



# COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2018 - 7.00 P.M.  
SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE CENTRE,  
SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

**PRESENT: Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), Nora Ball (Vice-Chair), Pauline Cobham, Neil Coggins, David Cole, Janette Colecliffe, Matthew Crook, Paul Eastham, Steve Holgate, Elaine Jones, Marjorie Parkinson, Paul Taylor - Susan Edwards (Clerk)**

A minute's silence was held in respect of former Councillor Don Hoyland, who sadly passed away on Wednesday 5 September 2018.

- 1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Councillors Sheila Makin (holiday), Maggie Peel-Impey (holiday), Ashley Whittaker (child care)
- 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)
  - Cllr Michael Atherton – Items 9.6 (Leisure Centre) and 9.11 (work boots)
  - Cllr Pauline Cobham – Item 9.6 (Leisure Centre)
  - Cllr Paul Eastham - Allotments

2.1 **DECLARATION OF GIFTS** – None.

- 3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 8 AUGUST 2018** (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor J. Colecliffe

SECONDED: Councillor E. Jones

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** – Emailed to Parish Councillors.
- 5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Apologies from Councillor Berry who asked that the following items be raised:



- "I attended Chapel Lane last week following numerous complaints about road works, in particular the extensive street furniture in between unmanned traffic lights. Complaints received by the council are being investigated and a LCC inspection team have been on site as a result. Balfour Beatty have a duty of care to ensure health and safety for the works they have been licensed to carry out and LCC are liaising with them- unfortunately a residents precious cat was killed as a result of a near collision by a car with a another vehicle in the traffic lights zone. If you are approached by anyone regarding the road works please direct them to the LCC highways reporting system".
- "I attended a coffee morning last week at Arcon House – the main concerns raised were the A&E and antisocial behaviour on the Arcon estate. Adactus have been informed to do everything to prevent young people from climbing onto the roof and are now looking at CCTV for which an estimate is being submitted. Main message for residents was to report to the police if they are affected or witness any antisocial behaviour. There had been a recent drug raid which has caused anxiety and the warden is following up remedial action with Adactus. A question was raised about an 'explosion' at the Coop. I'm not aware of what's happened other than I know the cash machine is boarded up do you know the answer?" - To be discussed under Item 9.10 – Arcon Estate Update.

**6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** – Apologies from Councillor Alan Whittaker who asked that the following be mentioned:

- "The only thing I was going to report is the Borough Council's request for sites to meet **GOVERNMENT** targets for all planning authorities to have a five year supply of sites available. I'm sure you have the papers. There are two possible consequences:
  - (a) Applications will be approved automatically;
  - (b) Green Belt areas will be increasingly under threat".

To be discussed under Item 9.5 – Central Lancashire Local Plan – Call for sites.

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

**THE CHAIRMAN REIMPOSED STANDING ORDERS**

**8. NO MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE IN AUGUST 2018 (Cancelled)** - (Meetings held quarterly in future – May, August, November, February)

**9. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE**

- 9.1 Accounts (reviewed quarterly, next October, January, April) – External Auditor's Report for year end 2017-18 (emailed to Parish Councillors). The new Auditors appointed by the government (PKF Littlejohn LLP, London) have completed the audit for the year ended 31 March 2018 and there report is as follows:



"On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met".

The notice of completion to be advertised and made available for viewing. If required, copies of the accounts to be made available for a charge of £10.00.

- 9.2 Speed Indicator Device (NC/MC). The offer of £350.00 had not been accepted. Astley Village PC had offered to take off £50.00 to make it £450.00. It was agreed to meet them half way and offer £400.00.
- 9.3 Fence at Tansley Avenue playground (NC/MC/PE). Councillors Coggins, Crook and Eastham had met on site to see what they could do to help. As new concrete posts were needed and the fencing made to fit, it was agreed that it was too big a job for them to do, a proper contractor was needed. The resident has been informed and has since employed a contractor. An idea to improve this situation was to move the goalposts 10-15 metres away from the fence, but as the goalposts had recently just been re-set in concrete, it was agreed to leave this for now.
- 9.4 Support for an edible hedge/orchard at Blainscough Nature Reserve (SH). Chorley Council look after the reserve on a 99 year lease to the Parish Council. The land at the top of the site would be good place to have an orchard and/or edible hedge. The hedge would cost £55.00 for 10 metres and would need someone to design it and the landowners to agree (permission given by the Parish Council). Chorley Council will undertake a free soil survey. The area would be community based and sponsored by other organisations through grants. Someone would need to be appointed to maintain the orchard and organise the harvest, so as not to have windfalls. Schools could also become involved. All Councillors views were taken into consideration and it was agreed in principle by the Parish Council.
- 9.5 Central Lancashire Local Plan - Call for sites. The Parish Council has the opportunity to have their say on what land within the Parish is allocated towards future development. A committee is to be set up to consider the requirements and bring to the next Parish Council meeting for all Councillors to consider. The green belt helps Coppull to remain a village and the Parish Council needs to be proactive in making their voice heard. The consultation is open until 9 November 2018. Details of drop-in sessions can be found on the website: [centrallocalplan.lancashire.gov.uk](http://centrallocalplan.lancashire.gov.uk).
- 9.6 Boiler at Leisure Centre – reimbursement for repair. It was agreed that the Parish Council, as owner of the building, should pay for repairs to the boiler. Therefore the sum of £1068.85 to



be reimbursed.

