

COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL



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**MEETING: MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE 2021 –7.00 P.M.
MEETING ROOM - SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE
CENTRE, SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

**PRESENT: Councillors M. Atherton (Chair), M. Parkinson (Vice-Chair),
S. Makin, M. Peel-Impey**

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR - Councillor Michael Atherton, as Chair of the Parish Council, is automatically elected as Chair of a Finance Committee.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

PROPOSED: Councillor M. Peel-Impey

SECONDED: Councillor S. Makin

That Councillor Marjorie Parkinson be re-elected as Vice-Chair of the Management & Finance Committee – unanimous.

3. COMMITTEE MEMBERS - including Personnel meetings bi-monthly (e-mailed/distributed to Parish Councillors). The committee members to remain the same, with the exception of Cllr Nora Ball, who has resigned from this committee:

M. Atherton, N. Coggins, E. Jones, S. Makin, M. Parkinson, M. Peel-Impey, P. Taylor

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors N. Coggins (vehicle breakdown), P. Taylor (another commitment)

5. 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) – **None.**

5.1 **DECLARATION OF GIFTS** – None.

6. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

6.1 Financial Statement 2020/21 & Reserves. This was discussed in detail and the following recommended:



- That £20,000.00 of the money left available at the end of the year be put into the general maintenance fund, as improvements/repairs are going to be needed for the Leisure Centre in the future, especially if the boiler needs replacing or the roof needs further repair.
- That Christmas trees for shops and lamp-posts be looked into again for the coming year.
- Village Hall – that the proposed new village hall be discussed again in depth, as it is proving difficult to get a builder to either build with such a short time scale (summer holidays), or to build this year (July to December). It was recommended that information be sought on a pre-fab building, which would be much quicker to erect.

The Vice-Chair took this opportunity to thank the Chairman for sorting out repairs to the centre, either by doing this himself voluntarily or arranging for workmen, both ways saving the Parish Council a great deal of money.

6.2 Leases:

- A1 Fitness - £600 per month – pay for their own utilities.
- Little Lambs Pre-School - £600 per month, they reimburse the Parish Council for gas, electric and water charges. It was recommended that the Parish Council discuss whether they should be getting a reduction in rent due to the fact that they cannot take on any more children at the present time (only have seven), due to the situation in regard to closing for the new build.
- Springfield Park Leisure Centre - not charged rent (£250 per year in contract). The Parish Council and the Leisure Centre share joint utilities and the PC is reimbursed for the centre's share. It was recommended that the contract be looked at in more detail, to ascertain exactly what the Parish Council and the Charity should be paying for and then a meeting be arranged between both parties to discuss.
- Health Centre for car park - not charged, peppercorn rent, used by community.
- CUFC - very long lease, not charged, peppercorn rent.

6.3 Contracts & Energy Prices for Leisure Centre and Village Hall:

- British Gas – Leisure Centre Gas & Elec
Village Hall Gas



- Unicom – Village Hall Elec
 - Leisure Centre Telephones & broadband

Prices are being sought for when the contracts are up (most around Sept 2022), as it has been stated that the price can be agreed and fixed now, as prices will rise significantly this year. The Parish Council to discuss.

- 6.4 Policies – New Model Code of Conduct, Vexatious Policy & Social Media Policy. Cllr Peel-Impey is looking through all the policies and the new ones to be sent to all Parish Councillors for adoption/amendment at the next meeting.
- 6.5 Donation to charity £75 – High Five Charity or Leisure Centre Charity proposed to date. It was recommended that the High Five Charity be given the £75, as the Leisure Centre has received a donation previously.
- 6.6 Bark required for play areas at Leisure Centre. It was recommended that further bark be ordered asap.

7. PLANNING - Prior authority given to this committee to respond to applications (NC)

7.1 Applications: Car & Commercial Centre, Moss Lane – to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

7.2 Decisions: None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION-DECISION – None.

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION – None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

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Councillor M. Atherton
Chair of Management & Finance Committee

