



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES



**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 2022 - 7.00 P.M.
COPPULL VILLAGE HALL, CHAPEL LANE, COPPULL**

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), Marjorie Parkinson (Vice-Chair), Pauline Cobham, Matthew Crook, Lynne Moores Susan Edwards (Clerk) and County Councillor Julia Berry

- 1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Parish Councillors Nora Ball (ill health), Neil Coggins (a prior commitment), Jan Colecliffe (working), Paul Eastham (ill health), Steve Holgate (a prior commitment), Maggie Peel-Impey (holiday), Elaine Jones (ill health), Sheila Makin (ill health), Paul Taylor, Ash Whittaker and District Councillors Alex Hilton and Ryan Towers

It was **RESOLVED** to give a dispensation to Cllr Nora Ball, who had missed six consecutive meetings of the Parish Council due to ill health – agreed unanimously.

- 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.**
2.2 DECLARATION OF GIFTS – None.

- 3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2022** (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor P. Cobham
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** – None available. Statistics for April are:
 - Anti-social behaviour 20.
 - Violence and sexual offences 11.
 - Criminal damage and arson 8.
 - Other theft 3.

March and April this year have seen a slight rise in crime. All this information can be found on the Police website:

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

- Speeding reports on Chapel Lane, Coppull Moor Lane and Wigan Lane. The "20 is plenty" campaign and "Slow Down, Save Lives" is being initiated by LCC.
- The CCTV cameras should be back up by the end of June. In the new budget, Chorley Council are looking at providing automatic number plate registration cameras in Coppull.
- Mill Lane – the resident on Mill Lane is still complaining about speeding traffic and saying that signage does not work. Julia is liaising with LCC, but they have previously said there is not a problem and will not look at it again for three years.
- The Police are visiting homes along Spendmore Lane to try and get people to sign up to "In the Know" and also businesses who could share CCTV footage.
- Outreach workers from Chorley Council are trying to engage with local youths to become army cadets.
- LCC Youth Officers visit the area on Tuesday and Friday evenings. They need a prominent indoor facility to work with the youths. The Leisure Centre to be contacted in regard to this. The children who are constantly out on the streets causing trouble usually have problems at home. The Youth Zone is also working with children in regard to this.
- A meeting regarding Neighbourhood Plans is to take place at Chorley Council on 5 July. Cllr Holgate will be attending, but another representative from the Parish Council could attend if required.
- The recent Picnic in the Park event was a huge success. The Library is doing a superb job in providing numerous activities for children and families and the Food Club in the Methodist Church Hall is also doing great, with many residents now signed up.

7. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – Councillor Alan Cornwall from Charnock Richard PC attended the meeting to discuss an incident that had happened on the bridle path between Coppull and Charnock Richard, that goes through the Mill area. A lady was almost run down on the public footpath by an electric scooter. Cllr Berry stated that there had been a similar incident in Chorley and asked that the lady report this to the Police, as they have powers for confiscation. It is quite probable that they are already known to the Police.

