

# COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES

**MEETING: ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2024 AT 7PM  
MEETING ROOM, SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE CENTRE,  
SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

**1. PRESENT:** Councillors M. Atherton (Chair), M. Parkinson (Vice-Chair), P. Armstrong, J. Berry, P. Cobham, J. Colecliffe, C. Kay, K. McCrea, L. Moores, M. Peel-Impey, S. Edwards (Clerk) and five residents – Mrs Hilda Jones, Mrs Jean Tickle, Mr Richard Toon and two others

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor S. Makin (another commitment), T. Robinson (holiday)

**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** – None.

**3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 27 APRIL 2023** – Approved in Draft form at the Annual PC meeting in May 2023 (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor L. Moore

SECONDED: Councillor P. Cobham

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the above meeting be approved as a correct record.

**4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024** (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors – still subject to audit)

The Financial Statement for 2023/2024 was presented at the meeting. This will also be discussed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 08 May 2024, in conjunction with the audit statements.



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- 5. ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023/2024** (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors). The Annual Report was presented and will be put on the website as soon as possible.
- 6. CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW 2023/2024**(emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors). The Chairman's overview of the Parish Council year was presented and will be put on the website as soon as possible.
- 7. COUNCILLOR'S ATTENDANCE RECORD 2023/2024**(emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors). A record of Councillors' attendance over the last year was presented and will be placed in the notice boards as previously agreed and on the website.

## **8. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

- Cllr Berry:

Money for the railway station is not an issue, this could come from the government's levelling up fund. It is in the local plan, as stated in the annual report, and a three borough study is being done for the central Lancashire Plan.

Thanks go to Mary Russell for the Snowman Festival and Chorley Buddies for the Good Food Club. The club helps to prevent food waste and some families would struggle more without this service.

There is an outreach worker for the young people in Coppull. A food van visits the Leisure Centre site during the week. There are families in Coppull who are struggling with the cost of living and some children do not get the food they need.

Social isolation is a concern in Coppull and transport is an issue. The Dial a Ride service has limited vehicles and drivers are volunteers. There is a need for a mini bus and a train station would be a bonus, plus reinstating the bus route through the old parish side of the village.

- Cllr Moores:

Thanked the Parish Council for putting on events and putting something back into the community, who are becoming more involved in the place where we live.

The Library is doing a brilliant job with lots of activities/talks being held each month and a gardening club in the summer.



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A better bus service is needed, but you can't get an electric wheelchair on a bus, as there is not the room to turn it round. A railway station would help all users.

The Good Food Club is extremely well attended and a lot of families would not cope without it.

- Mr Richard Toon:

Thanked the Chairman and the Parish Council for everything they do. The local bus services should be used, they are relatively cheap and easy to use, but services need extending to cater for more users. It would be advantageous if the local papers could advertise the bus services available.

Concerns expressed about a private nursery proposing to use the new Village Hall and also parking concerns. There will be three parking spaces at the front and a few more around the back. More than was previously there. The nursery will provide a community facility for the village, taking in babies, not just pre-school children.

Community Infrastructure Levy. When the Neighbourhood Plan is complete, the PC will receive 25% of this levy, at the moment it is 15%. Mr Toon asked that the following be considered when the next lot of funding is received:

- A footpath at the end of Clancutt Lane (near the junction with Clancutt Lane);
- A cycle path between Coppull and Southlands High School – Cllr Berry would like to take this up as well.
- A meeting with Standish in regard to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Two requests have been received from residents after it was put in the last newsletter. The Parish Council will be considering all suggestions when the next portion of CIL funding is received.

- Mrs Hilda Jones

Asked about funding and a youth club for the young people of Coppull. The fund of £1,000 received from Chorley Council and distributed through the Parish Council was a summer fund and has now been spent. The previous Youth Club was run by Lancashire County Council.



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- Mrs Jean Tickle:

As Secretary for the Neighbourhood Plan Group, she stated that the plan is now on draft version 9. There is another financial commitment which will be discussed by the full steering Group members, then brought to the Parish Council for consideration. She hoped that the PC would favourably consider the finances, as a great amount of work has gone into getting the plan to this stage. Mr Toon thanked Mrs Tickle for keeping the plan going and the Chairman also thanked her for her valuable work, along with members of the committee, and stated that he felt the PC would support the group in bringing the plan to fruition.

Thanks go to the PC for taking the Picnic in the Park event further by becoming an annual event. This is very important for the community. The children's activities are free, making this a relatively free day for families, which is especially welcome during the cost of living crisis. Residents are very appreciative of the council putting this event on each year.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 pm.

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Councillor Michael Atherton

