



# COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2018 - 7.00 P.M.  
SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE CENTRE,  
SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), Nora Ball (Vice-Chair), Neil Coggins, David Cole, Janette Colecliffe, Matthew Crook, Paul Eastham, Steve Holgate, Elaine Jones, Sheila Makin, Marjorie Parkinson, Maggie Peel-Impey, Paul Taylor, Ashley Whittaker - Susan Edwards (Clerk) – County Councillor Julia Berry attended at 8.00 pm, as she had a prior meeting to attend

**1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Councillor Pauline Cobham (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)

- Cllr Paul Eastham – Item 9.13 Allotments

2.1 **DECLARATION OF GIFTS** – None.

**3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 12 SEPTEMBER 2018** (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor S. Holgate

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 REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK.**

**4. POLICE REPORT** – None.

**5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Discussed later in the meeting after Item 9.16.

**6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** – Discussed under Item 7 – Items introduced by Members of the Public.



- 7. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** – – Residents attended to discuss planning application 18/00843/FULMAJ – Land East of Wigan Lane – Construction of dairy unit housing up to 600 cows of various ages and association infrastructure (to be discussed in depth).

Mr Paul Scott had been appointed as the residents' representative from Coppull Brown Farm, Coppull Brow Barn, Red Brick Barn and Wigan Lane. The residents' requested the support of the Parish Council in objecting to this application and read out a statement of objection that residents had sent in to Chorley Council Planning Department (attached for Parish Councillors) and spoke in depth about the impact this development would have on the countryside, the residents and the increased traffic on an already fast and dangerous road.

Cllr Holgate confirmed that Chorley Council had received quite a number of detailed objections and these would be discussed at a meeting later in the month. Councillors Holgate and Coggins will attend this meeting.

Members of the Parish Council expressed their concerns in regard to this application and thanked the residents for attending. This matter to be discussed by the Parish Council under Item No. 11 – Planning.

## **THE CHAIRMAN REIMPOSED STANDING ORDERS**

- 8. NO MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER 2018** (Meetings held quarterly in future – May, August, November, February)

## **9. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE**

- 9.1 Accounts (reviewed quarterly, next October, January, April) – Reviewed by Councillor Makin (emailed to Parish Councillors). No concerns were raised.
- 9.2 Appointment of Internal Auditor for half year internal audit.  
**RESOLVED** – to appoint the same Auditor as last year -
- 9.3 Parish Elections May 2019 (emailed to Parish Councillors). Parish Elections are due next May and could incur the following costs:
- Coppull West – Combined with Chorley £1,359.35  
Uncontested - £236.89
  - Coppull East - Combined with Chorley £5,367.75  
Uncontested - £283.51
- 9.4 Speed Indicator Device. Astley Village has accepted the Parish Council's offer of £400 for the device. Councillor Taylor had been to a local company who had agreed to fund the device and further business to be contacted to enable further devices to be obtained. The device comes with four brackets, but further brackets to be obtained. LCC to be asked for permission to put the brackets up at the following locations:



- Preston Road (A49) near St. John's School
- Chapel Lane on the bend in-between the pre-school and the Printers Arms
- New Road
- Springfield Road
- Clancutt Lane
- Wigan Lane

9.5 Remembrance Day Parade Sunday 11 November - Armistice and Armed Forces Award of 10 "There but not there silhouettes". The silhouettes to be placed in the Memorial Garden, Berry's Garden and in the Church if permission is granted.

**RESOLVED** that £100 be donated to the British Legion towards the wreath and the refreshments. The event to be published and photos taken in accordance with the advice received from the Armitice and Armed Forces.

9.6 Edible hedge/orchard at Blainscough & Lancashire Environmental Grants (SH). The project has secured £800 from Chorley Council funding, but more is needed. Chorley Council will also help with maintenance. An application will be put into the Lancashire Environmental Fund for funding up to £1,000.

**RESOLVED** – that the Parish Council contribute £500 to this project.

9.7 Central Lancashire Local Plan - Call for sites – Report from sub-committee (emailed to Parish Councillors). The proposals were discussed and a vote was taken. There were 13 for the proposals and one against on one particular piece of land.

