



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST 2021 - 7.00 P.M.
MEETING ROOM, SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE
CENTRE, SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), Marjorie Parkinson (Vice-Chair) – Pauline Cobham, , Janette Colecliffe, Matthew Crook, Maggie Peel-Impey, Paul Taylor, Susan Edwards, (Clerk) and County/Chorley Councillor Julia Berry (arrived at item 12 – prior appointment)

1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Parish Councillors Nora Ball (ill), Neil Coggins (Isolating), Paul Eastham (room), Steve Holgate (holiday), Lynne Moores (holiday), Elaine Jones (ill) and Ash Whittaker (working)

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 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATED 14 JULY 2021 (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor J. Colecliffe
SECONDED: Councillor M. Peel-Impey

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.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – None.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – None.



7. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- 7.1 Two members of the public attended the meeting to discuss again the proposed development by Miller Homes at Darlington Street and to gain the Parish Council's support by contacting the Diocese, Chorley Council, LCC and Lindsay Hoyle. The Parish Council has previously agreed to support the residents in regard to this matter, but a planning application has not yet been received. Residents were advised to collate all information in readiness for when the application is received and residents can then all object independently.

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

8. NO MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD SINCE THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – NEXT ONE SCHEDULED FOR 25 AUGUST

9. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

- 9.1 Accounts for April, May & June 2021 (previously emailed to Parish Councillors – all checked by Cllr Makin with no concerns).
RESOLVED that the accounts be approved as a correct record.
- 9.2 Consideration of an Air Conditioning Unit for the Parish Council office (£500 max) and a new chair for the Clerk (£69.99 plus vat). It was **RESOLVED** that these be obtained.
- 9.3 Policies – Vexatious policy and new Fire Escape policy/notice (emailed to Parish Councillors). It was agreed to discuss these in more detail at the next meeting of the Management & Finance Committee.
- 9.4 Energy Prices (to be sent by separate email). Having looked at all the prices received, it was **RESOLVED** to set the prices with British Gas Lite for the two electricity contracts, one which is due in November this year and the other in May next year.
- 9.5 Current Village Hall – repairs and Little Lambs Preschool – consideration to give a substantial reduction on rent to allow the pre-school to stay open until the new build is started. Unfortunately, the owner of Little Lambs has now given notice, as she is losing too much money by running the pre-school, even if she had no rent to pay. The necessary repairs have already been carried out and it was agreed to use the hall for occasional meetings until the new build could be commenced.
- 9.6 New Village Hall – the planning application has not yet been decided by Chorley Council. Borough Councillors Steve Holgate and Alex Hilton to be asked to look into this. The Clerk also to look into whether or not the building is subject to the Community Infrastructure Levy.



9.7 Neighbourhood Plan – PC funding; Code of Conduct; Office Volunteer. The following was **RESOLVED**:

- Funding – a fixed amount cannot be given until the full cost of the new Village Hall is ascertained and this is subject to planning approval being granted.
- Code of Conduct – the Parish Council to issue a revised Code of Conduct for the Steering Group – it is not up to the Steering Group to set its own.
- Office Volunteer – there are to be no members of the public as volunteers in the office due to GDPR. This has never happened in the past, any volunteers in the office have been Parish Councillors. Any members of the public who have volunteered do so in the gardens, etc.

9.8 Digital Dog Show – Judged by Pinewood Vets, Coppull, with a donation of £125 towards prizes – To decide Parish Council's donation. It was agreed to give all the winners a £20.00 book voucher, the deficit being made up by the Parish Council, and Pinewood Vets are also donating small animal products. The winners to be put in the newsletter, with the overall winner on the front page.

9.9 Litter Poster Competition and prizes. The winner of the litter poster to be given a book voucher of £10.00. The poster could be made for distribution to local shops and around the village.

9.10 Play area repairs – update. A number of necessary repairs have taken place on all the play areas. Bark is still required for the Byron Crescent Play Area.

9.11 Electric pavement sweeper (previously emailed information). The cost to purchase this machine is £17,000, which was felt to be far too much. However, there is the option to rent a machine at various costs.

9.12 Use of car park by Inspire for free meals for children during the school Holidays. This has been inspired by Marcus Rushford and has been taken up by a small number of children. It is just for one day a week throughout the summer holidays.

9.13 Request from Victim Support – Parish Council appeal for funding (emailed to Parish Councillors).

PROPOSED: Councillor P. Cobham

SECONDED: Councillor J. Colecliffe

RESOLVED - That Victim Support be granted £50.

9.14 Leisure Centre update. Councillor Cobham reported that it is very



quiet at the moment, as expected at this time of year. It is hoped that this will improve in the coming months.

- 9.15 Allotments update. The Chairman had spoken with Councillor Eastham and everything is going well at the allotments.
- 9.16 Dog Fouling (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). A few troublesome spots, but nothing unusual for this time of year.
- 9.17 Village Grot Spots (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). A representative of the band was contacted and work on removing the weeds has commenced.

