



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 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), Julia Berry, Pauline Cobham, Jan Colecliffe, Chris Kay, Sheila Makin, Ken McCrea, Lynne Moores, Maggie Peel-Impey, Tom Robinson and Susan Edwards (Clerk)

1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Parish Councillors Phil Armstrong (holiday), Neil Coggins, (another commitment), Matthew Crook (another commitment, 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 10 JANUARY 2024 (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor M. Peel-Impey

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 – no report available. In December 2023 the crime levels overview is up from 7.1% to 8.3%. The statistics were:

- 16 Violence and sexual offences (up from 11)
- 04 Anti-social behaviour (down from 10)
- 06 Criminal damage and arson (up from 4)
- 03 Burglary – up from 1 other theft

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IN COLLABORATION WITH SLCC, NALC, OVV, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS



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

- PCSO Julie Belshaw is aspiring to hold a monthly meeting in the Library, but these need to be advertised more.
- Road works are taking place on Pall Mall, Coppull New Road and on the bypass, which will cause disruption. Residents and Councillors are advised to use the Love Clean Streets app.
- Anti-social parking close to junctions and on pavements, with vans blocking pavements stopping access for mobility scooters and prams.
- Residents and local primary schools have concerns about the construction sites from new developments in the village, Darlington Street, The Grange and off Lower Burgh Lane.
- Children on bikes need education in school around road safety, including helmets, lights and luminous clothing.
- LCC did an audit over 12 months ago, but the trees on New Road need looking at, they are leaning and have dried out from the dry summer. There is also broken fencing down parts of new road and crash barriers broken. The pavements need the moss, growth, etc., clearing back to reveal the stone walls.
- Cllr Berry declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Library. They have received significant grants from Jigsaw Homes for activities. Volunteers are needed. Time credits to be considered, they are being re-launched.
- A site visit to take place next week with LCC, the owners of Coppull Mill and the developers. The developers have to put the estate forward for adoption, not the owner of the land. Parking, speed of traffic and road safety are concerns to be raised. The owner of the mill is going to get the car park re-done.
- LCC has so far been unable to recruit a lollipop man/lady for the crossing near the Library.
- The bus service has changed from Arriva to the Bees Network and a bus service around Coppull is being looked into. Looking into getting the bus shelters cleaned.

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 – October, November & December (forwarded again to Parish Councillors with the agenda after checks from Cllr Makin). Cllr Makin has reviewed the accounts and all is in order. Members and the Clerk thanked Cllr Makin and it was **RESOLVED** that the accounts be accepted as a correct record.
- 7.2 Society of Local Council Clerks – Membership fee £288.00. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the membership fee be paid
- 7.3 Quote to value the new Village Hall and commercial rent. It was **RESOLVED** that the quote of £2.50 per £1000, subject to a minimum of £500 plus VAT, plus disbursements, be accepted as it is necessary for the insurance of the hall.
- It was further **RESOLVED** not to proceed with the valuation of the hall for commercial purposes at this moment in time.
- 7.4 Meeting to discuss the Survey and valuation of Leisure Centre (informal report sent to Parish Councillors). It was agreed that a site meeting should take place at A1 Fitness, as that part of the building was deemed in poor condition, with the Leisure Centre in fair to poor condition. A quote to be obtained for repairs to the roof, which is deemed to be the most urgent.
- 7.5 Damage to barrier at the Leisure Centre. The barrier has been damaged as it blew into the side of Chorley Council's refuse truck. Chorley Council has referred it to insurance and the Parish Council has to refer to its own insurance company. A quote to be obtained for repair and replacement before this can be taken any further.
- 7.6 New Village Hall update (MC/KMcC) – Review of Hiring Agreement & Charges (forwarded to Parish Councillors with the agenda). Councillor Berry declared a non-pecuniary interest as she is involved with Coppull County Nursery and asked if the nursery had a business plan. This year, there is a low birth rate and concern was expressed that if the nursery comes back into the hall, it may not be able to succeed as there are now numerous nurseries in Coppull. However, if the nursery does open, it will be a day nursery, taking in babies, and not pre-school and the proprietor already has another nursery so has experience.
- 7.7 Neighbourhood Plan update (KMcC). The group is now on draft version no. 6 and there is still a lot of data to go in the plan. However, it is hoped that the plan will be finished by the end of May.
- 7.8 Picnic in the Park update and 80th Anniversary of D-Day (Clerk). The

Anniversary of D-Day is on Thursday 6 June and this is being marked by the British Legion in conjunction with St. John's Church. A service is to take place at 8.45pm at the war memorial at 8.45 until 9.30pm. A beacon will be lit at 9.15pm all around the nation. Schools are getting involved and all members of the community are welcome to attend.

7.9 Newsletter update. A draft of the newsletter was circulated. It has just gone for printing and should be delivered around the end of February/ beginning of March.

