



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MEETING: **PARISH COUNCIL**
WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE 2021 - 7.00 P.M.
SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE CENTRE,
SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), Marjorie Parkinson (Vice-Chair) – Pauline Cobham, Neil Coggins, Janette Colecliffe, Matthew Crook, Paul Eastham, Steve Holgate, Lynne Moores, Susan Edwards (Clerk) and County Councillor Julia Berry – Joined at 8pm

1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Parish Councillors Nora Ball (another commitment), Sheila Makin (another commitment), Elaine Jones Maggie Peel-Impey (unwell), Paul Taylor (a prior commitment), Ash Whittaker (no 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 Paul Eastham – Allotments – Item 10.6.

2.2 DECLARATION OF GIFTS – None.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATED 12 MAY 2021 (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor N. Coggins

SECONDED: Councillor L. Moores

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

THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW OTHER BODIES TO SPEAK AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK FIRST - AGREED.

4. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Two residents from The Heys had put together a petition in regard to safety concerns at the mini-roundabout near the Spar. This was put in the Spar



shop for a four week period and has gained 541 signatures. It was also put in the Post Office, the Angling Shop, Bargain Booze, the Dry Cleaners and two chip shops. Cllr Berry had got on board with the residents two weeks later and stated that if 500 signatures could be obtained, it would be looked at by LCC. The Lancashire Evening Post put in a photo and article and it has been on Facebook. A lot of support was received from residents. The Parish Council was asked to accept the petition and support the residents. Cllr Berry will take in the petition to LCC. It was also mentioned that the Zebra crossing is in the wrong place and ideally would be better positioned further down to Roe Hey Drive (this was originally thought to be the place it was going). A traffic light system would also be better than a mini-roundabout, as drivers don't appear to notice it and drive through at excessive speeds without stopping or looking. Cllr Holgate stated that this was a really positive step forward for members of the community to take up an initiative with a campaign like this.

- 5. POLICE REPORT** – None.
- 6. COMMUNITY CHAMPION'S REPORT** – None – as this scheme is not continuing, it was agreed to remove it from the agenda.
- 7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Councillor Berry sent apologies as she would be attending late due to a prior commitment.
- 8. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Councillor Holgate reported on the following:
 - The District Council is getting involved with the Keep Britain Tidy campaign and have donated litter pickers, bags, etc. for volunteers. The events will be advertised through Facebook.
 - Ackhurst Lodge – The Chairman asked what was happening with the flooding issue. Chorley Council has £500,000 to renovate the lodge, but need the Environment Agency and LCC to ensure that the culvert can cope with extreme measures. A petition is going into highways with 500+ signatures and the Evening Post is to put an article in and possibly the Chorley Guardian next week. LCC has £5 million for flooding problems.
 - Mayoral Events – a table for eight has been allocated for members of the Parish Council, partners or friends at the Mayor's Ball in July. Anyone wishing to attend to contact the Clerk. The Mayor will be visiting local organisations over the summer, supporting them in their activities.

THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE REIMPOSED AND THE MEETING CONTINUE – AGREED.

- 9. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 2 JUNE 2021** - To consider the recommendations made by the above committee and to decide/ratify the necessary action (to be emailed to Parish Councillors):



- Item 6.1 – Financial Statement 2020/21 and Reserves (to be emailed to Parish Councillors) - That £20,000 of the money remaining at the end of the last financial year be reserved for general maintenance of equipment and buildings in the future.
- Item 6.2 – Leases (to be emailed to Parish Councillors) – Meeting to be arranged with the Trustees of the Leisure Centre. Little Lamb's Pre-school to be informed that the new building work will most likely not go ahead this year, due to being able to obtain a builder, and that they should go ahead and fill to full capacity, as it may take up to two years before a builder will be able to start.
- Item 6.4 – New Policies (to be emailed to Parish Councillors). Cllr Peel-Impey has looked through all the contracts and the proposed vexatious policy. All are ok, no updates this year, with the exception of the vexatious policy and a less complicated one is being sought.
- Item 6.5 - Recommendation to donate the £75 received from undertaking a survey to the High Five Charity, as the Leisure Centre has previously had some funding from the Parish Council.
- Item 6.6 - Bark to be obtained for the Leisure Park. Waiting for quotes.

RESOLVED – the Parish Council **RATIFIED** the above decisions.

10. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

- 10.1 New Village Hall. Planning permission has not yet been obtained, this is due by 29 June. As no builders have been found who can do any work for approximately 2/3 years, the Clerk was asked to obtain a price for a modular building (pre-fab). One quote was circulated to Parish Councillors. The quote was extremely high and there is not enough money to pay for this. Therefore, it was **RESOLVED** that the building work should be booked in with a reputable builder for when they have availability, subject to a reasonable quote being received.
- 10.2 Neighbourhood Plan. The Chair and Secretary are to meet in the near future to discuss their roles within the Steering Group and also the other members, to promote a good working relationship with the group to enable the Neighbourhood Plan to be formulated.
- 10.3 Newsletter. The spring edition is being delivered by a new company, who are considerably cheaper than the previous company. The only downside is that it will be delivered during the month of June, not just in one week. Also, if the deadline for delivery to them are not met, the delivery will not take place, as the newsletter is delivered with other material. The next deadline for articles to be placed in the newsletter is 2 August 2021. This is the latest that articles can be submitted, as the newsletter then goes to the printers (one week for printing) and then to the delivery company.