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

8. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

8.1 Royal Bank of Scotland – service charge for May £11.90. Noted.

- 8.2 Data Protection renewal Information Commissioner's Office £35.00. **RESOLVED** to renew.
- 8.3 Subscription to the Association of Local Council Clerks £50.00. **RESOLVED** to pay for this subscription.
- 8.4 Local Council Administration Book 13th edition £137.00 + vat and postage of £4.00 – currently have the 7th edition (2006). **RESOLVED** not to purchase this.
- 8.5 SLCC Training Seminar for Clerks, County Durham – Thursday 7 July 2022 £85.00. Unfortunately, a lot of the training courses on offer are quite far away, but slides should be received. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk does not attend this.
- 8.6 Printer – end of contract, keep on lower rate or change. If the same printer is kept, the quarterly charge would go down from £108 to £95. The printer will be serviced and cleaned. **RESOLVED** that the Current printer remain.
- 8.7 New Village Hall update and itinerary of contents (sent with agenda to Parish Councillors). Some items out of the hall will be stored for use in the new one, some of the outdoor equipment will be relocated. There are a few items of little or no value which may be able to be recycled. Councillors were asked to visit the hall to see if there is anything that could be recycled locally. Otherwise, when the hall is demolished, everything else will be disposed of.
- RESOLVED** – the Clerk to contact Kevills Solicitors to get a contract drawn up for the new build between the Parish Council and the builder.
- Cllr Crook had been approached by a lady who wishes to trial a new type of play area, which would be educational and include role play. She has all the necessary qualifications and has worked in play schools. **RESOLVED** that the lady in question view the hall to ascertain if it is suitable until the new build takes place.
- 8.8 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event Thursday 2 June 2022 – update and proposals for similar event next year - Newsletter – Suggestion for mini-newsletter to be sent out to highlight the Jubilee event (PC). The event was a great success and it is hoped to repeat an event like this each year. A committee will need to be set up and funding raised if possible. Consideration also to be given at budget time for an amount to be placed in the budget.
- RESOLVED** – that a mini-newsletter be sent out to all residents thanking them for attending the event, which would not have been a success without them and the nice weather on the day. The Vice-Chair thanked the Clerk for organising the event, which could not have happened without the help of volunteers on the day and prior to the event. Cllrs M. Atherton, M. Parkinson, J. Colecliffe, volunteers from the Neighbourhood Plan Group - Jean Tickle, Ken McCrae and Karen Hartley, photographers Keith & Sheila Harris and

John Cobham, Bugler player Martin Trumble, relatives and friends!

Thanks also to the great suppliers of bouncy castles (Bouncelona), DJ Tian and children's entertainer Billy, Witchy's Food Van and Mr Softee Ice Cream. Thanks also to the Leisure Centre staff and Pauline Cobham for opening its doors for taster sessions, Jules the face painter/cake maker, A1 Fitness for drinks and cakes, Jan Colecliffe for cakes. However, more volunteers are needed for this event to take place in the future. If anyone wishes to be on the committee, please contact the Clerk.

- 8.9 Climate Change competition – presentation. Cllr Parkinson presented the children at Coppull Parish School and Cllr Moores at Coppull Primary School. All the children were extremely happy to receive their prizes. It is hoped to do something each year with the schools. Photographs to be put in the next newsletter.
- 8.10 Planters for Springfield Nursing Home wall. Five planters have now been installed on the wall and look very attractive. If anyone has any suggestions for other areas, please contact the Clerk.
- 8.11 Cleaning of stone planters at the boundaries. Two quotes had been received at £425 and £475. **RESOLVED** not to clean the planters, seats, etc. at the present time.
- 8.12 Chorley Council play area checks (sent with agenda to Parish Councillors). Most of the items have now been attended to. The Clerk to obtain costs from other companies who undertake play area checks to compare the prices.
- 8.13 CCTV cameras on the Leisure Park and Spendmore Lane. This was discussed under District Councillor's report.
- 8.14 Overhanging trees from Leisure Park to resident on Mountain Road – request for them to be cut back. As the tree was not mentioned on the recent tree inspection report as being in need of any work, it was **RESOLVED** not to do any. The resident is entitled to cut back any branches which are overhanging her garden.
- 8.15 Request for plaque and rose bush to be planted in the Berry Garden in respect of a resident's late husband. **Agreed.**
- 8.16 LCC Parish & Town Council Charter 2022-2024 – Better working between LCC and Parish & Town Councils (sent with agenda to Parish Councillors). **Noted.**

9. 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 due to Covid-19 – maximum spend £500 – now raised to £1,000)

- Jubilee items – crayons, colouring books, rulers, pencils, sweets, etc for the Jubilee event and prizes for completing the Jubilee Trail £28.95. **RATIFIED.**

