



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES

**MEETING: COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 2024 AT 7.00 PM
SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE CENTRE**

Members of Coppull Parish Council are hereby **SUMMONED** to attend the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
Members of the public are invited to attend and are extremely welcome

IN ATTENDANCE – Councillors Michael Atherton, Marjorie Parkinson, Phil Armstrong, Julia Berry, Pauline Cobham, Neil Coggins (after item 5), Chris Kay, Ken McCrea, Maggie Peel-Impey, Thomas Robinson & Sue Edwards, Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors Janette Colecliffe (illness), Matthew Crook (illness), Sheila Makin (another commitment), Lynne Moores (holidays), Paul Taylor (work) - **RESOLVED:** All absences accepted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL / PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS (Members of the Parish Council are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the provision of the Local Government Act 2000) and withdraw from the meeting whilst the item is discussed – **None.**

2.1 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM** – it is Councillors’ responsibility to ensure that this form is up to date and to declare any interests at meetings.

- Councillor Phil Armstrong declared an interest for Item 9.7.
- Councillor Ken McCrea declared an interest for Item 9.5.

2.2 **DECLARATION OF GIFTS** – The Parish Council was given a number of free tickets for the circus, some of which were used and some were given away.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 12 JUNE 2024 (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor P. Cobham

SECONDED: Councillor M. Peel-Impey

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be approved as a correct record.

4. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING DATED 26 JUNE 2024 (emailed to Parish Councillors)

Recommendations made are to be discussed under Item 8 - General Management.

PROPOSED: Councillor M. Parkinson

SECONDED: Councillor M. Peel-Impey

RESOLVED: That the above report be approved as a correct record.

SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS (20 minutes in total allowed for the following 4 items or 4 minutes per person)

5. POLICE REPORT – No official report. <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/lancashire-constabulary/coppull>. Statistics had not been updated prior to the meeting, below are the most commonly reported crimes during April 2024:

- 17 Anti-social behaviour – up from 14
- 12 Violence and sexual offences – down from 13
- 05 Public Order
- 04 Criminal Damage & Arson
- Crime level overview percentage for April is down from 11% to 10.2%.
- Cllr Berry reported that there has been a drug haul on Sunny Brow, the information has been on Facebook, but not updated yet on the website.

6&7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr Julia Berry reported on the following:

- There had been a delay on grass cutting as Lancashire CC was waiting for the money. This is all sorted now.
- LCC/SLCC had a joint meeting in June and will be trying to maximise any opportunities for collaboration. There is access to mapping systems on the KLCC website.
- Love Clean Streets – this is a quick way to get things reported and fixed by LCC. You can have the app on your mobile and report as you see things. My Account at Chorley is their way to report things.
- Dropped kerbs need to be requested through LCC. Although expensive, permission is needed. Clayton gate – pavements are being fixed.
- Adult Social Care – concerns regarding what care support is available, but there are lots of avenues to get assistance.
- There is a group campaigning about the speed of traffic and the narrowness of pavements in Coppull. Accessibility is key for anyone in a wheelchair, mobility scooter, blind or partially sighted.
- Schools – there is a low intake this next year due to a low birth rate and this gives financial worries to some schools. This may impact on the viability of the nursery at the Village Hall and the contract needs to be transparent.
- Parking – parking is a big concern at Roe Hey Drive School, with parents blocking in some residents when taking their children to school and stopping on the zig-zag lines. This needs enforcement, the police are down occasionally, but not always at the right times. Parking is also a problem on Hill View Drive and Meadow Way, when parents are dropping off children at St. Oswald's School. Also concerns outside of Bargain Booze.
- Flooding – there have been no complains so far, but this may change with the Blainscough Lane development.
- Bentham Street – United Utilities are doing work there next week and the weekend. Residents have had a letter and no complaints.

8. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – None.

REIMPOSE STANDING ORDERS

9. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

9.1 Quarterly Accounts (April, May, June) – Direct debits/standing orders and payments made and to be made in July to date (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors). Cllr Makin is in the process of checking through all these accounts.

RESOLVED: That the accounts be approved as a correct record, subject to Cllr Makin's check.

- 9.2 Community Infrastructure Levy – requests for funding (list and recommendations from the Management & Finance Committee emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors) and email request from Coppull United Football Club.

