



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES



**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL 2022 - 7.00 P.M.
COPPULL VILLAGE HALL, CHAPEL LANE, COPPULL**

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), Marjorie Parkinson (Vice-Chair), Pauline Cobham, Steve Holgate, Maggie Peel-Impey, Susan Edwards (Clerk) and County Councillor Julia Berry (arrived after item 8)

- 1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Parish Councillors Nora Ball (ill health), Neil Coggins (a prior commitment), Jan Colecliffe (working), Matthew Crook (holiday), Paul Eastham (ill health), Sheila Makin (ill health), Lynne Moores (holiday), Ash Whittaker (Covid), Elaine Jones and Paul Taylor

It was **RESOLVED** to give a dispensation to Cllr Makin, who had missed six consecutive meetings of the Parish Council due to ill health – agreed unanimously.

- 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) – **None.**

2.2 DECLARATION OF GIFTS – None.

- 3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 9 MARCH 2021** (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor S. Holgate

SECONDED: Councillor M. Parkinson

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 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK - AGREED.

- 4. POLICE REPORT** – PC Lucy Cooper sent late apologies. Statistics for February are:

- Anti-social behaviour 15
- Violence and sexual offences 13
- Criminal damage and arson 6
- Burglary 3

From March last year to February this year, crime rates have decreased. All this information can be found on the Police website:

<https://www.police.uk/your-area/lancashire-constabulary/coppull>.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Councillor Holgate reported on the following:

- LCC Youth Workers are working in the area and Inspire have outreach workers also in Coppull.
- The elections are being held in May and Cllr Holgate is not standing again for election for Chorley Council. He has been on the council since 1995 and feels he has achieved his objectives. Cllr Holgate will still remain a Parish Councillor and County Councillor and remain involved with the Neighbourhood Plan committee. Cllr Holgate will be stepping down as Mayor also in May.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr Berry reported on the following:

- The Youth Justice project – funding has been received to take this project forward.
- Youth anti-social behaviour reported at the Leisure Centre, Library and Co-op and off road motorcyclists in Chorley town centre linked with individuals from Coppull. Taster sessions of various activities are being looked at in Coppull.
- Neighbourhood Plan – survey has now gone out and business meetings are being arranged.
- Zig-zag lines have been put down at Roe Hey Drive School to prevent cars from parking near the entrance and in front of residents' drives. There are also issues at St. Oswald's. St. John's utilise the pub car park.
- There have been three incidents on the zebra crossing on Preston Road recently and ongoing concerns at the mini roundabout at the top of Clancutt Lane. There is a "20 is plenty" campaign being arranged and information will be provided before the next meeting of the Parish Council. Chorley is apparently the third worst in the country for road safety.
- Proposed development at Blainscough will be being considered after the end of May. The proposed development at Darlington Street has not been to committee. The proposal in principle for 8 houses on Chapel Lane in the green belt was unanimously opposed. However, it is felt that the government is not supporting the planning authority's decisions on planning, often turning the outcome from a refusal at appeal.

The effect of previous coal mining can effect planning and flooding and some work is being discussed with the Coal Mining Authority in regard to this.

- Friends of Coppull Library are doing extremely well and holding various events throughout the summer.
- Chorley Buddies have opened a food club at the Methodist Church hall and are going to help with sorting out finances, wills, etc., to support residents.
- Hoping to hold jumble sales to raise money for the Ukraine people. There is government match funding available.
- There has been a reduction in incidents recently, but the Police are still under a lot of pressure at the moment. More data will be available in two weeks.
- Mountain road is not having work done to the pavements now, this was stopped by LCC from last year and has not been put in their budge for this year either.

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

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

8. NO MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE IN MARCH

9. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

9.1 Accounts:

- Cashplus Bank - £50,000 limit and mandatory £5,000 limit on the card. Noted.
- Accounts for Jan, Feb and March 2022 – No concerns raised.

9.2 Royal Bank of Scotland – service charge £30.45 for the period 12 February to 25 March 2022. Unfortunately, all banks now seem to be making charges, so it was **RESOLVED** to stay with the current bank.

