



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2019 - 7.00 P.M.
SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE CENTRE,
SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), M. Parkinson (Vice-Chair), Nora Ball, Pauline Cobham, Neil Coggins, Matthew Crook, Paul Eastham, Steve Holgate, Elaine Jones, Lynne Moores, Maggie Peel-Impey, Paul Taylor, Susan Edwards (Clerk), District/County Councillor Julia Berry and District Councillor Alex Hilton

- 1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Councillors Janette Colecliffe (working), Sheila Makin (another commitment) and Ash Whittaker (child care)
- 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 Matthew Crook – Item 10.5 – Village Hall.
 - Councillors Paul Eastham and Lynne Moores – Item 10.14 – Allotments.
 - Councillors Mick Atherton and Pauline Cobham - Item 10.15 – Leisure Centre.

2.1 **DECLARATION OF GIFTS** – None.

- 3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 13 NOVEMBER 2019** (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor E. Jones
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. COMMUNITY CHAMPION'S REPORT – Dorian Pilkington reported on various activities that he had become involved in within the village, regarding drugs and anti-social behaviour. Dorian was informed that there is again a problem with drugs on the Arcon Estate. Dorian will contact the resident concerned.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – As below.

7. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

7.1 Councillor Julia Berry reported on the following:

- There had been problems with some youths and their unacceptable behaviour at the Inspire Youth Centre. It was very difficult to engage with these youths and the MP is to be contacted as the problems appear to be escalating.
- The gully under the railway bridge needs extensive work.
- Sand bags – discussed under item 10.11.

7.2 Councillor Alex Hilton reported on the following:

- He has spoken to the MP about anti-social behaviour, which would be addressed once the elections were over. Everyone needs to work together to combat this problem.
- There is the Central Lancashire Local Plan consultation at Coppull Library on 21 January 2020.
- The planning application for the microbar on Spendmore Lane had received many objections, but Councillor Hilton could not comment further as he is on the committee.

7.3 Councillor Steve Holgate reported on the following:

- There had been no meetings at LCC because of the elections.
- In January, there will be an opportunity to close the road for LCC to clear out the gully under the railway bridge.
- There is a notice of motion regarding A&E and urgent policies will hopefully come out of it.
- In regard to the flooding problem a check list will be available shortly, which could be put in the next newsletter.

8. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – A local resident had asked that concerns regarding drug dealing and anti-social behaviour were surfacing again on the Arcon Estate. The Community Champion will contact the resident concerned.

THE CHAIRMAN REIMPOSED STANDING ORDERS.



9. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27 NOVEMBER 2019 -

(emailed to Parish Councillors) the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 26 February 2020 at 7 pm.

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

PROPOSED: Councillor M. Peel-Impey

SECONDED: Councillor E. Jones

RESOLVED – That the report of the above committee and the recommendations therein be approved as a correct record.

10. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

10.1 Next accounts due end of December 2019 – to be discussed at the January Meeting – Completion of the ½ yearly internal audit – no concerns arising from the audit.

10.2 Budget/Precept for 2020/21 (First draft emailed to Parish Councillors) – To consider the inclusion of public defibrillators. A few different examples of proposed budgets had been emailed to Parish Councillors who were asked to look at them in detail and to be discussed in more detail at 6.30 pm on 8 January 2020, immediately before the next Parish Council meeting, which will follow at the later time of 7.30 pm.

10.3 Personnel Reviews (emailed to Parish Councillors). Councillor Parkinson agreed that the reports were a correct record. Since the meeting Chris has asked for some time off and, as he only had a couple of days left, it was agreed to give him the time off as compassionate leave, as his mother had recently died and he only took one day off at that time. This was **RATIFIED** by full council.

10.4 Consideration to pay towards the cost of a tow bar for the gardener, who regular takes garden refuse to the waste recycling unit on behalf of CPC. The full cost was just under £200. **RESOLVED** – that the Parish Council pay £100 towards the cost.

At this point in the meeting Councillor Taylor arrived, having been stuck in traffic on the motorway.

10.5 Village Hall. The previous applicant who had applied to use the hall for a nursery had got back in contact to say she was still interested and had purchased equipment, etc., just waiting for Ofsted to approve the premises, for which there was a long delay. Coppull Parish School is undertaking consultation to ascertain if there is support for a pre-school and would then be ready to commit. It was **RESOLVED** to delay any decision until after the Christmas holiday period and to be discussed again at the next Parish Council meeting.



With regard to obtaining land for a new village hall, the person has been in contact to apologise for the delay in a decision and to say it would be discussed with the family in the near future.

- 10.6 Neighbourhood Plan – Public Meeting – Booked for Wednesday, 15 January 2020 at 7 pm in the Royal British Legion Club, Springfield Road North. Four/five residents have stated they are attending, but it is hoped that more would turn up on the night. Posters to be displayed in local shops.
- 10.7 Central Lancashire Local Plan consultation– Coppull Library Tuesday, 21 January 2020 between 4-7pm. Parish Councillors to attend to consider the proposals for Coppull. It is also open to the general public. To also be discussed again at the next PC meeting.
- 10.8 Newsletter. The winter newsletter has now started to be delivered, but there are already a couple of houses that are known to have been missed. To wait until the end of the delivery period and then contact the delivery company with any concerns.
- 10.9 Firework concerns (SH). The fireworks tend to go on for an extended period and are particular upsetting for animals and children with autism. Also, people suffering from PTSD from the wars. Silent fireworks are now available and these could be used on organised displays and they are very effective put to music, but the main problem is with anyone being allowed to buy them and use whenever and wherever they like. It needs to be changed by government that only silent fireworks are sold and only for limited periods.
- 10.10 Chisnall Hall visit 11 January 2020. This has been arranged for the Saturday morning, 10 am to 12 noon, meeting at the A49 concrete access road.
- 10.11 Storage of sand bags for public use in case of floods (PE). Councillor Berry is in communication with LCC to set up a meeting with local residents to formulate an emergency plan in regard to flooding. Sand bags could be stored in a container at the Leisure Centre, but a plan would need to be formulated on access, mobility, etc.
- 10.12 Play Area Reports – No funding available for safety surface at Tansley from Chorley Council. Tansley has received all of the S137 money for the recent new equipment. Therefore, there is no further funding available.
- 10.13 Chorley Council – Formal training for treating Japanese Knotweed 19 & 20 December 2019 (PT&AB) – purchase of equipment necessary for the course. This has come to £196.45 including vat, but all the equipment will be utilised in the future. This was **RATIFIED** by full council.