RESOLVED: That all the requests, the commitments of the Parish Council and the recommendations of the Management & Finance Committee, be looked at objectively and in further detail, in conjunction with the rules of spending CIL funding. A separate meeting of the M&F committee to be arranged.

- 9.3 Memorial Garden – Policy for installing memorial benches. Cllr Peel-Impey is researching this.

- 9.4 Springfield Leisure Park – cutting back trees & removing dead tree £610 – skip for removing brash £160.

RESOLVED: That the quote for cutting back trees and removing dead tree be accepted - £610 plus vat.

As a price of £240 had previously been received for a grab wagon which would remove everything and would not involve the Lengthsman or Gardener (additional cost and time), it was agreed to arrange for the grab wagon to remove the brash.

It was also agreed to ascertain the cost of a battery operated power washer and a petrol one, which could be used for cleaning bus shelters, bins, etc. This to be discussed at the next meeting.

- 9.5 Play Area report and updates. Everyone had received an update on the repairs to-date and those planned for the immediate future. Chorley Council has also been sent this and will take photographs of any defects found in the future.

- 9.6 New Village Hall update – Lift – This has now been ordered and a deposit paid. There is still not much work being done at the moment and the builder to be contacted again. Also the Clerk to check back through correspondence to find more information on the lift.

- 9.7 Springfield Leisure Centre – Changing lights in sports hall – 2 quotes received – best quote (not necessarily the cheapest, but considered best value) £3,429.45. Cllr Armstrong had declared an interest and was asked to leave the meeting whilst the discussion took place.

RESOLVED: That the quote from AW Fire be accepted. The two quotes were very similar in price, but AW Fire's had a longer guarantee and did not necessitate moving out all of the equipment.

- 9.8 Allotments update – A plot inspection was recently held by the Allotment Committee and a number of items raised which the committee will deal with.

- 9.9 Dog Competition update in conjunction with Pinewood Vets, Coppull

- 9.10 Garden Competition update

The above two items to be deferred to the next meeting.

- 9.11 Suggestion that the Crime Commissioner be asked to a future Parish Council meeting to give a talk (JB). Cllr Berry is looking into this.

- 9.12 Request for the Children and Wellbeing Family Event to be held on the Leisure Park again on Thursday 8 August 2024 – times to be arranged. Agreed.

10. DECISIONS MADE UNDER THE CLERK'S DELEGATED AUTHORITY (in conjunction with the Chair and Vice-Chair)

- LALC Membership – half price for the first year - £440.97
- Toolstation – door lock and socket for office, preservative for diamond board for Byron Crescent play area (not Tansley) - £35.04 inc. vat
- Toolstation – spray paints, screws, brushes – general maintenance - £31.59 inc. vat

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

11. PLANNING (NC)

11.1 Applications:

- App.No. 24/00239/FULHH – 29 Springfield Road – Erection of detached outbuilding – **AMENDMENT** – the height of the building is to be reduced and the south and east elevations are to be faced with waterproof masonry paint – An **objection** has been placed as comments had to be submitted by 28 June (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors). Cllr. Coggins had spoken to Chris Smith, Planning Officer at Chorley Council, and was assured that if this application is approved, the current enforcement action will still continue until the building is completed as per the planning permission.
- App.No. 24/00504/NOT – 67 Longfield Avenue – Notification of intention to install 1no. 9m high light wooden pole for the provision of fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus. Noted.

11.2 To consider any planning applications received after publication of the agenda for which a response is required prior to the next meeting.

- App.No. 24/00522/CLPUD – The Bungalow, Coppull Hall Lane – Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the use of the existing dwelling as a holiday let. Noted.

11.3 Decisions:

- App.No. 21/01076/FULMAJ – Land 53M West of Belvedere, 31 Darlington Street – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 67 no dwellings (including 30% affordable housing) with associated access, car parking and landscaping – **PERMITTED**.
- Cllr Coggins will be keeping an eye on the Blainscough development to ensure it is replanted as per conditions.

12. HIGHWAYS – None.

13. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION

13.1 LCC/SLCC/LALC Partnership Working (emailed to Parish Councillors) – joint liaison meeting was held on the 13 June 2024. Noted.

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 pm

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Councillor Michael Atherton