



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 08 NOVEMBER 2023 - 7.00 P.M.
MEETING ROOM, SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE
CENTRE, SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

One minute silence held in respect of Remembrance Day

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), Marjorie Parkinson (Vice-Chair), Phil Armstrong, Julia Berry, Pauline Cobham, Neil Coggins, Jan Colecliffe, Matthew Crook, Chris Kay, Ken McCrea, Maggie Peel- Impey, Susan Edwards (Clerk)

1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Parish Councillors Lynne Moores (another commitment), Sheila Makin (holiday), Tom Robinson (holiday), Paul Taylor (working) - apologies accepted

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL / PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS (Members of the Parish Council are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or prejudicial 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 – None.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 11 OCTOBER 2023 (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor M. Parkinson

SECONDED: Councillor C. Kay

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 September 2023 the crime levels overview is up slightly at 7.4%. The statistics were:

- 11 Violence and sexual offences
- 12 Anti-social behaviour
- 2 Criminal damage and arson
- 2 Vehicle crime.

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

- Chapel Way – work to grounds and two Holly trees. Had a productive meeting with Chorley Council (Street Scene) in respect to emergency issues in regard to trees and open spaces in the village. The work required to the Holly tree is being looked at today. Filling in a hedge on the open space at the Brookfield development with free trees from the Chorley Tree Giveaway in November. The estate has now been adopted by LCC using the Public Realm agreement. This is not usually the case, but Chorley Council are not tasked to look after the estate. There are concerns over parking. An audit of the neighbourhood is to take place to see what can be done.
- Time Credits – to be discussed again at a later date.
- Request for bus shelter on Chapel Lane. Proposal to move the bus shelter in front of the Printers Arms (redundant now) further up Chapel Lane for the school children. There is a bench there, but no shelter. LCC is not taking responsibility for redundant shelters anymore. Need a price for this. The cleaning of all the shelters also needs looking into.
- Been tasked by Chorley Council to look into getting the buses back for Chapel Lane and Coppull Hall Lane (Old Parish).
- Bollards on Clancutt Lane – no further developments. LCC will not remove the bollards and will not maintain any trees/bushes if planted.
- The Landings development – site visit with LCC. Miller Homes do not own the land at the mill. The current mill owners own most of the surrounding land. The development has not been adopted and the developers should pay for this.
- Blainscough development – LCC Highways have an agreement in principle for this development of 123 houses at the back of Grange Drive/Manor Way, but there are still matters to be sorted, i.e. garages not big enough to take a car; 3 public footpaths would not join up; no room for the large bin wagons to turn around in the cul-de-sacs. The development will most likely be refused on these grounds by Chorley Council.
- Love Clean Streets App – everyone encouraged to download this app and report concerns “on the go”.
- Coppull Library – the lighting has been looked at and repaired as necessary, although some are still dim.
- Winter Warmers – funding available for people offering a warm space – the British Legion may be taking this up, possibly for Band Practice.



If the Leisure Centre is interested they will need to register. Information should be sent out shortly.

- The Police are re-advertising for a Community Beat Manager.

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 – August, September, October (deferred from last meeting until checked by Cllr. Makin). Queries from Cllr Makin were circulated to all Parish Councillors, with the response from the Clerk. Cllr Makin agreed with the responses and therefore it was **RESOLVED** that the accounts be approved as a correct record.
- 7.2 Precept/Budget for 2024/25. A first draft budget had been formulated by the budget committee and it was **RESOLVED** that the precept/budget be set at £135,700.00 (awaiting the request from Chorley Council).
- 7.3 CIL Funding. A lengthy discussion took place on what CIL funding is remaining to finish off the village hall. Unfortunately, there is no money available for the work to the grounds of the hall in the current budget 2022/23. Once the building itself has been completed, the vat aspect on the build can be claimed back and the ground works could possibly be financed then out of reserves. The next amount of CIL funding is due on 28 April 2024.
- 7.4 Four/five year Management Plan – request from a young person regarding renovating the Leisure Park – mainly the shelter and MUGA (email forwarded separately to Parish Councillors). As the young person concerned has not replied to a response regarding his request, it was **RESOLVED** to consider this, together with the Management Plan, in May next year, after further CIL funding has been received.
- 7.5 Remembrance Day Service/Parade. The Parish Council has now to be the organiser of this event, but the Clerk has been unable to contact the Police representative concerned. Therefore, a risk assessment to be undertaken with representatives of the Parish Council marshalling the event. The insurance company also to be contacted to ensure that this can be covered. The food has already been ordered by the RBL from The Delicatessen in Coppull. All this will be the responsibility of the Parish Council in future. The RBL will still arrange all the wreaths and protocol with the Church. All costs have not yet been ascertained. To discuss again at the next meeting.
- 7.6 Christmas Lights – switch on update. Members of the Parish Council



are currently erecting all the Christmas lights ready for the switch on date of Sunday 26 November 2023.

