



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2024 - 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, Pauline Cobham, Neil Coggins, Matthew Crook, Chris Kay, Ken McCrea, Tom Robinson and Susan Edwards (Clerk)

1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Parish Councillors Sheila Makin, Jan Colecliffe (unwell), Lynne Moores (unwell), Maggie Peel-Impey (unwell), Paul Taylor (holiday) – 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) – Councillor Coggins declared a personal interest in item 9 - App.No. 24/00116/DIS – Land 120m South West of 21 Lower Burgh Way

2.1 DECLARATION OF GIFTS – None.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 14 FEBRUARY 2024 (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 January 2024 the crime levels overview was down from 8.3% to 7.7%. The statistics were:

- 14 Violence and sexual offences (down from 16)
- 08 Anti-social behaviour (up from 4)

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IN COLLABORATION WITH SLECC, NALC, OVV, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS



- 02 Criminal damage and arson (down from 6)
- 02 Burglary – (down from 3)

5. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr Berry gave an update on the following:

- The Landings estate, adoption by LCC, the bridlepath along the side of the railway lines and the mill pond.
- Planning Developments in the village, Blainscough and Darlington Street, and the implication these will have in the village.
- Neighbourhood Priorities – improvements to the terraced houses in the village, funding for electric charging points, discussions regarding the feasibility of a railway station – nothing confirmed yet.
- Anti-social behaviour and the need for people to report to the Police.

6. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – a resident addressed the council on the speed of traffic on Preston Road, from the mini-roundabout at the junction with Spendmore Lane going towards Standish and also Charnock Richard. The resident has lived there since June and has had his parked car wrote off. Drivers are constantly exceeding the speed limit, which ranges from 30 to 40 in places. The resident felt that there are not enough speed indicators, no repeaters of the speed limit signs, and the area would benefit from speed cameras.

Councillor Berry informed the resident of the measures LCC are looking into for this part of the A49. Temporary signs are to be put up between April and June to remind drivers of the speed limit and then again in Oct to December.

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

7. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

7.1 General Power of Competence awarded (information sent with agenda to Parish Councillors). The Parish Council has now achieved the General Power of Competence. The certificate from the awarding body, Ascentis, will be forwarded in two/three months. This gives the council the power to do anything that individuals generally may do, as long as they do not break other laws. It is the power of first resort. The Government's intention in providing parish councils with this power is to better enable them to take on their enhanced role and allow them to do the things they have previously been unable to do under their existing powers. The idea being that councils will use this power to work with others to provide cost-effective services and facilities in new ways to meet the needs of local communities.

7.2 Annual meeting of residents on 24 April 2024. It was **RESOLVED** to advertise this meeting more, by putting notices in the Library, on the

website and notice boards as usual, but also putting on Facebook and in local shops.

- 7.3 Survey and valuation of Leisure Centre – some of the work required at A1 Fitness (sent with agenda to Parish Councillors). The site visit has not yet taken place, but the proprietor had sent in a list of what she thought was needed. It was **RESOLVED** that any emergency work involving fire regulations, etc., would be sorted out immediately and anything not urgent will be dealt with in the new financial year.
- 7.4 Damage to barrier at the Leisure Centre – awaiting quotes for repair or new. To put on the next agenda when the quotes have been received. Hoping to claim this off insurance.
- 7.5 New Village Hall update (MC/KMcC) – costs for hiring to be decided – to be discussed again at the next meeting. There has not been much activity lately, partly due to the weather, but it was agreed that the builder be pushed now to complete the build. The Clerk had contacted planning and there are a number of things required from the builder prior to inspection. The Planning Officer will contact the builder directly.
- The invoice for painting the woodwork, skirtings and doors, etc., has been received. As previously agreed the cost is £3,000, but there was an additional cost of £750 due to the extra work involved in having glass in the door, making the total £3,750.00 plus vat. **RESOLVED** that the invoice be paid.
- 7.6 Neighbourhood Plan update (KMCC) – Additional funding may be required after March to complete the plan which is now near fruition. The Consultant will be paid before the end of March as previously agreed.
- 7.7 Picnic in the Park update and 80th Anniversary of D-Day (Clerk) – request from virgin\02 to attend the event to inform residents of what will be happening in Coppull. It was agreed that they could have a stall and the Clerk to look into sponsorship, which they had previously mentioned.
- 7.8 Jubilee Garden – reduction in tree height due to blocked telecom Signals. There were no objections to these trees being reduced in height by the company concerned.

