



## MINUTES

**MEETING: COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST 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, Janette Colecliffe, Chris Kay, Sheila Makin, Ken McCrea, Lynne Moores, Maggie Peel-Impey, Paul Taylor & Sue Edwards, Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Councillors Pauline Cobham, (another commitment), Neil Coggins (another commitment), Matthew Crook (illness), Thomas Robinson (holiday) -  
**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. No interests declared.
- 2.2 **DECLARATION OF GIFTS** – None.

**3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 10 AUGUST 2024** (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

**Amendment:** The Proposer for the Management & Finance Committee was Cllr. M. Parkinson, not Cllr. P. Cobham

**PROPOSED:** Councillor M. Peel-Impey

**SECONDED:** Councillor P. Armstrong

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

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

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

- 09 Anti-social behaviour
- 14 Violence and sexual offences
- 04 Public Order
- 05 Criminal Damage & Arson
- Crime level overview percentage for June was 8.5%, May was 8.3%, April was 10.3%

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

- Security issues – there had been no problems in Chorley, despite the rumours. Chorley Council and the Police working hard to keep everyone safe.
- The Landings – action plan for speeding vehicles and ASB. The bridlepath is becoming less and less accessible. LCC is adopting four pieces of land out of the public purse.
- Kimberley Street/Chapel Walk – Public Protections orders are being sought in regard to ASB. The person causing most of the trouble has now been detained by the Police. The flats are up for auction and some tenants are worried. Chorley Council is being asked if they would help tidy up the area, removing a caravan and another vehicle, mattresses and other rubbish.
- Youth activities – to look into setting up a steering committee to provide a youth club in Coppull, the place yet to be determined. This would be run by Inspire to get funding. They have been very busy over the school holidays, there are a lot of hungry children.
- Speed cameras – there was a camera on Preston Road yesterday, these are there to keep drivers and residents safe, not for money making.
- Roe Hey Drive/Hillview Drive – School parking concerns. These are ongoing at Roe Hey Drive. Yellow lines have been requested for Hillview Drive and parents are going to be informed again to park on the church car park when taking and collecting children from St. Oswald's School. As a consequence of the building at Grange Drive, yellow lines may be provided.
- Darlington Street – Traffic lights around Darlington Street last week for highway work and new pavements on Springfield Road North. The builders for the new development to be asked to communicate more with what is happening there.
- Old Parish bus service – a bid has been put in to get this bus service reinstated.
- Criminology – involving children under 16 with a stolen car. Arrests were made.

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

***REIMPOSE STANDING ORDERS***

**8. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE**

- 8.1 Payments made and to be made (emailed to Parish Councillors). Noted and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.
- 8.2 Management & Finance Committee Meeting – the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 28 August 2024, primarily to discuss the criteria in regard to the Community Infrastructure Levy. Noted.

- 8.3 Pinders Circus – donation for using the land. **RESOLVED** – that the £480 received (£80 per day) be used towards the next Picnic in the Park, with a proviso that an extra-large gazebo be purchased out of this money.
- 8.4 Picnic in the Park – setting up separate committee. **RESOLVED** – that this committee be approved, but that the event stay under the umbrella of the Parish Council.
- 8.5 Coppull in Bloom possible reinstatement. **RESOLVED** – to advertise in the next newsletter for volunteers, but to reinstate the group to enable grants to be applied for.
- 8.6 Donation of air conditioning unit for the office – Thanks to Cllr McCrea for donating. This one is much better in keeping down the temperature in the office which reaches over 30 degrees on hot days.
- 8.7 Code of Conduct Training at Chorley Council – slides forwarded to members. Noted.
- 8.8 Lancashire Association of Local Councils – Training – Planning for Parish & Town Councils by Zoom – 17 September 2024 – 7pm-9.30pm – There are other courses available as well (emailed to Parish Councillors). Councillors wishing to attend any of these course to contact the Clerk.
- 8.9 LALC Conference Saturday 7 September in Preston, 9am to 3.30pm - £35pp. Councillors wishing to attend to contact the Clerk.
- 8.10 Defribillator – consideration of where the Parish Council can install the defib previously purchased. To put in the newsletter for suggestions, but also to contact the Alison Arms (The car showroom, the Village kitchen and the tile shop have all been contacted, but unfortunately do not meet the criteria for installing the defibrillator).
- 8.11 Memorial Garden – Policy for installing memorial benches. Councillor Peel-Impey has sourced two policies and one of these will be adjusted for Coppull and discussed again at the next meeting.
- 8.12 Play Area report and updates. These have been circulated to all Parish Councillors and all necessary repairs, etc., are being attended to, with priority for those most urgent. **RESOLVED** – to write officially from the Parish Council asking for the reports to be typed and photographs supplied.
- 8.13 Springfield Play Area – problem with moles. Advice has been taken on the removal of moles. **RESOLVED** - not to keep on trying to eradicate the moles at a substantial cost (£150 each time), but to try planting certain plants around the areas which are supposed to repel the moles and to disburse the soil they have dug up.

