



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), Janette Colecliffe, Matthew Crook, Paul Eastham, Steve Holgate, Elaine Jones, Sheila Makin, Marjorie Parkinson, Maggie Peel-Impey, Paul Taylor, Ashley Whittaker - Susan Edwards (Clerk) – Chorley Councillor Jane Fitzsimmons arrived after Item 9.1

1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors Nora Ball (Vice-Chair) - unwell, Pauline Cobham – another commitment, Neil Coggins – unwell, David Cole – another commitment – County Councillor Julia Berry – 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)

- Cllr Paul Eastham – Item 9.12 Allotments

2.1 **DECLARATION OF GIFTS** – None

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 10 OCTOBER 2018 (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor Elaine Jones
SECONDED: Councillor Paul Eastham

RESOLVED - 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 received from Councillor Julia Berry.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – Councillor Fitzsimmons reported after Item 9.1.



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

THE CHAIRMAN REIMPOSED STANDING ORDERS

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

9. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

9.1 Accounts (reviewed quarterly, next January, April) – Copies of the budget up to the end of September were circulated. The precept for next year to be discussed at the next meeting of the Management & Finance Committee (28.11.18).

- Community Infrastructure Levy – the council has received a considerable amount of money from developments in the parish and a further sum is to be received in April 2019. It was agreed that Councillors put forward any ideas for this money and to be discussed at the next meeting of the Management & Finance Committee.
- Consideration of new accounts package – Scribe. It was agreed to discuss this more fully at the next meeting of the Management & Finance Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FITZSIMONS TO SPEAK – See Item 6.

Cllr Fitzsimons reported on the following:

- Been busy with housing and the opening of new apartments at Primrose Gardens in the town centre. These are due to open next March, creating facilities for independent living with one and two bedrooms apartments. There will be a dance hall, café, hair salon and rest rooms. There have been 200 applications for 75 apartments for people aged 55 and over.
- Chorley Council is setting up a housing company, which will bring revenue into the council, but will also increase affordable housing for the borough. They are also trying to raise the standards for social housing.
- The backs of the houses on Byron Crescent have still not been resurfaced. Chorley Council is working with Jigsaw and a Social Enterprise company in regard to the orchard on Byron Crescent and edible planting, bug hotel, rockeries, etc. This will carry on into the New Year. Workshops are also being undertaken with local residents on Saturday 24 November, 10.30am -12.30pm.



- Chorley Council is working with Jigsaw to make improvements in Coppull. They are looking at making the open spaces on the Longfield Estate better and also improving the play equipment.
- A residents' meeting took place in regard to speeding traffic on Jolly Tar Lane. This was also attended by County Councillor Julia Berry.
- The Police are to put extra resources into Coppull in regard to anti-social behavior.
- Enforcement has taken place on the GPS site at the back of The Heys. The large conifers have been pruned and the area tidied up. A taller fence has been requested. Chorley Council is trying to get the company to relocate, but to no avail.
- It is hoped to include the Leisure Centre for funding from the Neighbourhood Priorities next year and advertise them in the next issue of "What's Happening in Chorley".

THE CHAIRMAN REIMPOSED STANDING ORDERS

- 9.2 Personnel Reports (emailed to Parish Councillors) – These were all agreed as a correct record. The full time Lengthsman, the Chairman and volunteer Bill Bailey all received new safety work boots. A leather protective spray to be obtained.
- Consideration of Christmas bonuses for employees – it was agreed to give the same as last year to all employees and volunteers and also to the photographer who gives a lot of his time helping the Parish Council – agreed unanimously.
- 9.3 Police and Crime Commissioner Uniformed Community Champions Pilot – Parish Councils Approach - Update (MA/NB). The role is voluntary and involves being at the heart of the local community and being a point of contact for the Parish Council. A job description will be available and the successful applicants will attend for training prior to taking up the post. It is a uniformed role that will require being visible to the public and ready to answer enquires and assist people wherever possible in a professional and respectful way. The Lancashire Volunteer Partnership will seek the volunteers and provide the training.
- 9.4 Parish & Town Councils Conference Saturday 24 November 2018 (including information in regard to Item 9.3) - (emailed to Parish Councillors). There will be a discussion in regard to the Uniformed Community Champions. Anyone available to attend to contact the Clerk.
- 9.5 Speed Indicator Device – Response from LCC states that they are currently reviewing how speeding issues are dealt with and



managed and part of this process is to review the types of temporary SpID that could be used effectively. To inform them of the type of SpID

- 9.6 Play Area Checks – a complaint has been received about some of the equipment and the paths on Springfield Leisure Park. The bark and sand also needs topping up. There is also a problem with the safety surface on Tansley. It was agreed to attend to these matters as soon as possible.
- 9.7 Rubbish bags on the Longfield Estate. The area where the bags are being left needs to be changed, as it is very near residents and the play area and complaints have been received about bags being left there for too long. The Clerk has contacted Chorley Council and a solution is being sought.
- 9.8 Edible hedge/orchard at Blainscough & Lancashire Environmental Grants (SH). Enough funding has been secured to commence planting before the end of March and deliver the project. Trees will be approx. £50 each and 14 will be obtained. The Wildlife Trust is providing the edible hedging. A rotavator will be hired to create the ground conditions and it will be fertilised. There is £1,300 in funding at the moment, which is enough for the time being. Cllr Holgate had contacted Birkacre Garden Centre, who have asked for a list of what is required and they will help provide.
- 9.9 Central Lancashire Local Plan - Call for sites. The sub-committee group to meet again informally after the Management & Finance Committee meeting to discuss this ongoing matter.
- 9.10 Fracking (SH). There is no further information on this matter at the present time.
- 9.11 Chorley A&E (SH). The Trust is proposing to consult on there being only one A&E. Letters to support keeping the A&E open are still being collected and these will be put to the Trust in early May, prior to their meeting.
- 9.12 Allotments Update (PE). Letters had been sent to three allotment holders who had not done any, or very little work, on their allotment, giving them 28 days to bring the allotment up to standard. One member has given up his allotment and this will be allocated to the next person on the waiting list. The others will be monitored and notice given if nothing is done within this time.
- 9.13 Dog Fouling (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). Same places still a problem and may become worse during the winter months. This will be monitored.



