



# COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 14 June 2023 - 7.00 P.M.  
MEETING ROOM, SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE  
CENTRE, SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

**The Chairman welcomed Councillor Tom Robinson to the meeting and also welcomed back Councillor Maggie Peel-Impey**

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), Marjorie Parkinson (Vice-Chair), Pauline Cobham, Neil Coggins, Matthew Crook, Chris Kay, Ken McCrea, Lynne Moores, Maggie Peel-Impey, Tom Robinson, Susan Edwards (Clerk), Chorley & County Councillor Julia Berry

1. **ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Parish Councillors Phil Armstrong (holiday), Jan Colecliffe (working), Sheila Makin (holiday), Paul Taylor (working)
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.**
  - 2.1 **DECLARATION OF GIFTS**
3. **AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 17 MAY 2023** (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor Lynne Moores

SECONDED: Councillor Neil Coggins

**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** – no report available.

In April 2023 the statistics were:

- 13 Violence and sexual offences
- 12 Anti-social behaviour

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- 5 Criminal damage and arson
- 3 Other crime

This is slightly higher than the previous month – March 7.7%, April 8.1%.

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

- Darlington Street development - This application was approved by Chorley Council despite objections from the Parish Council, both District Councillors and numerous residents, but there are still concerns over highway safety. Two experts from LCC have been on site and stated there were no concerns. There will be conditions put on the decision, but these have yet to be decided.
- Blainscough Lane – extension of units. There is an issue around United Utilities and Tanyard Brook with flooding. Will keep a look on this as it progresses.
- Children on scooters (electric) – posing a danger to themselves and the general public.
- Zebra Crossings – Incidents have occurred on the three crossings in Chorley and it is hoped LCC will be visiting the sites.
- Play Areas – there are none around the terraced properties in the centre of the village (ie Kimberley Street area) and this is needed.
- Police and Councillors doing some work against hate crime in school and art projects. A residents meeting is to be set up with the Police next Tuesday, to deal with problems around Chapel Street and Kimberley Street, regarding anti-social behaviour and criminality.

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

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

**7. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE**

- 7.1 Councillor Vacancy being advertised by Chorley Council, due to the resignation of Neil Hilton – if there has been no call for an election by 21 June 2023, the vacancy can be filled by co-option or left vacant.
- 7.2 New Village Hall update - Meeting with builder regarding the interior and exterior. Cllrs M. Atherton, K. McCrea and M. Parkinson met with the builder and the electrician (Cllr M. Crook was on holiday) to discuss the interiors of the hall (report attached). When the windows



have been fitted and the scaffolding taken down, a site visit will be arranged.

- 7.3 Railway Subway – Complaint received (emailed to Parish Councillors). The complaint was in regard to something that the complainant felt was missed out of the Public Inquiry report. Receipt of the complaint has been acknowledged.
- 7.4 LCC – Grant received for £500 Local Delivery Scheme 2022 and £300 for the Biodiversity Grant Scheme 2022. The £500 is for the Parish Council to trim and clean three ginnels within the village. The £300 is for projects such as nest boxes, bird feeders, bug hotels, hedgehog houses, bat boxes, log piles, communal gardens, pollinator nest sites, planting wildflowers, creating ponds, living walls and rain gardens. Councillors to consider what the £300 should be used for and discuss again at the next meeting.
- 7.5 Youth Grant applications – six applications received. After liaising with Tom Halstead from Chorley Council and Councillor Julia Berry, it was agreed to fund the following clubs with £250 each to put on sessions over the summer holidays:
- Coppull United Youth Football
  - Springfield Park Leisure Centre
  - Jennings Boxing Gym
  - Lancashire Wrestling Federation
- Councillor Berry will fund the following clubs with £250 out of her Councillor’s Allowance:
- A1 Fitness
  - Coppull Junior Bowling Club
- 7.6 Parish Council Insurance – Additional expenditure for raising value of Leisure Centre £875.04 – value now insured for £1,410,730. **RESOLVED** that this be paid.
- 7.7 Information Commissioners Office (ICO) Data Protection Fee £40 per Annum. **RESOLVED** that this is paid by direct debit at the reduced cost of £35.
- 7.8 Association of Local Council Clerks (ALCC) - Membership £50 – per Annum. The Clerk stated that the Parish Council has always paid this, but that she was willing to pay for it, as it would benefit herself more than the Parish Council. **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council continue to pay it.



