



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2018 - 7.00 P.M.
SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE CENTRE,
SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

PRESENT: Parish Councillors M. Atherton (Chair), N. Ball (Vice-Chair), P. Cobham, N. Coggins, D. Cole, J. Colecliffe, P. Eastham, S. Holgate, E. Jones, S. Makin, M. Parkinson, M. Peel-Impey - S. Edwards (Clerk) – Chorley Councillors J. Fitzsimons and A. Whittaker – County Councillor J. Berry

1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors M. Crook (another commitment), P. Taylor (holiday) and Chorley Councillor R. Toon (another 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)

- Councillor Eastham – Item 8.5 – Allotments.

2.1 DECLARATION OF GIFTS – None.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 13 DECEMBER 2017 (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor P. Cobham

SECONDED: Councillor M. Peel-Impey

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

THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

4. POLICE REPORT – A written report has been sent in and this was circulated to members present and emailed to all Parish Councillors.

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

- Green Lane has had the gullies cleared and tree roots taken out.



- Trying to get a speed reduction now at the bottom end of Jolly Tar Lane.
- Residents have been asking about the subway being opened when the road closure under the bridge takes place. Parish Councillors who were in office when the closure took place stated categorically that this would not be opened and outlined some of the problems that occurred to make the closure in the first place. Cllr Berry felt that anti-social behaviour should be addressed, not closed off. She is to arrange an action plan with Chorley Council in regard to the anti-social behaviour which has been taking place recently.
- Councillor Peel-Impey reported that the Clancutt Lane/Spendmore Lane roundabout is very dangerous, with cars coming down Spendmore Lane and indicating left, although they are going straight on. It was felt that Clancutt Lane was not clearly signposted. Residents are considering setting up a petition. Cllr Berry will look into this.
- Cllr Berry asked that any future highway concerns be forwarded to Cllr Keith Iddon, Cabinet Member, instead of Highways, and a copy to herself.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

6.1 Councillor Whittaker reported on the following:

- At the Southern Parishes meeting which Cllrs Holgate, Fitzsimons and Berry attended, it was agreed to put forward the schemes for the footpath on Clancutt Lane and a community garden on the Poet's Estate.
- Council tax is put by 3%. A six screen cinema has been agreed for Chorley town centre. There is no telephone number to sign up for a garden waste bin, only an email. Chorley Council to be asked to try and do something about this and it was also suggested that the number be put in the summer newsletter.
- The General Data Protection Act – Cllr Whittaker is asking Chorley Council to put on a training day for Parish Clerks.
- Grange Drive has now been adopted. There is still a problem with traffic coming out of the road and turning right, due to bad visibility. A reflective mirror across the road is being considered.

6.2 Councillor Fitzsimons reported on the following:

- A flier has gone out in regard to a planting day on Saturday 17 March, on the corner of Dickens Road on the Poets Estates from 10 am – 12.30 pm. This is to be a community orchard with the planting of fruit trees and making a willow den and a bug hut. £6000 is being invested into this in conjunction



with Adactus, Chorley Council and Lancashire County Council. There will be various workshops throughout the year, events and consultation with residents. It is hoped that they will then take ownership of it and continue with it.

- The Longfield Estate houses are in poor condition and Councillors and Adactus met to discuss the first phase of investment into improvements, which will be completed by March this year and the next phase over the following two years. This will include new roofing and fencing to define boundaries. All residents have been consulted. Cllr Ball stated that it did not seem very long since the fencing had been done.

Cllr Peel-Impey remarked that the gardens are in a really bad condition. They are full of rubbish and mattresses, etc, and asked if Adactus could make them, or help them get the rubbish removed. A skip day was held on the Poets Estate which was organised by Chorley Council, who cannot enter premises to remove rubbish. If Adactus arrange the skip day, they can go into the properties to help get rubbish removed.

- The poor condition of the backs on Byron Crescent will be tarmaced in the next financial year.
- South Road is also being closed for electrical work and a question has arisen about how the bins will be emptied during this time, as it could be up to a month. Chorley Council will be sorting something out.
- Bridge Farm. A licence application had been received from the Traffic Commissioner to move a building company to Bridge Farm. Residents had placed complaints and it was then realised that no planning permission had been granted for change of use. The application was subsequently withdrawn. Therefore an application has been received for change of use.

- 6.3 Councillor R. Toon had reported to the Clerk that he was lobbying for the Post Office to reopen (this has now happened) and had also proposed a joint scheme in regard to the footpath on Clancutt Lane.

7. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – None.

THE CHAIRMAN REIMPOSED STANDING ORDERS

8. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

- 8.1 Accounts (to be emailed to Parish Councillors). The accounts are up to the end of February. End of year accounts will be presented at the next meeting and Councillor Makin will undertake an end of year check. The Financial Statement will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.



