and get insurance, it has to be the Parish Council (to be discussed further under item 10.17)

**PROPOSED:** Councillor J. Colecliffe  
**SECONDED:** Councillor E. Jones

**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.**



- 4. COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS REPORT** – Dorian Pilkington spoke on behalf of himself, Marie Malone and Zac Lowe, the Community Champions for Coppull.

Funding routes are being looked at for the Leisure Centre, there is a potential of up to 5.5k for this. A business plan would have to be drawn up for the activities they would like to receive funding for and Dorian is liaising with the Centre Managers in regard to this. Local groups have been contacted who have the same problems as the Leisure Centre in regard to anti-social behaviour and the Boxing Club from the Enterprise Centre and local schools will hopefully be coming in to work with the Centre and facilitate more activities. Dorian is to meet with a lady from LCC who has projects which they could get involved with in Coppull, looking at safety issues with local children/parents/schools.

All of the Champions are volunteers and are restricted to the hours they can put in, especially during the day due to work and family commitments. They are asked to do approximately 6 hours per week if possible.

- 5. POLICE REPORT** – Response re car seats. Unfortunately, PCSO's do not have the power to issue fines and although parents should know the law around car seats, they do not always comply. The initiative is based on protecting children. It was **RESOLVED** to stand by the original decision not to contribute to funding of this initiative and also to put an article in the next newsletter regarding car safety.
- 6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – None – apologies from Councillor Julia Berry.
- 7. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** – None – apologies from Councillors Steve Holgate and Julia Berry
- 8. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** – None.

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

- 9. NO MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE** – It was agreed to cancel the scheduled meeting in August, to be held in September instead if there are items for discussion.

#### **10. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE**

- 10.1 Accounts – presented quarterly – April, May & June's accounts (emailed to Parish Councillors) – Clerk & SM. Councillor Makin had checked through the three months of accounts and no problems had arisen.
- 10.2 Policies (Clerk & MPI). – Councillor Peel-Impey had checked and updated the policies as necessary. A list of policies was circulated and Councillors to contact the Clerk if they wish to view any of the policies.



10.3 Village Hall – concerns from resident/future use (emailed to Parish Councillors). Residents are concerned that the building will be empty now that the Pre-school has closed down and the next door neighbour has offered to look after the premises until such time as a decision is made for its future use.

An enquiry has been received to put in another pre-school/nursery. The Chairman and Clerk are to meet up with the lady next week.

10.4 Community Champions – Business cards obtained £36.00 – Consideration to be given to paying 42p per mile from home to Coppull, with a limit of five miles. It was **RESOLVED** to pay the amount above with the limit to the Community Champions, who are undertaking this role on a voluntary basis.

10.5 Coppull Conservative Club – Price for battery and pads. As the cost of these is much less than originally thought (£111.40), it was **RESOLVED** to pay the whole amount.

The Parish Council is in discussions with the Spar shop to put a public defibrillator somewhere on their building, so that there will be one on either side of the village.

10.6 Neighbourhood Plan – Designation of area(s) – Public Meeting to ascertain support/volunteers for Neighbourhood Plan, gala days, events, etc. It was **RESOLVED** to designate the whole of Coppull for the Neighbourhood Plan and Chorley Council to be informed.

It was agreed that the steering group for the Neighbourhood Plan would organise the public meeting and to be advertised in the next newsletter.

10.7 Free webinar on how to use neighbourhood planning to bring forward affordable housing for sale (emailed to Parish Councillors). The Clerk to join the webinar and any councillors can join in at the office on the day – Monday 23 September – 12 – 1pm.

10.8 Speed Indicator Device update. Cllrs M. Crook and P. Taylor, together with the Chair, attended training for installing the SpID. LCC has still to install the brackets before the device can be erected.

10.9 Play Area Checks. There are a few minor faults on the Leisure Park and Byron Crescent. These will be attended to. Tanyard Play Area is ok, apart from the bin needs attention and the surface appears to be going “spongy” again. Cllr Eastham will keep a check on this.

10.10 Living Willow Shelter for Blainscough Nature Reserve – Half cost of £300 (SH). It was **RESOLVED** not to support this project, as it was stated that the willow shelters are very expensive and hard to maintain and also it could easily be set on fire on the reserve.



10.11 Neighbourhood Area Meeting – Southern Parishes – proposed footpath at Clancutt Lane. It was **RESOLVED** not to proceed any further with this matter due to the costs involved. Cllr Taylor will however liaise with the owner of the property and this matter will be discussed again if any progress is made.

10.12 Tansley Avenue Play Area complaint re footballs – quote for netting. One price had been received from Catterall and Wood. A further quote is awaited from another company.

10.13 Trees on Jubilee Garden – complaint re height (MA) and dovecote obtained – consideration of play sculpture instead of another table/chairs. The dovecote has been received and it was **RESOLVED** to order a wooden story chair and crocodile if a discount could be given for purchasing both. This would then use up most of the funding, which would have to be returned if not spent.

The lady who complained over the trees is not happy with the suggestion that it is her aerial that is at fault and is contacting LCC in regard to this matter.

10.14 Chorley Council – Formal training for treating Japanese Knotweed. The Council are offering free training for up to two members of the Parish Council. It was **RESOLVED** to put forward Tony Blakeway, full-time Lengthsman, and Councillor Taylor.

10.15 Paths on Leisure Park renew – bark and sand have been received, but more bark is required to complete the areas. As the quote to renew the whole of the path was very high, it was **RESOLVED** that stone would be obtained and councillors would help in putting it down on the areas that are flooding.