7.9 The King's Award for Voluntary Service 2024 (emailed to Parish Councillors). Quite a few suggestions were made for this award and the Clerk to forward the details to those groups:

- Coppull Junior Bowling
- Coppull Friendship Group
- Friends of Coppull Library
- Chorley Buddies

7.10 Friends of Chisnall - Colliery Stone – consideration to moving it just inside the gates. The Chairman and Clerk visited the site this morning and the stone has now been moved and it was considered to be in a safer place than previously.

**8. 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 – maximum spend now raised to £1,000)

- Repair to Berry Garden notice board £40
- Quick set concrete for slide area on Leisure Park £48.90

The Chairman reported that items on the playground report had also been repaired at very little cost and with the help of Steve Freeman, Sports Hall Manager at the Leisure Centre.

The above decisions were **RATIFIED** by full council.

The Chairman also reported that the CCTV systems needs replacing and it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting, together with a discussion on providing CCTV in certain places within the village.

**9. PLANNING** (NC – delegated to make planning recommendations on behalf of the Parish Council)

**9.1 Applications:**

- App.No. 21/01076/FULMAJ – Land 53M West of Belvedere, 31 Darlington Street, Coppull – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 67 number dwellings (including 30% affordable housing) with associated access, car parking and landscaping. This application had been approved at Chorley Council's planning committee meeting last night.
- App.No. 23/00425/TPO – Chapel Lane Business Park – Application for works to a protected tree, TP09 – T1 Sycamore – Fell. As there was no report or evidence with this application, the planning officer is asking for that and will reject if one is not forthcoming.



9.2 **To consider** any planning applications received after publication of this agenda for which a response is required prior to the next meeting. An application had just been received for security fencing at St. Oswald's School. The Clerk to forward this on to Councillor Coggins for his recommendations.

9.3 **Decisions:**

- App.No. 23/00325/PDE – 1 Goose Green Avenue – Notification of a proposed single storey extension – under the provisions of Schedule 2, part 1, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development (England) Order 2015, Chorley Council has confirmed that **prior approval is not required** for this development.
- App.No. 23/00245/FULHH – 17 Hurst Brook – Demolition of existing sectional garage and erection of brick built garage with craft room at first floor – **GRANTED.**

9.4 Chorley Council Planning Portal –Survey (emailed to Parish Councillors). Your experience of submitting applications for building regulations approval. If you have any comments to make please forward to the Clerk for a co-ordinated response.

10. **HIGHWAYS** – None.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION**

11.1 Chorley Council Housing Assistance Policy – Response if required by Monday 19 June 2023. As the deadline is quite soon and the information quite involved, it was **RESOLVED** not to make any comment at this moment in time.

11.2 Wigan Council – Travel Plan Supplementary Travel Document – Pre-draft consultation (emailed to Parish Councillors). It was **RESOLVED** not to make any comment at this moment in time.

11.3 Cosy Homes in Lancashire – room required for coffee morning. It was agreed to offer the downstairs room for the meeting. If a larger one is required there would be a charge and Cllr Cobham as Trustee of the Leisure Centre would have to be approached.

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

- Chorley & District Support for Ukraine Unit near Market Walk – Open Wednesdays 2-4pm and Saturdays 10am-12noon-donations required, contact Stuart Clewlow on [saclewlow@yahoo.com](mailto:saclewlow@yahoo.com). Noted.
- Coppull Parish Church School, Roe Hey Drive – Temporary Event Notice from 11.00 am 01.07.23 to 12 am 01.07 23. Noted.



- An email had been received relating to dog fouling and dna testing. To refer the resident to Chorley Council, who may have more information on this. Cllr Berry also to check with Chorley Council.
- Best Kept Front Garden/Hanging Basket Competition – to discuss prizes and judging at the next meeting.
- Bushes need cutting back on Spendmore Lane, close to the junction of Clancutt Lane. Drivers are having to pull out further into the road (mini-roundabout) as their sight line is compromised. The Clerk to check on the house number and report to Chorley Council.
- The new swings at the Leisure Centre are due to be installed commencing Friday 16 June 2023.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00 p.m.

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**Councillor Michael Atherton**  
**Parish Council Chairman**