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) Recommendations received from Cllr Coggins and **RATIFIED** by the Parish Council.

9.1 Applications:

- App.No. 24/00007/FULHH – 7 Chapel Way – Single storey rear extension (deferred from the last PC meeting). This is an application for a straightforward rear extension to a detached dwelling. The proposed extension does not represent any loss of amenity or privacy for the neighbouring properties. There is no overshadowing, and the proposed development is not excessive - it is very nearly within the definition of permitted development, for which no application would be required at all. Whilst the proposed roof detailing is unusual (a simple hip roof design is atypical for extensions), I do not see this as a matter for objection to the planning application. **RESOLVED** – to support this application.
- App.No. 24/00044/FUL – Blainscough Works, Blainscough Lane – Section 73 application to remove condition 11 (BREEAM standard) of planning permission 21/01017/FUL (Industrial development comprising 17 no. 'start up' units. This is an application to remove the condition for BREEAM certification from the already-granted planning permission. The applicant is making the argument that the "startup units" are expected to be largely unheated. However, the BREEAM assessment appears to be pertinent unless a space is "unoccupied", *not* "unheated". This is, however, a distinction for the Planning Authority to assess. **RESOLVED** – that the Parish Council remain neutral with regard to this application.
- App.No. 24/00072/FULHH – 83 Claytongate – Use of rear flat roof as a balcony with privacy screens of 1.1m to 1.8m in height (retrospective). This application is a subtle revision of 23/00031/FULHH which was already objected to by the Parish Council

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and subsequently refused by the Planning Authority. The changes amount to:

1. The 1.8m high part of the balcony privacy screen at the rear of the property is to be extended from 5m to 6m in width, reducing the lower 1.1m high part commensurately.
2. The depth of the rear balcony to be reduced by approximately 600mm (effectively removing the overhang from the accessible area of the balcony).

However, this does not sufficiently mitigate the overlooking / loss of privacy caused by the balcony to justify a change of the Council's position. Neighbouring properties (in particular nos. 17 & 27 Roe Hey Drive) would still suffer a measurable loss of privacy in their rear gardens. **RESOLVED** - that the Council **OBJECT** to this application due to the loss of privacy and amenity in neighbouring properties.

- 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. 24/00035/FULHH - 187 Coppull Moor Lane – Erection of an oak gazebo. This is an application to erect a large (6x4m) gazebo at the bottom of the rear garden of the aforementioned address. The only reason that planning consent is required at all is because of the specific siting of the gazebo (it is within 2m of a boundary line). Given the proposed structure is of timber construction and is lower than the maximum allowed by permitted development, it does not represent any loss of amenity, or causes any overshadowing for the neighbouring properties. **RESOLVED** - that the Council **SUPPORT** this application.

Councillor Berry asked that a representative of the Parish Council attend the planning committee meetings when applications for Coppull are being discussed, to give support when needed.

9.3 **Decisions:**

- App.No. 23/00843/TPO – 53 Pear Tree Avenue – Application for works to a protected tree – **GRANTED.**
- App.No. 23/00958/CLPUD – 13 Meadow Way – Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the use of a dwelling house as a children's home – **GRANTED.**
- App.No. 23/00925/FULHH – 44 Oakwood Road – Detached garage to rear of property, 1.8m high garden fence to front and side boundary

and new parking area to front – **REFUSED.**

- App.No. 23/01096/clpud – 3 Mountain Road – Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the use of a dwelling as a children’s care home – **GRANTED.**
- App.No. 23/01077/PAR – Coppull Old Hall Farm – Agricultural determination for the erection of a concrete slurry tower – **REFUSED.**
- App.No. 23/01047/FUL – Chisnall Hall Farm, Chisnall Avenue, Wrightington (on the border with Coppull) – Conversion of part of farm outbuilding to self-contained residential annexe – **GRANTED.**
- App.No. 23/01048/LBC – Chisnall Hall Farm, Chisnall Avenue, Wrightington – Application for listed building consent for the conversion of part of farm outbuilding to self-contained residential annexe – **GRANTED.**

10. HIGHWAYS – None.

11. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 11.1 Chorley Council – Police Invitation – Personal Security Briefings (sent by separate email to Parish Councillors). The briefings are being held on Microsoft teams for elected representatives and will be taking place monthly in February, March and April and then bi-monthly during June, August, October and December. A list of dates was emailed to all councillors with a link to book on.
- 11.2 North & Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce – Low carbon programme – energy & environment audit (sent by separate email to Parish Councillors). The Clerk to obtain further information and ascertain if this is the same that the Leisure Centre applied for, but were not successful.
- 11.3 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition – updated criteria to include biodiversity and nature conservation; waste reduction and recycling. Noted.

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION

- 12.1 Lancashire Partnership Against Crime - Business Crime Conference Invitation (sent by separate email to Parish Councillors). Noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 pm.

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Councillor Michael Atherton
Parish Council Chairman



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