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

10. DECISIONS MADE UNDER THE CLERK'S DELEGATED AUTHORITY

(After consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair)

- 10.1 Drainage at the allotments - £230
- 10.2 New Battery for defibrillator - £240 plus vat
- 10.3 New Water Heater for Village Hall - £75 plus vat
- 10.4 Two Remembrance Day Flags - £11.98

Members of the Parish Council **RATIFIED** the above decisions.

11. PLANNING (N.Coggins)

11.1 Planning Applications:

- App.No. 18/00891/FULHH – 20 Coppull Hall Lane – Single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) – **SUPPORT** – recommendations already sent due to time constraints.
- App.No. 18/00859/CLPUD 40 Clayton Gate – Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension – **NEUTRAL.**
- **UPDATE** - App.No. 18/00843/FULMAJ – Land East of Wigan Lane – construction of dairy unit housing up to 600 cows of various ages and associated infrastructure and App.No. 18/00842/SCE – Request for screening opinion pursuant to regulation 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017).
- App.No. 18/00842/SCE – Land East of Wigan Lane – Request for screening opinion pursuant to regulation 5 of The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 for the erection of a dairy unit comprising buildings and structures that will accommodate 600 jersey cows).

The above applications concerning land East of Wigan Lane, has been deferred to the next meeting of Chorley Council's Development Control Committee, to enable a site visit to take place.

11.2 Planning Decisions:

- App.No. 18/00837/FUL - Morris Bakery, Baker Street – Removal of existing conifer boundary hedge and replacement with new timber pane fencing – **PERMIT.**
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11.3 **Chorley Council** – proposal to send weekly planning lists by email to all Parish Councillors (emailed to Parish Councillors). **Noted.**

11.4 **Licensing Application – for information only:** Spar Store, Spendmore Lane – 25 December 2018 – 08:00 – 22:30. **Noted.**

12. HIGHWAYS

12.1 Parking Enforcement Requests (to be put on every PC agenda until further notice). The Police to be notified of any parking concerns.

12.2 Residents' concerns regarding pot hole on Darlington Street – a further email sent to LCC Highways. There is also a very large pothole on Chapel Street. Both of these to be referred to LCC as urgent.

12.3 Residents' concerns regarding speeding traffic on Clancutt Lane and the mini-Roundabout – response from LCC (emailed to Parish Councillors). The Speed Management Group, which is a partnership between the Police and Lancashire County Council, will look into this matter and assess what action to take.

12.4 Proposed footpath on Clancutt Lane (SH). The landowner adjacent to the proposed footpath is apparently willing to sell the land, but the cost is not yet known. An amount has been put aside towards the creation of this footpath, but the project also needs commitment from Chorley Council and Lancashire County Council. To discuss again when further information is received.

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

13.1 Chorley Council – Parish Council Digital Service Questionnaire (emailed to Parish Councillors). Digital Skills Training has taken place over the past year in various parts of the Borough and will continue next year too. Many public services are now migrating to an online service, such as online doctors' appointments, prescriptions, etc., and council services are also available online, including planning as noted in Item 11.3. Help will be given from Chorley Council as necessary.

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION

14.1 A complaint received from a resident regarding wagons in excess of the 7.5 ton weight limit using Jolly Tar Lane and Green Lane as a short cut. These vehicles are NOT travelling to Woodcocks Farm, they are tippers and grab wagons using it as a short cut to the tip on Wigan Lane. These drivers are breaking the law. There is no problem with Woodcocks deliverers at all. The resident believes that there will be a serious accident or a death on this road (Green Lane). This concern has been forwarded to the Police and Lancashire County Council Highways Department.



- 14.2 The NHS has brought out a leaflet to advise everyone on how to stay well this winter. This can be viewed/downloaded at: [nhs.uk/staywell](https://www.nhs.uk/staywell).
- 14.3 A resident previously expressed concerns in regard to a crossing near the railway bridge on Spendmore Lane and also a mini-roundabout at the bottom of Lancaster Street/Spendmore Lane. Both these matters were turned down by LCC on highway safety reasons. The resident also asked about the railway subway and Network Rail's access to the railway line further down on Spendmore Lane. The resident to be informed that the Parish Council has no further information to obtain on these matters.
- 14.4 A resident is querying where Grimshaw Cottages in Coppull used to be. He is trying to trace the history of a relative, Fred Woosey, who was killed in WW1 and was born and raised in Coppull. He was living in those cottages at the time of the 1911 census. To refer to Geoff Bellis who is knowledgeable on the history of Coppull.

THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.00 P.M.

Dates of next meetings:

WEDNESDAY 28.11.18: 7.00 pm MANAGEMENT & FINANCE
WEDNESDAY 12.12.18: 7.00 PM PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillor Michael Atherton
Parish Council Chairman