- 10.4 Energy Prices (sent by separate email). A number of quotes have been received, but it was suggested that a “green” quote also be obtained before a decision can be made.
- 10.5 Part-time Lengthsman update. The house where the Lengthsman lives does not feel that he needs someone with him on his route. They have accompanied him for the past few weeks and he is very capable at doing the job on his own.
- 10.6 Allotments update. Councillor Eastham reported that everything has been ticking over, new paths have been installed and the area is looking good.
- 10.7 Leisure Centre update. Councillor Cobham reported that the Leisure Centre is also ticking over. It is now the quiet period (over the summer months) so not very busy. The Trampoline Academy girls are in seven days a week. The centre is hoping that they will be able to allow more people in after 21 June, the next step in the government’s rules in regard to Coronavirus. The attendance at the centre usually picks up in September.

Ownership of the defibrillator was discussed and it was agreed that this should remain in the ownership of the Parish Council and available for use by everyone (general public included). The Parish Council will obtain new pads, batteries, etc., when informed by the Leisure Centre staff, who should be checking it every week.

- 10.8 Dog Fouling (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice).
- Chapel Lane pavements are particularly bad at the moment. The Lengthsmen to be asked to monitor.
- 10.9 Village Grot Spots (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice).
- The weeds in front of the band room on Springfield Road. The Clerk to contact the relevant person.
 - Parking on Chapel Lane is also bad, with vehicles blocking pavements. The Police to be asked to monitor.

11. DECISIONS MADE UNDER THE CLERK’S DELEGATED AUTHORITY (After consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair – delegated to make low key decisions on behalf of the Parish Council due to Covid-19 – maximum spend £500 – now raised to £1,000)

- To request a debit card from the Parish Council’s current account bank, Nat West, to enable goods to be purchased online (with a set limit).
- To open up an Amazon business account, for ordering of paint, etc.

The above decisions were **RATIFIED** by the Parish Council.



12. PLANNING (NC) – Applications and Decisions (details sent separately by email to Parish Councillors)

12.1 Applications:

- Application Number 21/00549/FUL - North West Propshafts, Regent Street – Erection of container units for commercial “self-storage” (retrospective). **Objections** to be placed as they have been put too close to residents’ houses and on health and safety grounds due to noise and pollution.
- Application Number 20/01381/FUL – Coppull Car and Commercial Repair Centre Ltd, Unit 3 and 5, Dickinson Industrial Estate, Moss Lane – Application to vary conditions nos 2 (approved plans) and 3 (working hours) attached to previous planning permission. **Objections** to be placed on the grounds of unreasonable hours for nearby residents and cars parking/blocking adjacent roads.
- Proposed development at Darlington Street – a letter to be sent to Chorley Council, Planning Department, with a copy to Councillor A. Bradley, stating that safeguarded land right across the borough should be safeguarded until the time it is intended. In regard to a proposed development at Darlington Street, to ask for the trees in the garden at the back of the Vicarage to be placed on a TPO as a matter of urgency.

12.2 Decisions:

- Application Number 21/00384/FULHH – Ro-Mar, Church Fold – Erection of detached car port/workshop (retrospective) – **REFUSED.**
- Application 21/00566/NOT – Land at side of 81 Spendmore Lane – Notification of intention to install 1no. high speed broadband cabinet – **GRANTED.**
- Application Number 21/00433/FULHH – 11 Goose Green Avenue – Single storey rear extension, single storey side extension, front porch and associated elevational alterations – **GRANTED.**
- Application Number 21/00400/P3PAN – Sticky Fingers, 166 Spendmore Lane – Change of use from retail premises to dwelling – **GRANTED.**
- Application Number 21/00278/FUL – Preston Road Methodist Church – Erection of 2 no detached dwellings and 1 no ancillary outbuilding to plot 2 – **GRANTED.**

13. HIGHWAYS

13.1 Parking Enforcement Requests (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice).



- Parking on Chapel Lane is bad, with vehicles blocking pavements. The Police to be given the registration number of the white van that parks at the junction of Chapel Lane/Birkacre Brow and asked to monitor.

THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE REIMPOSED TO ALLOW COUNCILLOR BERRY TO SPEAK – AGREED.

- Cllr Berry reported that parking on pavements near the Red Herring and the Mill is also bad, with pavements being blocked. Also, the speed of vehicles is terrible. LCC have been down in May to assess this, but have not reported back yet. An update should be available at the next meeting.
- Mini-roundabout at the Spar. The residents to be applauded for organising a petition for safety measures to be implemented. A letter to be sent with the petition to show the support of the Parish Council in the objectives of having a comprehensive look at the roundabout, signage layout, etc, in the interest of health and safety. This was unanimously agreed upon.

THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE REIMPOSED AND THE MEETING CONTINUE – AGREED.

14. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 14.1 Preston and Chorley Housing Need & Demand Study & Questionnaire (sent by separate email). It was felt to be very important to complete this questionnaire, so that the needs of local residents can be met in regard to housing needs, down-sizing, etc.

15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION

- 15.1 No further action had been taken in regard to the small strip of land which is across the public footpath/bridleway and the entrance to Coppull United Football Club. The Solicitor had stated that it was not necessary to oppose the Land Registry application as it would not affect access.
- 15.2 The Clerk to contact Euxton Parish Council to ascertain details of the new road sweeping machine they have recently purchased.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

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**Councillor Michael Atherton
Parish Council Chairman**

