



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2017 - 7.00 P.M.
SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE CENTRE,
SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

PRESENT: Parish Councillors N. Ball (Vice/Acting Chair), P. Cobham, N. Coggins, D. Cole, J. Colecliffe, M. Crook, P. Eastham, E. Jones, S. Makin, M. Parkinson, M. Peel-Impey, P. Taylor, S. Thomson - S. Edwards (Clerk) - Chorley Councillor J. Fitzsimons and County Councillor J. Berry

1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors M. Atherton - Chair (Holiday), S. Holgate (Holiday) – Chorley Councillors P. Leadbetter (another commitment) and A. Whittaker (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).

- Cllr P. Cobham – Item 12.3 – Planning
- Cllr P. Eastham – Item 10.12 - Allotments

2.1 DECLARATION OF GIFTS – None.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 13 SEPTEMBER 2017 (emailed/distributed to Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor J. Colecliffe

SECONDED: Councillor P. Cobham

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.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Councillor Julia Berry – the Chairman welcomed Councillor Berry to the meeting. Councillor Berry asked for her details to be put on the newsletter's contact list. As other meetings quite often coincide with the council meeting, Cllr Berry said she would send in a written report if she cannot attend the Parish Council meeting.



Cllr Berry will also be holding regular surgeries in the Library and has a meeting arranged with Highways Officers next week, to discuss the following areas:

- Potholes throughout the village.
- Clayton Gate – potholes have been temporarily filled, but this has not worked - the road has been condemned.
- Mill Lane – bollards in the back alley.
- Zebra crossings on Spendmore Lane (also Preston Road).
- Jolly Tar Lane/Wigan Lane – concerns over HGV's.
- Goose Green Avenue – potholes.
- Chapel Lane – speeding and culverts/drains need cleaning out.
- Seddons Homes, Chapel Lane – new house at the front of the estate near the ginnel over the railway has no pavement outside the property and potholes which fill up with water making access to the property very difficult and dirty.

Any other highway concerns to be forwarded to Cllr Berry.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT – Councillor Jane Fitzsimons reported on the following:

- Byron Crescent – a tidy up day with a skip was held recently adjacent to the play area, paid for by Chorley Council. Three very large skips were filled. People from the council and Adactus helped with the moving of heavy furniture, etc.

The new houses off Byron Crescent are not quite finished. When they are, Adactus is organising a community day to welcome the new tenants. This will be sometime in November.

Regular meetings are being held with Adactus to make improvements to the area, i.e. allotments within the estate and additional landscaping.

The backs to some of the houses are full of potholes, making it impossible to use and access the garages. They have been filled in, but it has not worked. Adactus are putting the permanent repair of this area into next year's budget. There are a couple of caravans that are parked in this area, which is felt to have contributed to the pothole situation when being turned.

- Mill Lane – progress is being made in regard to the installation of bollards at the rear of Mill Lane.
- Leisure Centre – Cllr Bev Murray, Neighbourhoods, is putting on activities and working with children during the school holidays. She will liaise with the Leisure Centre Trustees to see what can be put on there in the future.
- Laurel trees (back of Arcon House) – Cllr Fitzsimons will chase up Adactus on this matter.



The Chairman thanked Councillors Julie Berry and Jane Fitzsimons for attending the meeting and at this point them both left the meeting.

7. PARISH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Apologies received from Councillor Holgate

8. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – A representative from TAAG addressed the council in regard to the possibility of using the former Youth Centre premises as a permanent base. Warren was asked to put their proposals in writing, as the Parish Council has not decided/discussed what to do with the building yet.

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

9. NO MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE THIS MONTH

10. GENERAL MANAGEMENT & FINANCE

10.1 Monthly Accounts (to be emailed to Parish Councillors before the meeting, after balancing for the end of September) – Councillor Makin had undertaken a review of the accounts. It was agreed that the Internal Auditor be asked to conduct a half yearly review.

10.2 Budget/Precept for 2018-19 (½ yearly projection at the end of September and to consider additional expenditure for the Village Hall, Leisure Centre and a Parish Plan) - Everyone was given a copy of previous budgets and asked to consider the budget for next year. This matter will be discussed at the next M&F Committee meeting in October and then again at the next Parish Council meeting.

Local businesses to be asked if they would sponsor a flower bed or a barrel. Rivington View Nurseries is interested in sponsoring a bed on the Berry Garden and also at the top of Coppull Moor Lane on the A49. The Wheatsheaf to be asked if they would consider sponsoring the triangle. 101 Carnations already maintains a flower bed on the A49. All sponsors will have a plaque put up on the bed. An article to be put in the next newsletter.

10.3 Village Hall –trees at the back of the hall. A photograph of the trees to be taken prior to the next meeting for a decision to be made on whether the trees need topping.

10.4 Christmas trees in the village – quotes to be obtained for providing artificial and real trees for shops/businesses along Spendmore Lane. If the quotes are acceptable, local shops to be contacted to ascertain if they wish to participate.

