



# COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2023 - 7.00 P.M.  
MEETING ROOM, SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE  
CENTRE, SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), Marjorie Parkinson (Vice-Chair), Phil Armstrong, Julia Berry (also Chorley & County Councillor), Pauline Cobham, Neil Coggins, Matthew Crook, Chris Kay, Sheila Makin, Ken McCrea, Lynne Moores, Maggie Peel- Impey, Tom Robinson, Paul Taylor, Susan Edwards (Clerk) and Carolyn Tasker Business Development Officer (MPCT – Military Preparation College for Training)

**1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Parish Councillors Jan Colecliffe (Funeral) and Paul Taylor (stuck in traffic/work) - apologies accepted.

**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 13 SEPTEMBER 2023** (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor P. Cobham

SECONDED: Councillor N. Coggins

**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. ADDRESS BY CAROLYN TASKER, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MPTC (Military Preparation College for Training)** (information sent by separate email). Carolyn explained her role and that of the college. She is going out to numerous organisations to make them aware of what is

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provided and to explain the history of the organisation. All the information is in the 2023 Prospectus. It is open to 16 to 19 year olds and up to 24 in some circumstances. There is also academic training and students do not have to go into the military at the end of the course, they will be helped to find suitable alternative career paths. There is a uniform and this will have to be bought, but the actual course is free. There is a bursary for those who cannot afford the uniform. It is a very strict regime and students learn courtesy, respect to everyone and themselves as well. The students are highly regarded wherever they go.

There are open days for people to attend, everyone is welcome. It will also be the birthday anniversary soon. Carolyn will inform of the date and time and hopefully members of the council will be able to attend.

#### **5. POLICE REPORT – no report available.**

In July 2023 the statistics were :

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

- 15 Violence and sexual offences
- 11 Anti-social behaviour
- 2 Criminal damage and arson
- 2 Other theft

July's statistics are down from 7.8% to 7.2%

#### **6. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Councillor Berry reported on the following:**

- Speeding in the village and concerns about safety, especially Spendmore Lane and Preston Road. Cllr Berry asked that a letter of support be sent to LCC asking for the whole of Spendmore Lane to be assessed.
- Noise from the Mill (loading at 5 in the morning) and speeding on Mill Lane.
- Blainscough Lane development (off The Grange). Concerns over access, density and affordable housing.
- Blainscough Industrial Units – problem with Tanyard Brook, flooding etc.
- Darlington Street development – no movement on this at the moment.
- Birkacre Park – 200 houses being built on the boundary of Coppull – concerns in regard to the River Yarrow.

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

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



## 8. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

8.1 Four/five year Management Plan – suggestions required (NP Survey and summary sent to Parish Councillors). Responses from the survey are mainly for open and green spaces, hedgerows, woodland, trees, water courses, wildlife corridors. Also, concerns re speeding, traffic calming, bus services and pavements. All of these and other concerns will be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan. The suggestions for the Management Plan so far are:

- More funding for the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- CCTV and actions to prevent ASB and crime.
- More for teenagers, ie. Renewing skate park.
- Lift for Leisure Centre.

The plan to be considered again with the budget planning in November.

8.2 List of Policies (sent with agenda to Parish Councillors) and consideration of adoption of further policies shown red on the list. It was **RESOLVED** to defer the adoption of the policies to give councillors more time to read them, as they were only sent out on the Tuesday evening.

8.3 Survey and valuation of Leisure Centre update. The surveyor spent almost a full day at the Centre and the report is awaited.

8.4 New Village Hall update (report sent with agenda for Parish Councillors) – credit from Everflow £1,528.36. The credit has now been received.

A small site meeting was held with the builder, Councillors M. Crook, K. McCrea, P. Armstrong, M. Atherton and the Clerk. It was agreed that spray painting of the interior would be beneficial prior to first fix. Also, that the bathrooms and kitchen would be better having flooring put down prior to fittings being installed. It was also agreed that, as a temporary measure, it would be better to use limestones at the front of the building. It had also been previously agreed by the PC that the next door neighbour could have a very small piece of land at the side of the building, as this had no benefit to the Parish Council. After negotiation, the builder agreed to install this with no charge for labour. The builder to forward quotes for all of the above work. Councillor Crook may be able to obtain free road planings and membrane. The builder will contact Highfield Aggregates for the cost and there may be a discount available. The Parish Council **RATIFIED** all the above and is awaiting quotes.