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).

- Hazard tape x 4 - £24.68 inc.vat

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- Wet Pour kit to repair hole in Tansley Avenue play area - £220.80 inc.vat
- Baby swing for the Leisure Centre – £135.40 inc.vat
- Play bark for Leisure park and sand (£703.00 plus vat for 3 tonnes of play bark and 1 tonne of sand) Not yet ordered the bark for Byron Crescent Play Area
- Robinson & Douglas – number plate for gardener’s trailer - £15.00 inc.vat
- Pole Green Nurseries – Rose and feed - £21.48 inc.vat

Members present **RATIFIED** all the above expenditure.

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. 24/00138/DIS, 24/00139/DIS and 24/00131/DIS – Land Adjacent Blainscough Hall – Application to discharge conditions. There is no cause to object, it appears to conform to Central Government and Local Plan legislation. The Parish Council has noticed that there are no "textured crossings" or traffic control included in these applications, which is essential especially due to the close proximity to the primary school. **RESOLVED** to ask Chorley Council if it would be possible to provide these out of the Community Infrastructure Levy which Chorley Council receives.
- App.No. 24/00097/FULHH – 46 Coppull Moor Lane – Two storey side extension, rear dormer extension, adaptation of the roof from hip to gable, replacement front dormer, adaption to the front garden wall and gates following demolition of the existing garage. There is no significant increase to the footprint and the application meets the minimum required standard for parking provision. There is no loss of privacy or over shadowing. **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council support this application.
- App.No. 24/00079/FULHH – 57 Mavis Drive – Part single storey, part two storey rear extension. There is no loss of privacy or loss of amenity for the neighbours. Therefore, the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to support this application.
- App.No. 24/00116/DIS – Land 120m South West of 21 Lower Burgh Way – Application to discharge condition. Cllr Coggins declared a personal interest. **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council support this application.
- App.No. 24/00169/FULHH – 7 Chapel Way – Conversion of integral garage to habitable accommodation. Three parking spaces are

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- needed to meet the parking standard in the local plan. The loss of the garage reduces this to two and as the house is on a bed, street parking is not acceptable. **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council object due to the inability of the application to meet the standards required by the local plan.
- App.No. 24/00172/NOT – 39 Netherley Road and App.No. 24/00176/NOT – 28 Birchwood Drive – Notification of intention to install 1no. 9m high wooden pole for the provision of fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus. Already **approved**.
- App.No. 24/00085/CLPUD – 155 Longfield Avenue – Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the running of an Indian Cuisine company, with delivery only, from the property. No consumption on the premises. Although the Parish Council has no objection to the applicants running an Indian Cuisine company with delivery only from the property, concerns were expressed in regarding to parking when the deliveries are being collected. **RESOLVED** to remain **NEUTRAL**, but to express concerns as above.

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

9.3 **Decisions:**

- App.No. 23/01090/FULHH – 151 Preston Road – Erection of timber summerhouse / shed (retrospective) – **REFUSED**.
- App.No. 24/00007/FULHH – 7 Chapel Way – Single storey rear extension (retrospective) – **GRANTED**.

10. HIGHWAYS – None.

11. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION – None.

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION

As there was a confidential item to informally discuss, which had just been brought to the attention of the Parish Council, members of the public were asked to leave the meeting. This is in regard to an injury/insurance claim.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.

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Councillor Michael Atherton
Parish Council Chairman