10.5 Coppull Youth Centre update. All Councillors were asked to meet at 6.30 pm prior to the next Parish Council meeting to look around the former Youth Centre, before a decision can be made on its future use. The building has been put onto the Parish Council's insurance policy and an invoice has been received for £72.00 for surface water charges. It was agreed that the PC pay the invoice.



10.6 Signposting in the Village – recommendations for signposting are:

- Parish Council/Leisure Centre on Spendmore Lane.
- Top of Birkacre Brow pointing to Yarrow Valley Park.
- In front of Spar Shop, Spendmore Lane, pointing to Village Centre, Leisure Centre, Parish Council, Hic-Bibi Nature Reserve, Blainscough Nature Reserve, and Chisnall.
- Chapel Lane, pointing the way over the railway bridge to the village centre.

The Clerk to contact LCC to see what funding is available.

10.7 Public Defibrillator at the Spar Shop, Spendmore Lane – consideration is being given by the James Hunt & Co, to provide funding towards a public defibrillator. It was agreed that an outdoor cabinet is also obtained so that the defibrillator is available at all times.

10.8 Plan for the Village (Proposals for Five, Three or One Year) or Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed to consult residents through the newsletter to ascertain what they would like to see in their village. This will be done in the Easter issue annually, giving time for any proposals to be put into the budget for the following year.

10.9 Facebook – Cllr Colecliffe had offered to take over the Facebook page, putting items of interest and photos of gardens, play areas, etc., onto the site. Anything considered controversial to be discussed by the Parish Council before putting on the site.

10.10 Flowerbed sponsorship – discussed under Item 10.2.

10.11 Remembrance Day Parade – Sunday 12 November 2017 – commencing at 9.15 am at the Royal British Legion Club. A donation of £100 to be given towards the wreath and refreshments. Chorley Council has sent an invite to their service, but it is at the same time as the service in Coppull.

10.12 Allotments update. As winter approaches everything is slowing down, but drainage for eight new allotments has been installed, the paths put in and fences put up. There is a slight shortage of funds for this, but this will be recuperated once the new allotments are let. There are enough people on the waiting list to take up the allotments.

10.13 Dog Fouling (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice) – signs and stencils (emailed to Parish Councillors). A price of £50 in total has been given for producing a stencil to spray on pavements where dog fouling is repeatedly taking place. Cllr Taylor said he could arrange this at little or no charge. A copy of the design to be forwarded to him.

10.14 Village Grot Spots (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice).

- Railway Terrace – a resident used to cut a piece of land adjacent to the terrace, but could unfortunately do it no longer. Cllr Taylor



asked if the Parish Council would consider taking this on. The size of the piece of land to be obtained.

- The Memorial Garden is in need of some TLC to improve the grassed areas before the Remembrance Day Parade. It was agreed that JR Garden Services be asked to do this at a cost of approximately £117.00.
- Fly tipping on Jolly Tar Lane – to be reported to Chorley Council.

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:** None.

12.2 **Planning Decisions:**

- App.No. 17/00786/FUL – Coppull Moor Lane Nurseries, Coppull Moor Lane – material amendment to the approved plans – **GRANTED.**
- App.No. 17/00758/FULHH – 2 Poplar Drive – First floor extension to front and alterations to front elevation following garage conversion – **GRANTED.**
- 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 – **GRANTED.**
- App.No. 245 Coppull Moor Lane – Erection of a single storey side/rear extension – **GRANTED.**

12.3 **57 Hurst Brook** – concerns regarding permitted extension. It was agreed that the extension did not appear to conform to the plans and a letter to be sent to the Director of Planning, with a copy to Gary Hall, Chief Exec. and Lindsay Hoyle, MP, stating that in the Parish Council's opinion planning policy in respect of enforcement has not been followed. To ask for a site visit as soon as possible.

Cllr Coggins to inform the resident that she can request information and correspondence in regard to this application from Chorley Council under the Freedom of Information Act.

13. HIGHWAYS

13.1 **Parking Enforcement Requests** (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). **None.**



14. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION-DISCUSSION

- 14.1 LCC – Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Claim for definitive map modification order, claimed upgrading to bridleway footpaths 54 and 55 from Coppull Hall Lane to Wigan Lane – **REFUSED.**
- 14.2 Chorley Council – Digital Inclusion – proposal to run free IT courses to help people use the internet (emailed to Parish Councillors). It was agreed that this would be beneficial for residents and the meeting room to be offered as a venue.
- 14.3 Royal Air Force in Bloom (emailed to Parish Councillors) – asking for the Parish Council to commemorate 100 years in flowers. It was suggested that the wings would be ideal for the Memorial Garden, planting in late May/June so that it would last all summer.

15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION

- 15.1 The Library is holding a Craft Fair and have asked to borrow foldable tables for the event. This was agreed to.
- 15.2 The grit bins to be checked and filled up as necessary.

THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.40 P.M.

Dates of next meetings:

WEDNESDAY 25.10.17: 7.00 pm MANAGEMENT & FINANCE (Cancelled)

WEDNESDAY 08.11.17: 7.00 pm PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillor N. Ball
Vice/Acting Chair