8.5 Neighbourhood Plan update (KMCC). A further grant application was completed, subsequently accepted and £6,575 has now been received. This will enable the plan to be finished in draft form for submission to



Chorley Council in the first instance. The committee has sourced a consultant at a set cost of £6,600, plus £ for an overnight stay in Coppull when they survey the area. This is slightly more than could be applied for, but the PC has put aside money in the budget which can be used for this.

- 8.6 Library grass cutting (MA). A number of residents had complained about the state of the grass cutting and it was recommended that the Parish Council ask if this could be undertaken by the Parish Council's gardener in future. The grass at the front and side of the Library will be LCC, but the back may be the responsibility of the Health Clinic. It was **RESOLVED** in the first instance to contact LCC to ascertain if this would be possible and if they would pay the PC. However, it was felt that this should be undertaken even if there is no payment, as it is the centre of the village.

**9. 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 – maximum spend now raised to £1,000)

- Hammerite for railings at Byron Crescent Play Area, graffiti remover and plastic border to contain bark - £101.58 net
- Xmas lighting - £25.79 net

The Parish Council **RATIFIED** the above expenditure.

**10. PLANNING** (NC – delegated to make planning recommendations on behalf of the Parish Council)

**10.1 Applications:**

- App.No. 23/00688/PIP – 80 Mill Lane – Permission in principle application for a detached house and parking spaces to the rear – this is at the rear of 80 Mill Lane, behind Mavis Drive. There are already some semis there, but it was **RESOLVED** to remain **NEUTRAL**.
- App.No. 23/00617 – 10 The Chestnuts – Front dormer – Notification of amendment to the dormer design – this is a slight lowering of the roof, no concerns – **RESOLVED to SUPPORT**.

**10.2 To consider** any planning applications received after publication of this agenda for which a response is required prior to the next meeting – **None**.

**10.3 Decisions:**

- App.No.23/00180/FULHH – 73 Longworth Avenue – Two storey rear extension including accommodation in roof and Juliet



balcony, single storey rear extension and elevation alterations including roof lights to front, side and rear – **WITHDRAWN.**

- App.No. 23/0074/LBC – Coppull Enterprise Centre - Application for listed building consent for the installation of external staircase to northern elevation, widening of existing ground floor fire doors on northern elevation and installation of new internal fire escape stairs and corridors on the second and third floors – **GRANTED.**
- App.No. 23/00073/FULMAJ – Coppull Enterprise Centre – Installation of external staircase to northern elevation, widening of existing ground floor fire doors on northern elevation, erection of security fence around site, creation of new car parking spaces and erection of sliding access gates – **GRANTED.**

It was suggested that A3 signs be produced asking people to use the car park, as there are problems with cars blocking the roads. The Clerk agreed to produce.

- App.No. 23/00404/FUL – 71 Jolly Tar Lane – Two storey dwelling – **REFUSE.**
- App.No. 23/00544/FULHH – 11 Springfield Road – Single storey rear extension – **GRANTED.**
- App.No. 23/00204/FULMAJ – Blainscough Works, Blainscough Lane – Extension to existing building and the erection of three buildings to form 7 no. new industrial units – **WITHDRAWN.**
- App.No. 23/00590/P3PAN – Managing for Quality, 249 Spendmore Lane – Prior approval for the proposed change of use of a bank/office to 1no. dwelling house – **GRANTED.**

## **11. HIGHWAYS – None.**

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION**

- 12.1 Chorley & South Ribble Shopmobility – Request for grant. It was **RESOLVED** to leave a decision until the next meeting to enable further information to be gained from Chorley Council.
- 12.2 Snowman Festival – Request for grant – As this is a community event, it was **RESOLVED** to award £100 towards the cost and to co-ordinate the switching on of the Christmas lights at the end of the festival (Sunday 26 November 2023).
- 12.3 Parish & Town Council Saturday 4 November 2023 – Any Councillor wishing to attend to contact the Clerk.



12.4 Hate Crime Awareness Competition for Coppull – A competition is being run by Chorley Council for young people up to the age of 18 who either reside or attend school in the Coppull area. The children to create a poster to promote awareness of hate crime and the winners art work will be designed as a mural and the design will be created in a prominent position with Coppull (the Springfield Public House gable end). The winner will also be awarded vouchers to have their work produced on canvas, drinks, bottles and other merchandise of their choice. Runners up will receive vouchers for The Candy Store, Coppull.

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

- Chorley Council is piloting a scheme where businesses will be approached to offer a provision of toilets for a small remuneration – a grant for making toilets publically available. The Parish Council should receive communication on this shortly.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20 p.m.

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



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