- 8.2 General Data Protection Regulation information. Cllr Whittaker is asking Chorley Council for a training day for Parish Clerks. A private company had offered their services for £150.00 per year. It was agreed to wait until Chorley Council responds before appointing an outside company.
- 8.3 Lengthsmen's Time Sheets. It was agreed to do away with the time sheets, which is now just a paper exercise, and just ask the Lengthsmen to inform the Clerk if there is any work on their sheets which they cannot do, or if there is a problem area.
- 8.4 Report by Parish/County Councillor S. Holgate. Cllr Holgate had attended the Southern Parishes meeting and reiterated what Cllrs Fitzsimons and Whittaker had said.
- 8.5 Allotments Update (PE). Councillor Eastham reported that there are no problems, everything is very quiet at the moment.
- 8.6 Clancutt Lane Footway – awaiting information from Chorley Council.
- 8.7 Heritage Footpath Sign - £65.00. It was agreed to go ahead with this sign and to consider purchasing other signs in the future.
- 8.8 Trees at Village Hall – appeal to prune the tops of the trees – £160.00. Although initially felt that the pruning of the trees was not necessary, it was agreed by everyone to prune the tops of the trees.
- 8.9 Provision of dog bags in the village. It was agreed to trial the idea of a plastic bottle full of dog bags around the Leisure Park and the Ash Road ginnel, to see whether the bags are used or abused.
- 8.10 Utility Contracts. Two of the electricity contracts are due for renewal in September and a gas one in November, with the other gas not until 2020. It was agreed that the Clerk, Chairman and Vice-Chairman sort out the contracts.
- 8.11 Jubilee Garden. Funding has been received to make improvements to the garden and it was agreed to obtain a leaf design table and seats, which would fit in with keeping the garden as natural as possible. Replacement trees and bushes to be ordered.
- 8.12 Neighbourhood Priority for 2018/19 (Chorley Council Scheme). This was discussed at the last Neighbourhood Meeting at Chorley Council and it was agreed to put forward the footpath on the corner of Clancutt Lane and a community garden on the Poets Estate (Byron Crescent Estate).



8.13 Dog Fouling (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). Still a problem in various areas around the village, but when the stencil is received, hot spots will be sprayed and a trial of free bags will take place in the areas previously discussed.

8.14 Village Grot Spots (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). None noted at the present time.

9. DECISIONS MADE UNDER THE CLERK'S DELEGATED AUTHORITY

(After consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair)

- Removal of speed bumps at the Leisure Centre – this had been necessary as a lot of them had come loose and were causing a danger. The Chairman suggested that only one be made good, just as you come into the centre, as there was another tarmac one just before entering the car park. The cost would just be for new bolts as the tiles can be reused.
- Anti-virus protection for computer £14.29 – Cllr Coggins had attended to the Parish Council's computer when it had a fault recently and had suggested that an anti-virus package be obtained. Therefore, Norton Anti-Virus had been obtained and implemented.

10. PLANNING (N.Coggins)

10.1 **Planning Applications:** When putting in comments on line, the question asked is: Object/Support/Neutral - therefore, future applications to comment as above.

- App.No. 18/00118/FUL – Land between Wheatsheaf Hotel and 2 Chapel Lane, Coppull – Erection of one detached house – **Support** this application.
- App.No. 18/00147/CLEUD – Woodcocks of Coppull Bridge Farm, Coppull Moor Lane – Use of land for storage of caravans – No comments (**Neutral**) for this application.

10.2 **Planning Decisions:**

- App.No. 17/01195/FUL – Brock House, 58 Coppull Moor Lane – Section 73 application to vary condition 3 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 17/00786/FUL that was for the erection of a single detached dwelling house to increase the depth of the approved dwelling to the rear and add a larger dormer with Juliet balcony – **GRANTED.**
- App.No. 17/01199/FUL – 254 Spendmore Lane – Conversion of existing three bedroom terraced house into 2 no flats – **GRANTED.**
- App.No.16/01211/FULHH – 187 Coppull Moor Lane – Single storey front extension – **GRANTED.**



- App.No. 17/01193/FULHH – 7 Roe Hey Drive – Erection of two storey rear extension – **GRANTED.**

11. HIGHWAYS

- 11.1 Parking Enforcement Requests (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice) – **None.**

12. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION-DISCUSSION – None.

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION

- 13.1 Reminder of road closure from Lancaster Street junction to Regent Street junction from 08:00 on 26 March 2018 to 17:00 on 6 April 2018 for necessary utility works. Cllr Holgate informed that Chorley Council were looking into bus services whilst the road is closed.

- 13.2 Cllr Holgate asked that any 106 money which is received in future be prioritised for certain schemes. To be discussed again when any money is received.

THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.00 P.M.

Dates of next meetings:

WEDNESDAY 28.03.18: 7.00 pm MANAGEMENT & FINANCE

WEDNESDAY 11.04.18: 7.00 pm PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillor M. Atherton
Coppull Parish Council Chairman