10.16 Leisure Centre update – quotes for carpet instead of lino. The Parish Council has agreed to pay half of the carpet for reception and this will still stand if lino is obtained. Quotes awaited.

10.17 Allotments – Request to keep bees (information emailed to Parish Councillors). The Allotment Association has requested the Parish Council for permission to keep bees. There was no objection to this. However, one allotment holder has already brought bees on to the site, when it was discussed that this would only happen once training had been done. There was a concern as he has no insurance and the Allotment Association cannot get insurance unless the correct training and certificates have been obtained. It was **RESOLVED** to write to the allotment holder stating the qualifications he must have and asking for them to be produced within 14 days, or he will have to remove the bees.



10.18 Christmas Trees – quote for artificial trees for lampposts. A price of over £1,000 has been received for 16 solar powered Christmas trees for the lampposts. This amount includes the storage of the trees, erecting and taking down, but the trees are not owned and this amount would be due each year. It was **RESOLVED** not to go down this route, but to purchase artificial trees and councillors volunteered to help put them up.

10.19 Time Credits for volunteers and model citizens. This was felt to be a good idea, the Clerk to look into it. There is a young man who is volunteering to pick up litter on the streets. Time credits to be looked into and the young man to be offered safety equipment, i.e. hi viz jacket and litter picker.

10.20 Dog Fouling (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). It was agreed to put information in regard to this in the next newsletter.

10.21 Village Grot Spots (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). The Band Room was mentioned, which needs weeds removing from the front.

There was mention of the ginnel from Chapel Lane to Spendmore Lane on Facebook, as the weeds had grown very long and making it difficult to walk down. The contractor was contacted and they have now been strimmed.

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

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

## **12. PLANNING** (N.Coggins)

### **12.1 Planning Applications:**

- App.No. 19/00741/FULHH – 13 Lancaster Street – First floor side extension and single storey rear extension – **SUPPORT**.
- App.No. 18/00334/FULMAJ – Woodcocks of Coppull Bridge Farm – Change of use of existing buildings to storage use – **OBJECT** – objections still stand from a previous application.
- App.No.19/00702/FULHH – 51 Mavis Drive – Single storey extension to existing annexe – **OBJECT** – excessive development and not incidental use as the original application for the annexe stated.
- App.No. 19/00656/FULHH - 29 Springfield Road – Single storey side extension (Councillors M. Crook and S. Makin declared an interest and did not take part in the discussions). **NEUTRAL** – although the extension is more than 50% of the width of the existing house, there is plenty of space and no overshadowing.



- App.No. 19/00753/FULHH – 193 Preston Road – Single storey orangery extension to side of dwelling – **SUPPORT.**

## 12.2 Planning Decisions:

- App.No. 19/00344/FULHH – 33 Bogburn Lane – Single storey front extension – **REFUSED.**
- App.No. 19/00527CLPUD – 193 Preston Road – Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey side extension – **REFUSED.**
- App.No. 19/00405/FUL – 84 Clancutt Lane – Erection of dwelling – **PERMITTED.**
- App. No. 19/00266/CLPUD – 40 Claytongate – Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed rear dormer and single storey rear extension – **PERMITTED.**
- App.No. 19/00191/FULLHH – 35 Bogburn Lane – Single storey front extension to existing garage and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation – **PERMITTED.**
- App.No. 19/00567 – Land opposite 37 Preston Road – Notice of intention to install 1 no. 9m high wooden telecommunications pole – no consultation – permitted development – **PERMITTED**

## 13. HIGHWAYS

- 13.1 Parking Enforcement Requests (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). The van parked at the bottom of Lancaster Street is still causing an obstruction, making entering and exiting the street very dangerous, and this needs enforcing by the Police. It was **RESOLVED** that Lindsay Hoyle MP be contacted and asked to contact the Police.
- 13.2 Street lights for German Lane – update. Solar lights have also been refused by LCC, apparently they are more expensive to install and maintain than ordinary lighting.
- 13.3 A complaint has again been received from a resident of Mill Lane in regard to the speed of traffic. It was **RESOLVED** that County Cllrs Julia Berry and Alex Hilton be informed of this and also Lindsay Hoyle MP.

## 14. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION-DISCUSSION

- 14.1 Department for Transport Competition to win a Pacer carriage (train). It was agreed to look into this and report back to the next meeting.
- 14.2 Parish and Town Council newsletter (emailed to Parish Councillors). Very informative and a link to some funding.



14.3 Chorley Council – Polling Place Review 2019 (emailed to Parish Councillors). It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that the Village Hall would be a better place for polling days, as this would mean that the local school would not have to close.

14.4 Registration of Public Rights of Way Cut Off Date 2026 (emailed to Parish Councillors). It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would support the application to extend the cut-off date, as there are 110 footpaths just in Coppull and the 2016 date would not be long enough to register all of them.

## **15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION**

15.1 Fly Tipping - £1,000 fine each for man and woman in regard to fly tipping on Sunny Brow. It was **RESOLVED** to put this information in the next newsletter.

15.2 Digital Essentials course commencing Wednesday 11 September 2019 at Springfield Park Leisure Centre – 9.30-11.30 am for six weeks. Anyone wishing to attend to contact the Clerk.

**THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.30 P.M.**

**Dates of next meetings:**

**WEDNESDAY 11.09.19: 7.00 PM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

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