- 7.7 Newsletter – delivery of the next newsletter. It was **RESOLVED** that members of the Parish Council would deliver the next newsletter, as the current provider and a possible new provider, could not deliver in plenty of time prior to the Snowman Festival and Christmas lights switch on. A list of areas for all Parish Councillors to be emailed.
- 7.8 Survey and valuation of Leisure Centre (deferred from the last meeting). The Clerk to put all the recommendations onto a spreadsheet for discussion at the next meeting.
- 7.9 New Village Hall update (MC/KMcC). This is now coming along, but it was felt that it would not be ready in time for the nursery to open in January. An email had been received from the Nursery owner who could open in April or Sept. The Clerk to contact and discuss. Report back at the next meeting.
- 7.10 Neighbourhood Plan update (KMcC). The consultant has now been shown around the village and came back with a lot of questions and requiring maps. He appears extremely efficient and knowledgeable and it is hoped that the draft plan will be ready to submit to Chorley Council by the end of March 2024.

Councillor Colecliffe left the meeting at 7.50 pm-work commitments.

- 7.11 Library grass cutting (MA) – proposal for the Parish Council to take over - cost and area required before LCC can make a decision. As the winter months are now here and the last cut by LCC was much improved, it was **RESOLVED** not to proceed with this matter.
- 7.12 Crowdfund – suggestions for funding (JB) – (deferred from the last meeting). A project needs to be identified before an application can be put in, with costs, dates, etc. If you have any ideas, please inform the Clerk.
- 7.13 Play Area Reports update – new report dated 20.10.23. The repairs required are being done as and when possible. The main concern is the tower, new beams required, deemed as dangerous. It has been previously agreed to purchase the beams and a way to have them fitted is being looked into. The bark has been filled up recently, but it is still being listed as needing topping up, as it is compressed. The Lengthsman to be asked to look into this, but it was **RESOLVED** not to purchase any more until after the winter.
- 7.14 Professional Local Councils Project - Associations of Local Councils (sent by separate email). This is some new training brought about through a project by LCC and LALC, in conjunction with the Parish



Charter. The information also explains the benefits of being a member of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils/The National Association of Local Councils. **Noted.**

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)

- Lamppost poppies – RBL 10 @ £49.00 for ten
- Lamppost poppies – British Legion Club – price to be confirmed
- Remembrance Day Stickers for the Leisure Centre £22.00
- Snowman for Festival £25.00
- Snowman backdrop for window at Leisure Centre £10.99

The Parish Council **RATIFIED** the above expenditure, except for the British Legion poppies – price yet to be confirmed.

9. PLANNING (NC – delegated to make planning recommendations on behalf of the Parish Council) Recommendations received from Cllr Coggins and **RATIFIED** by the Parish Council.

9.1 Applications:

- App.No. 23/00860/FUL – 31 Preston Road – Single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing porch and utility). The extension is 15 metres away from neighbouring properties, so there is no overshadowing or loss of amenity and does not represent over development. **RESOLVED** – to **SUPPORT** this application.
- App.No. 23/00828/CLPUD – 73 Longworth Avenue – Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed hip to gable extension, rear dormer and new front porch. There are no concerns in regard to the porch. The dormer is located on the same side as the semi-detached property and will overlook the neighbouring property. To date, there have been no complaints from neighbours. **RESOLVED** – to remain **NEUTRAL**.
- App.No. 23/00843/TPO – 53 Pear Tree Avenue – Application for work to a protected tree (TPO1 2008) – Crown raise to 4 metres above ground level, lateral reduction of branches growing to the south by 2 metres and removal of one limb growing to the north. The work proposed will not harm the tree, therefore, it was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** this application.

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. 23/00925/FULHH – 44 Oakwood Road – Detached garage to rear of property, 1.8 m high garden fence to front and side boundary and new parking area to front. This is a substantial detached garage

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with new parking and hard-standing. It represents 54 sq. metres, large enough for four cars. The entrance to the garage is a little bit tight. **RESOLVED** – to remain **NEUTRAL**.

9.3 **Decisions:** None

10. HIGHWAYS – None.

11. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION

11.1 Request by the Methodist Church for donation towards the Christmas tree (£50 paid last year and year before). **RESOLVED** – to award £50.00.

11.2 Request for donation towards a public defibrillator at the Printers Arms. Funding is also being raised through a “Non-Calendar Boy” Calendar. **RESOLVED** – to award £250.00.

11.3 Councils Team-Zero Hour – Request to support the Climate and Ecology Bill (deferred from the last meeting – sent previously by separate email). Noted – NFA.

11.4 Planning for the Future of Wigan Borough to 2040 – the Wigan Borough Local Plan consultation from Tuesday 24 October to Monday 18 December 2023 – information in regard to Standish (sent by separate email). There is a workshop at Standish Community Centre on Thursday 16 November. Places need to be registered first.

11.5 Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan- Modifications Consultation 2023 - Includes Wigan (sent by separate email). The responses to questions, issues and action points are available at: <http://www.hwa.uk.com/projects/gmca/>. Noted.

11.6 White Ribbon Day (sent by separate email). Request for male councillors to make a short video supporting the story to end violence against women and girls. Noted.

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION

12.1 Singing Mamas Group (sent by separate email). This group is a space for women, with or without children, to pause, reflect and sing. No experience needed. At the moment the groups are held in Hoghton, Croston and Chorley. Coppull residents welcome.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20 p.m.

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



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