10.14 Allotments update – amendment to Tenancy Agreement to include Bee Keeping and proposal to keep the allotment fees the same next Year. **RESOLVED** – That the amendment regarding the keeping of bees and proposal not to increase the fees be agreed. Councillor Holgate and Councillor Fitzsimmon had pledged £250 each towards the cost of training and the keeping of bees. Councillor Eastham thanked Councillor Holgate for this and confirmed that this money would all be used for the purpose of keeping bees.

10.15 Leisure Centre update. All doing well at the present time. Southlands and a school from Hindley have booked again for after Christmas and the indoor bowlers are using the hall until April. There is a Christmas party on 22 December for the children. The money lent to the Leisure Centre for the coffee machine in the café has now been repaid in full. There is still a problem with anti-social behaviour, as previously discussed.

10.16 Dog Fouling (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). Councillor Moores informed that there is a company at The Mill who makes plastic signs for £2 each. However, most of the signs put up have been pulled down, so it was not felt prudent to purchase any more.

10.17 Village Grot Spots (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice) – None.

11. DECISIONS MADE UNDER THE CLERK'S DELEGATED AUTHORITY

(After consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair)

- To replace three corroded metal bin liners at a cost of £85 each

This was **RATIFIED** by full council.

12. PLANNING (N.Coggins)

12.1 Planning Applications:

- App.No. 19/01117/FULHH – 10 Pleasant View – Single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing single storey rear extension) – **SUPPORT**.
- App.No.19/01109/CLPUD – 61 Jolly Tar Lane – Application for a lawful development certificate for a single storey side extension to the eastern elevation, a single storey rear extension and rear dormer extension – **NOTED – For information only**.
- App.No. 19/01108/FULHH – 61 Jolly Tar Lane – Two storey side extension and elevational alterations – **SUPPORT**.
- App.No. 19/01138/FULHH – 14 Westend Avenue – Single storey side extension – **SUPPORT**.



12.2 Planning Decisions:

- App.No. 19/00855/FUL – Moss House Barn, Coppull Moor Lane – Conversion of existing barn to dwelling – **PERMITTED.**
- App.No. 19/00946/FULHH – 88 Netherley Road – Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, bay window to front elevation and associated elevational alterations – **PERMITTED.**
- App.No. 19/01062/MNMA – Land East of Wigan Lane – Minor non-material amendment to previous planning permission, involving alterations to the site layout and the design of the cow shed building, office building, hard standing area, landscape bunding and clean rainwater harvesting lake – **PERMITTED.**

13. HIGHWAYS

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

13.2 Speeding on Preston Road (LM). A young child was almost ran over by a speeding car on 27 November and Councillor Moores' car was almost crashed into when accessing the A49 from Coppull Moor Lane. These have been reported to LCC, who have stated that Preston Road, Jolly Tar Lane, Wigan Lane and Mill Lane, are areas that have been flagged up for speeding. Therefore, any further reports of speeding to be reported to assist in obtaining some speed enforcement in these areas.

14. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION-DISCUSSION

14.1 Chorley's Green Agenda - Chorley Council are currently undertaking a Task Group on Developing the Council's Green Agenda. As part of this Task Group, Members are looking to gather information from Parish and Town Councils on what the main climate change issues/concerns are, the work being done to address climate change and the challenges faced and what the council can do to help to become more environmentally sustainable. Councillor Holgate is chairing this committee at Chorley and asked that everyone think about what issues there are and what can be done about them.

14.2 Request to support the Local Electricity Bill (emailed to Parish Councillors). Powerforpeople.org.uk are asking for support of this bill, which would empower local communities to sell locally generated clean energy directly to local customers by establishing a statutory Right to Local Supply. However, the Parish Council could not see how this would benefit Coppull and therefore it was **RESOLVED** not to support it. Individuals can sign up to the campaign at www.powerforpeople.org.uk/signup.



15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION

15.1 Chorley Council – Notice of Public Path Diversion Order – Part of footpath 58 Coppull and part of footpath 13 Adlington) – Both the length to be diverted and the proposed alternative length straddle the boundary. The diversion will enable the erection of a dairy unit and associated infrastructure in accordance with the permitted planning reference 18/00843/FULMAJ, land East of Wigan Lane, Chorley. Any representation about or objection to the order must be in writing not later than 2 January 2020. **NO OBJECTIONS.**

THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.25 P.M.

Dates of next meetings:

WEDNESDAY 11.12.19: 6.30 PM BUDGET/PRECEPT MEETING
WEDNESDAY 11.12.19: 7.30 PM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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Councillor Michael Atherton
Parish Council Chairman