10. PLANNING (Cllr. Coggins sent in the following recommendations)

10.1 Applications:

- App.No. 22/00266/FUL – 122 Chapel Lane – Erection of 4 no dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings – **AMENDMENT** – the site layout has been amended. Cllr Coggins is concerned that plot 2 will not meet the minimum parking standards as laid out in the local plan and that there will be considerable loss of amenity for overshadowing, overlooking and loss of privacy.
- App.No. 22/00467/FUL – Moss House Barn, Coppull Moor Lane – Demolition of existing barn and erection of one detached dwelling house and new vehicular access point – Comments sent due to timescale – concerns re bats, owls, etc., but no evidence of these from the reports – **SUPPORT – RATIFIED.**
- App.No. 22/00414/FUL – Land opposite 37 Preston Road – Discussed informally at PC meeting 11.05.22 and comments sent due to timescales – **SUPPORT – RATIFIED.**

This application came in after the agenda had been sent out:

- App.No. 22/00555/FULHH – Fiddlers Nook Farm, 46 Jolly Tar Lane – Erection of 2no. ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) Arrays – **SUPPORT** – No loss of amenity and not disproportionate in scale.

10.2 Decisions:

- App.No. 22/00323/FULHH – 23 Darlington Street – First floor side extension – **PERMITTED.**
- App.No. 22/00334/FULHH – 193 Preston Road – Extension to existing garage – **WITHDRAWN.**
- App.No. 22/00404/FULHH – 28 Almond Drive – Single storey side extension – **PERMITTED.**
- App.No. 22/00328/FULHH – 201 Chapel Lane – Single storey side/rear extension with balcony above – **PERMITTED.**

11. HIGHWAYS

- 11.1 Mill Lane speeding – response from LCC (sent with agenda to Parish Cllrs). There had been an accident with a motorcyclist and LCC is looking into this.
- 11.2 Litter on embankment along Spendmore Lane – response from Network Rail (sent by separate email to Parish Councillors). Noted, Network Rail is looking into this.

12. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 12.1 Public Inquiry for railway subway scheduled to commence 5 July 2022 (one or two days) from 10.00 am, in the meeting room at the Leisure Centre (sent with agenda to Parish Councillors). This has now been cancelled as it was not advertised legally by LCC. The Inspector will still come to open the meeting, but will close it immediately. Everyone to be informed as soon as a new meeting date has been arranged.
- 12.2 Chorley Council – Nomination of Alison Arms Public House, Preston Road, for inclusion on the register of Assets of Community Value (sent by separate email to Parish Councillors). **Noted.**
- 12.3 Chorley Council Streetscene Strategy 2022-2025 (sent with agenda to Parish Cllrs). **Noted.**
- 12.4 The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service (sent with agenda to Parish Councillors). **RESOLVED** – to nominate Chorley Buddies Food Club in Coppull.
- 12.5 Sport session support request – Kenyon Sports Management (sent with agenda to Parish Councillors). To forward on to the Leisure Centre Management.
- 12.6 Chorley Help the Homeless – request for financial help (sent by separate email to Parish Councillors). Councillor Julia Berry declared an interest. Unfortunately, the Parish Council can only donate funding that will benefit the residents of the village.
- 12.7 Hedgehog Highways (sent by separate email to Parish Councillors). Hedgehog Awareness Boxes can be purchased to either give or sell to local residents. **RESOLVED** – not to undertake this project, but to inform residents in the garden

13 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION

- 13.1 Allotments – there are two allotment holders who have been contacted by the Parish Council to commence work on their plot or they will be evicted. One is the Boxing Club in the village. The Clerk to contact him again to make him aware that he needs to work the plot all year round if he intends to stay.
- 13.2 Bus Services – the cost of using the bus has increased tremendously in this area compared to the Greater Manchester area and it feels to residents that they are being penalised. Councillor Berry is looking into this.

The Chairman closed the meeting 8.45 pm

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Councillor Michael Atherton
Parish Council Chairman