9.3 Public Works Loan Board – Balance outstanding £5,820.69. Noted.

9.4 New Village Hall update – 3 quotes received. Two of the quotes received were far too high with the money available. Therefore it was agreed in principle to accept the lowest tender and to draft a contract with the builder that is time limited, so that this build does not drag on. It was **RESOLVED** that an email be sent to all Parish Councillors to ask if they agree with this decision, due to the fact that this meeting is only just quorate. This agreement to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting for ratification.

9.5 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event Thursday 2 June 2022. Preparations are ongoing and the Clerk has circulated a list of activities being held on the day. Volunteers will be needed for the day. The event to be advertised in the newsletter, which will need to be produced, printed and delivered early. The Clerk to contact the relevant companies to ascertain if this is achievable.

9.6 Personnel Report - Chris Frawley, Part-time Lengthsman, due 12.04.22. Unfortunately this meeting was cancelled on 11 April and has been re-scheduled for Tuesday 19 April 2022.

9.7 Newsletter – New printing company – quotes & concerns re delivery. Quotes had been received from two new companies and it was **RESOLVED** that the quote from BD Printers in Leyland be accepted.

Delivery is causing some concerns, as it is taking quite a long time for all the newsletters to be delivered (sometimes up to a month) and they are also still putting the newsletter in another magazine when posting. The Clerk to contact the delivery company in regard to these concerns and to ascertain how much it would cost for the newsletter to be delivered by itself.

9.8 Hanging Baskets – alternative suggestions. The Chairman had produced a drawing of flower baskets which could be put on the wall of the Springfield Nursing Home (permission granted, subject to a meeting with them to show the design). This was felt to be a good idea and other alternatives for flower displays to be requested through the newsletter.

9.9 Jubilee Garden – Welcome sign £95 – this is now in situ. Noted and previously agreed.

9.10 Neighbourhood Plan update. The surveys have now mostly been delivered to each household and is also on line. Ballot boxes have been placed around the village for people to return the surveys to. Pop up shops are going to be taking place shortly and breakfast meetings with businesses. Letters to businesses will be sent out shortly, with a view to meeting the 2nd week in May. Cllr Berry is also engaging with young people to get their views.

9.11 Tree assessment for Leisure Park and permission for other areas to be assessed – Jubilee Garden, Tansley Play Area, Berry Garden and Allotments. The assessment has now been received for the Leisure Park and a number of trees needed attention, as some were rotting from the inside. These are all being attended to. It was **RESOLVED** that this company be asked to conduct assessments on the remaining areas.

9.12 Request from resident to cut down tree on PC land, overhanging garden and to pay half each £400 quoted. It was **RESOLVED** to email the resident concerned to say that a recent assessment of the trees has not stated that this tree is dangerous and, therefore, does not need taking down and permission is not given.

10. 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)

- RBLI – Jubilee Flags, Bunting & Signs £145.63
- Amazon – Evo Stik for noticeboards & post fixing clips £23.89
- SLCC – General Power of Competence course £30.00
- Ebay – New rope flag pole £11.47, lights £10.98, karabiners for swings at Tansley £9.50
- Mowerpower – Brush cutter attachment for strimmer £139 and 4 stroke fuel £21.00
- Wicksteed Leisure – Parts for repair of outdoor exercise equipment £56.28
- Wickes postcrete for railings and litter bin posts £21.24 and £10.62
- No dogs in playground signs 4 - £96
- Pole Green Nursery – Fertilisers £34.98
- Removal of cut down branches etc from Leisure Park £240

It was **RESOLVED** that the above items be ratified.

