



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST 2023 - 7.00 P.M.
MEETING ROOM, SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE
CENTRE, SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), Marjorie Parkinson (Vice-Chair), Phil Armstrong, Julia Berry (also Chorley & County Councillor), Pauline Cobham, Neil Coggins, Jan Colecliffe, Chris Kay, Ken McCrea, Lynne Moores, Maggie Peel- Impey, Paul Taylor, Susan Edwards (Clerk),

- 1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Parish Councillors Matthew Crook (holiday), Sheila Makin (holiday), Tom Robinson (personal), Paul Taylor (prior commitment)
- 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 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 12 JULY 2023** (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor P. Cobham

SECONDED: Councillor K. McCrea

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 June 2023 the statistics were :

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

- 19 Violence and sexual offences
- 15 Anti-social behaviour

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- 3 Criminal damage and arson
- 2 Other theft
- Public order 6

Community Trigger: Cllr Berry reported that when there is a major incident elsewhere, the Police are taken away from the village. The PCSO's cannot go on site on their own, they have been threatened in the past. There is no Community Beat Manager at the present time.

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

- ASB – there are not too many incidents in Coppull, it is mainly in Chorley where there is trouble.
- Violence in Coppull is mainly in the home. Chapel Walk has been a cause of concern and there has been no response from the landlords. There is a mix of adults, mainly young males, who are congregating, making fires, smoking drugs, etc. Public protection officers are involved. It was suggested that the Parish Council write to the Crime Commissioner stating that they want action taken and steps to remedy this situation.

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 Accounts for April, May, June and budget monitoring – emailed prior to the last meeting, but not enough time to consider all the accounts. No concerns.
- 7.2 4/5 year Management Plan (draft sent with agenda to Parish Councillors). Cllr McCrea would like to address anti-social behaviour and crime over the next four/five year and felt the council should be thinking ahead and supporting the Neighbourhood Development plan. Cllr Moores would like to see more activities for teenagers in the village. It was suggested that the survey undertaken by the ND group could give insight into what people in the village would want to see in the next four/five years. The Clerk to obtain the results of the survey and forward to Parish Councillors prior to the next meeting.
- 7.3 Re-considering the Chairman's Allowance (not for the Chairman's personal use, but for the Chairman to give to individuals/organisations for acknowledgement of help, for example). It was **RESOLVED** that an amount of £1,000 be allocated in future and



re-named The Chairman's Public Community Fund. Any money used to be ratified by the Parish Council prior to spending.

- 7.4 Acknowledgement for the Academy Girls re cleaning the Leisure Park (KM_c). It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman's Public Community Fund be utilised to donate £250 to the Academy Girls, in recognition of what they have done around the centre (litter picking each weekend) and on Byron Crescent Play area. The Clerk to contact Adlington and Euxton PC to ascertain how they recognise volunteers, etc., in their areas.
- 7.5 A1 Fitness update. The club is organising sessions for younger children, with their parents, and a grant has been applied for through Chorley Council.
- 7.6 CCTV for the Leisure Centre and Village Hall update. There is still only one quote, two further quotes are awaited.
- 7.7 Survey and valuation of Leisure Centre update. Three quotes had been received and it was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with the survey from Propvisory, Chartered Building Surveyors and member of the RICS at a cost of £1,500 plus vat for the survey and £750 for the Reinstatement Cost Assessment.
- 7.8 New Village Hall update. The build is proceeding well and the outside looks amazing. The fence at the side of the hall adjoining no. 45 will need replacing and there is a small piece of land next to the building which would benefit the resident at no loss to the PC (could not be used for anything else). Cllr Coggins to take a look at this before a decision is made, together with the builder. Funding to be looked at to complete the outside works and fixtures/fittings.
- 7.9 Jubilee Garden update. The mushroom seats have now been replaced nearer to the road so they can be seen. The neighbouring properties are still reporting that teenagers are congregating and smoking weed. The Police have been informed and have yet to see anyone on their inspections and no evidence of drug activity.
- 7.10 Quotes for rubber "bark" for play areas - £450 1m³)
- 7.11 More bark required for the Leisure Park - £120 1m³) It was **RESOLVED** not to change to rubber at the present time, but that sufficient bark should be ordered for both Byron Crescent and the Leisure Park.
- 7.12 More sand required for the sand pit on the Leisure Park – 850kg bulk bag £108.00. It was **RESOLVED** to order more sand as required.



