



# COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2021 - 7.00 P.M.  
MEETING ROOM, SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE  
CENTRE, SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL**

**1 minute's silence for Remembrance Day**

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), Marjorie Parkinson (Vice-Chair) – Pauline Cobham, Janette Colecliffe, Matthew Crook, Steve Holgate, Sheila Makin, Lynne Moores, Maggie Peel-Impey, Ash Whittaker, Susan Edwards, (Clerk) and Chorley/County Councillor Julia Berry

- 1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Parish Councillors Nora Ball (holiday) Neil Coggins (family commitment), Paul Eastham (cannot attend in meeting room), Elaine Jones (ill health), Paul Taylor (working) – **RESOLVED** – That Councillor Nora Ball be given a dispensation for missing six consecutive meetings of the Parish Council due to ill health

- 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 13 OCTOBER 2021** (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor J. Colecliffe  
SECONDED: Councillor L. Moores

**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. The Police to be asked if they can supply a written report each month, if they are not able to attend the meeting due to other duties.
- 5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Berry reported on the following:



- Change of administration at County Council and they are keen to collaborate with District and Parish Councils. They are now allowing opposition councillors to speak at meetings.
- There is a Misogyny campaign and different policies are being looked at. This is to help stop women being controlled by men.
- A meeting was held with the new Cabinet Member regarding the Clancutt Lane mini-roundabout. The residents concerned handed over the petition and various outcomes were briefly discussed, including the installation of traffic lights. However, although traffic lights was felt to be the best option, it would be too expensive. This could be part funded through CIL money. Although there is a lot of concern on social media in regard to this mini-roundabout, there is not a lot of evidence. People need to report any incidents or near misses on the LCC website. Concerns have also been expressed to the Cabinet Member in regard to the mini roundabout at Grange Drive and issues with speeding throughout the village.
- There is money going into bus transport, which will include highways which the buses are using.
- There is a problem with car parking outside schools, especially on Roe Hey Drive. Residents are being blocked in whilst parents take/collect their children from school. Parking Services are to do an assessment and the Police are aware. The Headteacher has received a lot of complaints and has sent a letter round to parents, but this is out of her control. Road safety is being looked at, including getting the children involved. A new group called RADDs is looking for funding of £300 to develop a road safety campaign to raise awareness.

## 6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

### 6.1 Cllr Berry reported on the following:

- An Inquiry was held in regard to the proposed development at Blainscough (off Grange Drive). The outcome has not yet been received. Chorley Council has been inundated with premature planning applications (for land safeguarded until 2026).
- Priorities for Coppull are around food banks and poverty. This will be a long term project, where there will be found somewhere in Coppull to utilise for better provision of food. There is no longer a luncheon club at the British Legion. Food banks are also being looked into.

### 6.2 Cllr Holgate reported on the following:

- COP 26 - There is a Mayor's event on Friday where high school pupils have been invited into the Council Chambers for a debate on climate change. Lindsay Hoyle is chairing the first session. This will give the children a voice. Chorley Guardian and Evening Post have been informed and it will also hopefully be on regional TV. Junior schools also



wanted to be involved. This is an opportunity to highlight climate change and engage the younger generation in the decision process.

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

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

**8. NO MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD** (Next one scheduled for 24 November 2021)

**9. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE**

- 9.1 Consideration of Budget/Precept for 2022/23 (to be discussed in detail at the next Management and Finance Committee meeting) (last year's precept sent with agenda to Parish Councillors).
- 9.2 New prices for utility water/surface water at the Leisure Centre. A saving of approx. 9% can be made with another company. The information to be given to Cllr Cobham as the Parish Council's representative and Trustee of the Leisure Centre for their perusal prior to a decision being made.
- 9.3 Work to repair another leak in roof at Leisure Centre £2,000. **RESOLVED** – that this work be undertaken as soon as possible.
- 9.4 New Village Hall update. The planning application has now been re-submitted. Comments to be submitted by 19 November 2021.
- 9.5 Remembrance Day – Sunday 14 November 2021, meet at 9.45 am for church at 10 am – no parade this year.
- 9.6 Newsletter. A draft copy of the newsletter was circulated, a few items for inclusion are still awaited. The Vice-Chair proposed that all local school children be asked to make a poster in regard to climate change and walking to school, which would be better for them and better for the planet. **RESOLVED** – That this be put in the newsletter and the schools informed. The winning poster(s) would then be put around the village. Prizes to be discussed at a later date.
- 9.7 LCC - Hanging Baskets/Lampposts 2022 – charge to assess each lamppost (information sent with agenda to Parish Councillors). A copy of this to be sent to Cllr Berry who will look into this.
- 9.8 Operation London Bridge (information sent with agenda to Parish Councillors). A protocol to be put in place for when anything happens to the Queen. Cllr Peel-Impey offered to find the official protocol for the Clerk to use.