11. PLANNING (Cllr. N. Coggins sent in the following recommendations)

11.1 Applications:

- App.No. 21/01393/PIP – Land adjacent to 179 Chapel Lane – Permission in principle application for the erection of up to 8 no. dwelling with associated parking spaces and gardens – responded to under delegated authority – **Objections placed.**
- App.No. 21/01236/CLEUD – 53 Longworth Avenue – **APPEAL** – Application for lawful development certificate for an existing use as residential garden. No comment is required on appeals. The original comments made by the Parish Council are still valid.
- App.No. 22/00285/FUL – 10-12 Spendmore Lane – Conversion of two existing vacant mixed use buildings that consist of a shop and a solarium at ground floor level and 1 No. 3 bedroom flat above, into 4 no 1 bed self-contained residential flats with associated works including partial demolition of single storey rear outriggers. This is an application to convert vacant building rather than active premises, so there is no reason to object on the basis of a loss of retail service to the village. The external alterations reduce the footprint of the building rather than extend it. However, there is the issue of parking. 4 no. 1-bed flats would require provision of 4 parking spaces under the current parking standards as set out in the Chorley Local Plan. This is not provided by the proposal. **RESOLVED** to raise a concern with the Planning Authority regarding the failure to meet the required parking standards.
- App.No. 22/00323/FULHH - 23 Darlington Street – First floor side extension. There is no quantifiable loss of amenity for neighbours, no increase in overshadowing, nor a loss of privacy. It does not appear to

represent overdevelopment of the curtilage. **RESOLVED** – to **SUPPORT** the application.

- App.No. 22/00266/FUL – 122 Chapel Lane – Erection of 4 no dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings. The development appears to be excessive for the site. In particular, plots 2 and 3 appear to be overdevelopment that would result in insufficient garden area that is not covered by either buildings or hard surfacing. In addition, the construction of 3 storey dwellings on an already elevated site raises concerns over a loss of privacy for the neighbouring properties. **RESOLVED** - that the Parish Council raise these concerns with the Planning Authority.
- App.No. 22/00334/FULHH – 193 Preston Road – Extension to existing garage. This is a linear extension to an extant attached garage. It poses no increase in overshadowing or a loss of privacy for any neighbours, and does not represent overdevelopment. It would have the additional benefit of potentially reducing the need for on-street parking to the front of the property. **RESOLVED** – to **SUPPORT** this application.
- App.No. 22/00328/FULHH – 201 Chapel Lane – Single storey side/rear extension with balcony above. The balcony faces away from any neighbouring dwellings and thus presents no loss of privacy for others. There is no concern of overshadowing and it does not appear to be an overdevelopment of the curtilage. **RESOLVED** – to **SUPPORT** this application.

11.2 Decisions:

- App.No. 21/01393/PIP – Land adjacent to 179 Chapel Lane – Permission in principle application for the erection of up to 8 no. dwellings with associated parking spaces and gardens – **REFUSED**.
- App.No. 21/01484/FUL – Coppull St. John’s C of E Primary School, Preston Road – Demolition of the existing modular building and the installation of replacement modular building to provide two classrooms – **GRANTED**.
- App.No. 22/00101/FULHH – 57 Netherley Road – Single storey rear extension – **GRANTED**.
- App.No. 22/00145/FULHH – 46 Mavis Drive – Single storey side extension attached to existing outbuilding and conversion of part of outbuilding to habitable accommodation – **GRANTED**.

12. HIGHWAYS

- 12.1 LCC – SpID Policy & Procedure (sent by separate email to Parish Councillors). Request for questionnaire to be completed in regard to SpID locations in the village, as LCC wish to continue to support parish and town councils who wish to purchase their own. As the Parish Council’s SpID

is not working at the present time, it was felt there was no need to complete the questionnaire.

- 12.2 Mill Lane speeding. A further letter has been received from a resident of Mill Lane, who has complained for years in regard to the speed of traffic, but LCC has visited the area and do not feel that speed restrictions are necessary. The Parish Council has a "slow down" sign which will be put up shortly, but the resident to be replied to this time, asking that he take details of registration numbers, etc., for the police.

13. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 13.1 Special County Service to Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee – Sunday 29 May 2022 – Blackburn Cathedral at 4pm. Unfortunately, no one is available to attend.
- 13.2 Chorley Council – Confirmation of public footpath diversion, part of Footpath 58 from Wigan Lane and part of Footpath 13 to Adlington. Noted.
- 13.3 Victim Support – Thank you for donation. Noted.

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION

- 14.1 Parish and Town Councils Conference "Highways Special" –Saturday 19 March 2022 – County Hall, Preston – 2 places reserved – Unfortunately, no one was able to attend this event due to prior commitments
- 14.2 A further letter from a local resident has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate in regard to the re-opening of the subway. As far as the Parish Council is aware, this is the only letter recently sent. The date for the Inquiry has not yet been confirmed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

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Councillor Michael Atherton
Parish Council Chairman