- 9.7 Energy Check – information and proposal for reducing energy in the Leisure Centre, including solar panels. The solar panels are fitted free and a reduced rate of electricity is given. A competitive quote is required for the boiler. It was agreed that solar panels was a good idea. The Clerk to confirm with the supplier that there is no cost if the boiler is not replaced.
- 9.8 Chorley A&E. A consultation process has commenced regarding the proposed closure of the A&E Department and providing more services to people through the GP's Services. After two years of fighting to keep the department open, they are now proposing just one A&E, not in Chorley. As many people as possible are asked to attend the consultation event and submit views on whether there should be just one department to cover, Chorley, Preston and South Ribble. This would also put additional Strain on Preston, Wigan, Bolton and Blackburn Hospitals and also the ambulance service.
- 9.9 Request for £100 grant to Friends of Coppull Library for "Pets as Therapy" (SH). There are four events planned and £25 would go towards each one, giving the opportunity for children who are struggling to read to read to a dog, who do not judge.

PROPOSED: Councillor E. Jones

SECONDED: Councillor M. Crook

That an exception to the non-grant rule be made and the £100 be given.

- 9.10 Arcon Estate update. The concerns over the drug dealing has now been resolved, with the Police having a drug raid and seizing the drugs. The occupants were not in at the time
- 9.11 Work boots for Chairman and Bill Bailey (volunteer for installation of Christmas lights). **RESOLVED** that the boots be obtained in the interests of health and safety.
- 9.12 Newsletter. The distributor to be asked if he can deliver the newsletter as soon as it is ready, so that it would be in time to advertise the dates for the A&E consultation events. The printer also to be asked to print as soon as possible.
- 9.13 Society of Local Council Clerk's Branch Meeting 13.09.18 (SE). The Clerk to attend and report back at the next meeting.
- 9.14 Photography competition in conjunction with Home Truths Estate Agents. This is taking place again and is advertised in the newsletter. It is hoped to also hold a "Best Hedgehog House" competition, asking Home Truths to judge the "Best House".
- 9.15 Dog Fouling (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). Still a problem in certain areas, the dog bags and containers have gone



down well and stencils are being put down in the problem areas. This problem usually gets worse during the winter months.

9.16 Village Grot Spots (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice).

- Byron Crescent Play Area needed a support putting in on one of the pieces of equipment, which had somehow been removed.
- The floor at the Village Hall had to be repaired again and a wasps' nest had to be removed urgently.

## 10. DECISIONS MADE UNDER THE CLERK'S DELEGATED AUTHORITY

(After consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair) To cancel the Management & Finance Committee meeting in August – **RATIFIED.**

## 11. PLANNING (N.Coggins)

### 11.1 Planning Applications:

- App.No. 18/00731/FUL - Land to rear of 60 Clancutt Lane – Erection of one detached dwelling – **SUPPORT.**

### Applications just received for the following:

- App.No. 18/00837/FUL –Morris's Bakery, Baker Street - Removal of existing conifer boundary hedge and replacement with new timber panel fencing – It was felt that there would be no problems with this – **SUPPORT.**
- Notification had been received of an application for construction of a dairy unit housing up to 600 cows on land East of Wigan Lane. It was agreed to look into this and discuss at the next meeting.

### 11.2 Planning Decisions:

- App.No. 18/00583/FULHH – Grange Lodge, 432 Preston Road – Single storey rear extension – **GRANTED.**
- App.No. 18/00417/FUL – Chapel Lane Business Park, Chapel Lane – Erection of new industrial building – **GRANTED.**
- App.No. 18/00579/REM – Land former Preston Road Methodist Church, Preston Road – Reserved matters application for the erection of 2no. detached dwellings (planning permission 14/00969/OUT) – **GRANTED.**
- App.No. 18/00611/FULHH – 17 Hurst Brook – Single storey rear extension and erection of retaining wall to facilitate landscape alterations – **GRANTED.**
- App.No. 18/00564/CLPUD – 47 Jolly Tar Lane – Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness – **GRANTED.**



## **12. HIGHWAYS**

- 12.1 Parking Enforcement Requests (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice).
- 12.2 St. John's School – update - highway safety. LCC Speed Management has responded to a request for a crossing at the school and other safety measures. A crossing facility is only initiated where a specific problem for pedestrians has been identified, e.g. traffic accidents, difficulty in gaining access or new developments. As the crossing would only be school related, it is felt that a school crossing patrol is sufficient. The footway opposite the school does not have sufficient width to install barriers. Preston Road currently has a good history of road safety, no record of pedestrian related injury accidents in the past five years. The PCSO is to talk to children about road safety at the school.

## **13. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION-DISCUSSION – None.**

## **14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION**

- 14.1 One of the new allotments appears to be holding water. It was agreed to ask J.Hill drainage contractors to visit the site for their opinion on whether or not additional drainage is needed.
- 14.2 There have been numerous complaints from elderly people about the bus service around the village finishing on 1 September. This has a big impact on people who live on Chapel Lane, Claytongate and other areas around the village if they cannot walk very far, as it is too far to walk to Spendmore Lane to catch the Wigan bus. Chorley Council had funded the bus for a while, but found it was not economical to continue, as very few people were using this service. Dial a Ride may be an option for some residents.
- 14.3 Ten silhouettes of "There but Not There" soldiers head and upper body have been received through a grant. These are to be put on the Memorial Garden, one at Berry's garden, and the remainder given to St. John's Church for the Remembrance Day Parade. There are strict rules on looking after and using the silhouettes.

## **THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.06 P.M.**

### **Dates of next meetings:**

**WEDNESDAY 19.09.18: 7.00 pm SITE ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY 10.10.18: 7.00 pm PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Councillor Michael Atherton**  
**Chairman**