- 9.9 Change of logo for stationery, etc. **RESOLVED** – to update stationery, etc., with the new logo which was produced for the road leading into the Leisure Centre. The Chairman to look into providing a light for the signage, so that it is easily seen in the dark.

**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**.)

**11. PLANNING (N. Coggins)**

**11.1 Applications:**

- App.No. 21/01227/FULHH – 9 Springfield Road – Increase garden fence height to 1.25m for disabled adaptation. Cllr Coggins sent in a written report as follows:

*Having visited the property, I think that the proposed fence is a danger for the neighbours, as line of sight from their driveway in the direction of Netherley Road will be completely obscured by the fence. This would represent an unacceptable risk to oncoming traffic, even at less than the posted 20mph limit. I recommend that the Council object to the application on the basis of traffic safety with particular regard to vehicle egress from the neighbouring property.*

**RESOLVED** – to object to the application as above.

- App.No.21/01237/NOT – Chapel Lane Business Park – Notification of intention to install electronic communications apparatus, including the removal and replacement of 6 no. antennas and ancillary development. Cllr Coggins sent in a written report as follows:

*As far as I am able to discern from the submitted plans, the replacement antennae and ancillary equipment does not cause any further loss of amenity compared to that which it is replacing. The external dimensions are all identical according to the plans. I therefore recommend that the Council support the application.*

**RESOLVED** – to support the application.

**11.2 Decisions:**

- App.No. 21/01071/FUL – Troy Fold Farm, Coppull Moor Lane – New ménage/jumping area – **PERMITTED**.
- App.No. 21/01033/FULHH – 127 Mill Lane – Erection of detached outbuilding to accommodate a garden room (retrospective) – **PERMITTED**.
- 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 – **PERMITTED**.



**12. HIGHWAYS** – None.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION**

- 13.1 Chorley Council Tree Preservation Order – Land adjacent to 60 Clancutt Lane, near the boundary with 87 Pear Tree Avenue. Noted.
- 13.2 Thank you received from High Five for charity donation. Noted.
- 13.3 Request for a donation towards the village tree, Spendmore Lane Methodist Church. **RESOLVED** – to give the same amount as last year £50.00.

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

- 14.1 Parish and Town council Conference at County Hall Saturday 13 November 2021 – “Working Better Together”. The Clerk and Vice-Chair to attend. Minutes and Accounts to be taken to the Archives at the same time.
- 14.2 Government Kickstart Scheme. Info from a company aimed at getting young people into work and gaining valuable experience through on the job training. It was felt that there is nothing at this moment in time that they could become involved with in the Parish Council.
- 14.3 Chorley Council – Anti-Social Behaviour Project. A request for funding towards this. More information to be obtained from Chorley.
- 14.4 RADD – Road Safety Awareness Month, funding application for this newly formed group wanting to raise awareness of road safety around Coppull, specifically around Park Road, Darlington Street and Hewlett Street/Avenue. Funding required is £300 to cover some of the cost. Councillor Holgate proposed £100. This was agreed by all but as it was not an agenda item, to be discussed and ratified at the next meeting.
- 14.5 Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Holgate has obtained copies of slides to be used in the pop up shops, Library and Leisure Centre. Information will be taken to Christmas Fairs. A letter of thanks has also been sent to Elizabeth Daghish, thanking her for her help and commitment whilst she was a member of the group and wishing her all the best in the future.
- 14.6 The December meeting of the Parish Council (08.12.21) to be held at The Village Hall on Chapel Lane at 7pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 p.m.

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**Councillor Michael Atherton**  
**Parish Council Chairman**