10. 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 – **None**.)

THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW COUNCILLOR BERRY TO SPEAK (just arrived from another meeting).

Councillor Berry reported on the following:

- A consultation for a proposed road hump is now underway for Longfield Avenue, which will slow down traffic near the play area, making it safer for children. The issue of parking there still needs to be addressed.
- Regent Street/Kimberley Street – young children play on the small piece of land at this junction, but they are causing problems for residents. This is ongoing.
- The Heys – a piece of land at the rear of The Heys needs attention. Councillor Berry will look into this.
- Darlington Street – Councillor Berry asked that the Parish Council write to Borough & County Councillors, the Member of Parliament and anyone who could be involved with the proposals for Darlington Street, to make them aware of the situation and be ahead of the Developers, as these sort of proposals are being made throughout the borough.
- Inspire/Free School meals. On the first visit to Coppull there was an altercation between the food provider and a member of the Parish Council. Councillor Berry stated that this was not acceptable and Inspire had addressed this situation. However, the concept is very valuable and had helped a number of young children over the summer, as poverty is a very real situation for some children in the borough.



- Community Projects – food banks are needed throughout the borough. The Vicar of St. John’s has agreed for the church hall and a garage at the Vicarage to be used. The Parish Council agreed that the Village Hall could be used for this too. Schools are being involved and land is being looked into so that food can be grown and children can be taught.

11. PLANNING (NC) – Councillor Coggins will send his recommendations through to the Clerk as soon as possible (**later sent to all Parish Councillors before submitting to Chorley Council**).

11.1 Applications:

- App.No. 21/00832/FUL – Early Birds Nursery, 193 Spendmore Lane – Retrospective application for the siting of a portacabin unit for use as additional space for nursery staff. **NEUTRAL**, but to inform Chorley Council of residents’ concerns as reported to the Parish Council.
- App.No. 21/00659/FUL – Chapel Lane Business Park – Erection of 15 no. container units for commercial “self-storage” use (retrospective). **OBJECT** – to raise concerns in regard to the operating hours.
- App.No. 21/00871/FULHH – 22 Westend Avenue – Erection of a first floor rear extension and a single storey rear extension. **SUPPORT.**
- App.No. 21/00630/FULHH – 14 Birkacre Brow – Rear dormer, front porch, extension to existing dropped kerb and hardscaping of driveway, and associated elevational alternations (following demolition of existing garage and low level boundary fence to front) – resubmission of planning approval 20/01153/FULHH. **SUPPORT.**
- App.No. 21/00859/FULHH – 32 Coppull Hall Lane – Erection of a single storey rear/side extension, including raised decking area, following demolition of outbuilding. **SUPPORT.**
- App.No. 21/00733/OUT – 11 Goose Green Avenue – Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling (bungalow or a house). **To be confirmed.**
- App.No. 21/00695/FULHH – Red Lion Foods, 75 Pear Tree Avenue – Installation of rear balcony and erection of brick outbuilding (following demolition of timber shed). **To be confirmed.**
- App.No. 21/00745/FULMAJ – Alison Arms, Preston Road – Erection of two buildings comprising 10no. apartments (12 bedroom affordable homes) with associated communal open space, car parking spaces, vehicular manoeuvring space, bin and cycle stores, and hard and soft landscaping, and the creation of 10 no. replacement car parking spaces to serve the public house. **To be confirmed.**



11.2 Decisions:

- App.No. 20/00551/FUL – Coppull Car & Commercial Repair Centre, Moss Lane – Application to vary conditions on working hours, to allow operation on site to commence at 8am Monday to Friday – To be determined by the Planning Committee on 13 July – **PERMITTED** – decision notice emailed to Parish Councillors.
- App.No. 21/00870/NOT – Blainscough Hall, Blainscough Lane – Notification of intention to install 3no. 11m high poles for the provision of fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus – **GRANTED.**
- App.No. 21/00602/FULHH – 34 Oakwood Road – Front porch – **GRANTED.**

11.3 **The Vicarage, Darlington Street** – TPO’s are now on trees in the grounds. The Parish Council agreed to write to various organisations in regard to the proposed development.

12. HIGHWAYS

12.1 Parking Enforcement Requests (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). The Police have visited a number of people parking illegally, or causing a danger to other users and these matters have now been resolved.

12.2 Longfield Avenue, proposed road hump (emailed to Parish Councillors). As discussed with Councillor Berry above.

13. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION

13.1 Temporary Event Notice – Chorley Panthers Rugby League Football Club Chisnall Lane – 14 August 12pm to 12 am. **Noted.**

14. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION** – None.

15. **CONFIDENTIAL MATTER** – Personnel Matter – to be discussed in confidence after this meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 p.m.

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Councillor Michael Atherton
Parish Council Chairman