There is also a problem with people taking their dogs into the children’s actual play areas. The seats on two of the swings have been damaged and have teeth marks on them. Also, teenagers using motorbikes/scooters on the skate park equipment, noticed by Cllr Parkinson, flying into the air, a serious accident waiting to happen. Updated CCTV quotes and signs to be looked into. Also to report to the Police.

- 8.14 New Village Hall update. The contractor has still not finished the new hall and time is again moving on to enable the nursery to start in January. **RESOLVED** - The Parish Council’s Solicitor to be contacted for advice.

- 8.15 Springfield Leisure Centre update and quotes for replacement boiler. One quote had been received from the company who already services the boiler. **RESOLVED** - Further quotes to be obtained from commercial companies.
- 8.16 Allotments update. The committee is now sending out a newsletter to all allotment holders, informing them of the fees involved and the subject of cultivating and the process leading to evictions if not. The rent to the Parish Council is due in January each year, but some have still not paid in March. **RESOLVED** - to put an increase on for February and March if the rent is not paid in January.
- 8.17 Request from resident re flooding matter in back garden, Springfield Road N. The resident is seeking advice on this matter and Jim Hill Drainage has offered to have a look at it and advice as a courtesy.
- 8.18 Request from a resident to purchase a hedgehog box and a request for one to be placed on Pear Tree Avenue, where the trees are on the spare land (four still not in use). **RESOLVED** - both requests agreed, but a further hedgehog box to be ordered to replace the one provided to and paid for by the resident. The Parish Council has received a further £300 for biodiversity projects and it was agreed to look into upgrading the pond on Blainscough. Lindsay Blackstock at Chorley Council to be contacted in regard to this.
- 8.19 Quotes and information for changing the website and to include .gov emails for the Parish Council and all councillors (emailed to Parish Councillors). Four prices had been obtained. **RESOLVED** - to go ahead with Easy Websites due to the price but also due to the fact that a Parish Councillor provides the site and is local so easily accessible.
- 8.20 Quotes for a battery powered and a petrol powered power washer. Three quotes received for various size. However, these do not appear to have enough power for what is needed. **RESOLVED** - to hire or borrow one when necessary.
- 8.21 Dog Competition update in conjunction with Pinewood Vets, Coppull. All entries have now been sorted into their categories and will be given to the vets for judging.
- 8.22 Garden Competition update. There have not been many entries again this year. **RESOLVED** - to look at different ways next year in trying to engage with residents in regard to this competition.

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

- Insurance for the new Village Hall - £670.92 (pro rata for this year)
- Chair for Cllr Atherton in the office - £30.00

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

**10. PLANNING** (NC)

**10.1 Applications**

- 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 - Discussed at the last meeting due to time restraints. This application is asking for

the Planning authority to declare that the use of the property as a holiday let is lawful. Since this is a legal determination, there is nothing for the Parish Council to comment on. Noted.

- App.No. 24/00622/AGR – Coppull Old Hall Farm, Coppull Hall Lane – Agricultural determination for the erection of a concrete slurry tank and the formation of an earth bund. Determined on 12 August.
- App.No. 24/00601/FULHH – 21 Poplar Drive – First floor front extension over existing garage. This is a proposal to build an extension over the front projection of the garage (which is proud of the front elevation of the house) in order to increase the size of the smallest bedroom. It does not represent a loss of privacy or amenity for the neighbouring properties. **RESOLVED** – that the Parish Council **SUPPORT** this application.
- App.No. 24/00676/FULHH – 22 Hurst Brook – Part first floor side/part single storey rear extension and bay window to front elevation. This is a fairly extensive modification to the property, involving separate side and rear extensions as well as a bay window installation to the lounge. The proposal does not represent overdevelopment of the site and does not represent a significant loss of amenity or privacy for the neighbours, although the first floor side extension might facilitate overlooking into the rear garden of the property immediately to the South. **RESOLVED** – that the Parish Council remain **NEUTRAL**.

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

#### **10.2 Decisions:**

- 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 – **GRANTED**.
- App.No. 24/00085/CLPUD – 155 Longfield Avenue – Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the use of the home kitchen to cook food for off-site consumption on Tuesday to Sunday (excluding Wednesday) with no inwards delivery and no more than seven outbound trips between 17:00 and 21:00 hours per day – **GRANTED**.
- App.No. 24/00535/DIS – Land 53m of Belvedere, 31 Darlington Street – This and other applications to discharge conditions (applications can be viewed on the website) – **ALL GRANTED**.
- App.No. 24/00529/MNMA – Land adjacent Blainscough Hall, Blainscough Lane – Minor non-material amendment (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale), comprising the erection of 118 dwellings, to change the internal layout of the Oxley house types and to change the house types of plots 44-47 – **GRANTED**.

## **11. HIGHWAYS**

11.1 Verge at the top of Birkacre Brow – request for it to be grassed. **RESOLVED** – to contact Chorley Council in regard to this.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION**

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

- 13.1 Berry's Garden – a new resident is putting up a new fence between their property and the garden, which will provide more security for themselves and the Parish Council and prevent people from walking through. The resident has offered the Parish Council the use of electricity for Christmas lighting and a shed to relocate to the rear of the Leisure Centre. Noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.

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Councillor Michael Atherton  
Chairman