7.13 Byron Crescent Play Area – facelift required and more bark. The area to be measured and the relevant bark ordered as above. It was **RESOLVED** that the railings be painted, weeds removed and the equipment tended to as necessary to bring the park up to standard.

7.14 Consideration of purchasing a PA system and a radio mike. The Chairman reported that the person selling this was well known to him and he has helped the Parish Council previously with the newsletter programme and designs for art work (all free of charge). The Chairman proposed that it be purchased using funds built up for the Christmas event, of which it could be used for. It has 2 Bose 802 Mk3 speakers with amplifier and Bose digital control system, 1 x channel sound mixer, Shure radio microphone, cables, speaker stands and accessories. It comes in sturdy cases for storage. £1,000 is being asked for from the Parish Council, it would be more if he sold it elsewhere. It is being brought into the office tomorrow to view by councillors and, if deemed suitable, it was **RESOLVED** to purchase this system.

Councillor Colecliffe left the meeting for a prior appointment.

7.15 Garden Competition – judging and prizes. Dave from Rivington Nursery had judged the entries and it was **RESOLVED** that prizes be awarded, as follows:

- 1st prize - £30
- 2nd prize - £20
- 3rd prize – joint - £10 each
- £5 each for the other entries (gift vouchers)

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) – **None.**

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

9.1 Applications:

- App.No. 23/00605/FULHH – 1 Goose Green Avenue – Single storey rear extension. No loss of amenity and no objections from neighbours – **SUPPORT.**
- App.No. 23/00617/FULHH – 10 The Chestnuts – Front dormer. No loss of privacy or overshadowing for neighbours – **SUPPORT.**
- App.No. 23/00590/P3PAN – Managing for Quality, 249 Spendmore Lane – Prior approval application for the proposed change of use of a bank/office to 1 no. dwelling house. There are residential dwellings on all sides of this property – **SUPPORT.**



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

- App.No. 23/00552/FULHH – 63 – 71 Jolly Tar Lane – Storage container and 1.8m high boundary fence (retrospective). The fence is 8.5 ft. high and on blocks which are 2.5 ft around it. The Parish Council to remain **NEUTRAL**, but concern to be expressed to Chorley Council in regard to the sheer number of retrospective applications being received.

9.3 **Decisions:**

- App.No. 23/00425/TPO – works to a protected tree TPO 9 Sycamore – **Consent given.**
- App.No. 23/00331/CTY – Wigan Lane - Consultation from LCC on application ref: SCP/2023/0001 – Scoping opinion request for a proposed anaerobic digester unit and ancillary development – **No objections from Chorley Council.**
- App.No. 23/00056/FUL – 31 Preston Road – Erection of 1no. horse walker and associated gravel hardstanding – **PERMITTED.**
- App.No. 29 Springfield Road – Erection of outbuilding in rear garden to provide residential living space and home working (retrospective) – **REFUSED.**

9.4 Story Homes – Public Consultation on proposed residential development at Blainscough Lane – Feedback required by 18 August 2023 (sent by separate email to Parish Councillors). **Noted.**

10. HIGHWAYS – None.

11. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION

11.1 Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities – Anti-social behaviour Action Plan (sent by separate email to Parish Councillors)

11.2 Anti-Social Behaviour, Community Pay Back (sent by separate email to Parish Councillors)

The above matters were discussed and noted.

11.2 MPCT– Military Preparation College for Training - Military Academy, Lancaster House, Devonshire Road, Chorley. Carolyn Tasker, the Business Development Officer, would like to address the Parish Council at the next meeting in regard to the Academy – this was agreed. In the meantime, if anyone would like to visit, there is an open day on Wednesday 30 August, 10am to 2pm. To book your place call 03301113939 or visit: mpct.co.uk.

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12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION

Cllr. Berry reported that The Enterprise Centre is applying for planning permission (including listed building consent) for opening up two floors, a lift and various other measures. The car park is also to be remodelled. This is being considered by Chorley Planning next Tuesday. There are still complaints being received in regard to noise and parking.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

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Councillor Michael Atherton
Parish Council Chairman