**RESOLVED** that the proposals be forwarded to Chorley Council.

9.8 Fracking (SH). The government is now proposing that exploratory drilling for shale gas should be considered as permitted development, which means that oil and gas companies would not need to apply for planning permission from the local council to construct an exploratory fracking well pad.

**RESOLVED** that an email be sent to the Minister of State for Energy and Clean Growth, Claire Perry, stating that the Parish Council is not comfortable with the permitted development legislation being applied to exploratory fracking sites.

9.9 Troy Planning - Neighbourhood Plans & help with planning applications.

**RESOLVED** not to involve this company at the present time.

9.10 Energy Check – information and proposal for reducing energy in the Leisure Centre, including solar panels.



**RESOLVED** to go ahead with the free installation of the solar panels, but the boiler had been repaired and a new one was not necessary at the present time.

- 9.11 Chorley A&E (SH). It is proposed that there will only be one A&E department over two sites and it will be in Preston. There is a standard letter available for everyone to complete, saying that a Centre of Excellence is a good idea, but not at the expense of losing the A&E department at Chorley open. It is hoped to get 30k signatures to hand in.
- 9.12 New containers at Leisure Centre for rubbish collected by the Lengthsmen and Leisure Centre – rubbish bags left on Longfield Avenue and Chapel Lane. There is a problem with other people leaving bags at these areas after the Parish Council’s bags have been collected on a Thursday. To contact Adactus in regard to this and monitor the situation.
- 9.13 Allotments Update (PE). There is a problem with drainage on one of the allotments. Jim Hill Drainage Contractor has been to inspect and will send in a price for what needs doing to rectify the situation.
- 9.14 Society of Local Council Clerk’s Branch Meeting 13.09.18 (SE). The President of the Society addressed those present and a Treasurer’s report was circulated. The meetings are very informative - none of the parishes present at the meeting had undertaken a Neighbourhood Plan, due to the time and cost involved. It was mentioned that Parish Council’s may be capped in the future, possibly in two years’ time. There will be training available from October to November, through a Webinar Course, on the following subjects – if anyone is interested please contact the Clerk. The next meeting is on 6 December 2018.
- Quotes, contracts and tenders
  - Agendas and Minutes
  - Planning Demystified
  - Project Management
- 9.15 Dog Fouling (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). Problems are occurring again on Springfield Park and will become worse over the winter months, when the mornings and evenings are dark. Everyone to be vigilant in trying to catch the culprits.
- 9.16 Village Grot Spots (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). No known areas at the present time.

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

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



## **THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERRY TO SPEAK – AGREED**

Cllr Berry apologised for not being able to attend for all of the meeting due to attending another meeting and reported as follows:

- Planning application for dairy on Wigan Lane. Councillor Berry is aware of the traffic accident figures and has asked for an impact assessment of the application. Vehicle movement figures look unrealistic. An application to get the speed limit reduced failed, even though there is reckless driving on that road. Regular campaigns take place and it is on a regular maintenance schedule. Apart from these concerns, Councillor Berry is very concerned on the welfare side of this application, which is basically a factory farm, and she is not in support of the application.
- Pot hole on Darlington Street – Councillor Berry is aware of this situation and will ask LCC for an assessment to be undertaken.
- Traffic concerns on Mill Lane. Concerns in regard to the amount of traffic going up and down the lane and the type of vehicles, i.e. HGV's. This matter will get worse with the construction of the new housing development

## **THE CHAIRMAN REIMPOSED STANDING ORDERS**

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

#### **11.1 Planning Applications:**

- App.No. 18/00853/FULHH – 10 Grange Drive – Demolition of existing rear conservatory and construction of 2 storey side and single storey rear extensions and associated alterations – due to time constraints a reply was sent from the last meeting that the council had no objections to this application – **SUPPORT.**
- App.No. 18/00843/FULMAJ – Land East of Wigan Lane – construction of dairy unit housing up to 600 cows of various ages and associated infrastructure and App.No. 18/00842/SCE – Request for screening opinion pursuant to regulation 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This was discussed in detail with members of the public under Item 7. Cllr Coggins had also spoken at length with residents and believed that the Parish Council should support the residents and object to the proposed development, as there is no need for a new dairy unit when they already have one in Coppull and it is unnecessary development in the green belt.

**RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** strongly and in detail to the above application on the following grounds:



- i. Scale, character and proportions relative to the designated Green Belt location.
- ii. Wildlife value.
- iii. Noise Pollution.
- iv. Land stability.

A detailed letter to be formulated by Cllrs Coggins and Holgate and sent to the Head of Planning at Chorley Council.

- App.No. 18/00559/CLPUD - 40 Claytongate – Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension. **Noted.**
- App.No. 18/00880/FUL – Moss House Barn, Coppull Moor Lane – Conversion of outbuilding for use as temporary living accommodation (Part retrospective) whilst barn is converted to dwellinghouse – **SUPPORT.**
- App.No. 18/00897/DIS – Lowes Tenement Farm, Burgh Lane – Application to discharge conditions 6 (open space) and 7 (scheme of archaeological investigation) attached to planning permission 15/00488/FUL – conversion of barn to dwellinghouse, erection of detached garage and associated external works. **Noted.**

#### 11.2 Planning Decisions:

- App.No. 18/00731/FUL – Land to rear of 60 Clancutt Lane – Erection of one detached dwelling – **GRANTED.**

## 12. HIGHWAYS

12.1 Parking Enforcement Requests (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). The following areas to be reported:

- Parking in front of St. Oswald's School and all schools in Coppull with enforcement action.

12.2 Residents' concerns regarding pot hole on Darlington Street. LCC has been notified numerous times. County Councillor Julia Berry is aware of the concerns and will look into this matter.

12.3 Residents' concerns regarding speeding traffic on Clancutt Lane and the mini-roundabout. The Police to be asked to give a police presence on Clancutt Lane and also at the mini-roundabout at the Spar, which is felt to be a very dangerous junction, with some drivers taking no notice of the roundabout and the zebra crossing.



### **13. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION-DISCUSSION – None.**

- 13.1 St. John’s School, Preston Road. There is no recorded pedestrian related collision incidents at this location within the past five years, therefore, a crossing cannot be approved. There are also not enough pedestrians that would use the crossing, only those at school times and there is a school crossing patrol already in existence. A guard rail cannot be fitted on the opposite side of the school as the pavement is not wide enough. There has been some additional signage put there and it is hoped that the Parish Council will obtain approval for the SPID to be put there.
- 13.2 Chorley Council – Coppull Parish Land Assests (emailed to Parish Councillors). There is a list of what pieces of land in Coppull are maintained by Chorley Council. If any Councillor knows of any others not on the list, please contact the Clerk.
- 13.3 Police and Crime Commissioner Uniformed Community Champions Pilot – Parish Councils Approach (emailed to Parish Councillors). This is a pilot scheme which would see a new uniformed volunteer role being introduced in local parish council areas that would answer to and be directed by local parish councils for the good of the community. Coppull has been selected as a pilot area and each area is being offered two such uniformed volunteers.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council take up this offer.

- 13.4 Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review (emailed to Parish Councillors). Documents can be viewed at libraries and main council offices during normal office hours and online. There is a guidance document to view. Any representations must be received no later than the end of day 28 November 2018. Please contact the Clerk if you have any views.
- 13.5 Lancashire County Council – Parish and Town Councils Conference at County Hall on Saturday 24 November 2018. Noted – any Councillors wishing to attend please inform the Clerk by Thursday 15 November at the latest.

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

- 14.1 Friends of Coppull Library Meeting Saturday 6 October 2018 at 10.00 am. Noted.
- 14.2 Friends of Coppull Library Craft Fair 1 December 2018 9.30 am to 1.00 pm. £5 per table, further details from library staff.

**THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.40 P.M.**



**Dates of next meetings:**

**WEDNESDAY 14.11.18: 7.00 pm PARISH COUNCIL**

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

