



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETING: MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2025 – 7.00 P.M.
MEETING ROOM - SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE
CENTRE, SPRINGFIELD ROAD NORTH, COPPULL

This meeting can only make recommendations for the Parish Council's approval at the next full council meeting, except for planning (due to time constraints) and any urgent matters agreed under the Clerk's Delegated Authority (after consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chair)

PRESENT: Councillors M. Atherton (Chair), M. Parkinson (Vice-Chair), P. Armstrong, K. McCrea, M. Peel-Impey, T. Robinson

- 1. ELECTION OF CHAIR** (Cllr Atherton, as Chairman of the Parish Council, is automatically elected as Chairman of the Finance Committee)

PROPOSED: Councillor M. Parkinson

SECONDED: Councillor P. Armstrong

That Councillor Michael Atherton be elected as above.

- 2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

PROPOSED: Councillor M. Atherton

SECONDED: Councillor P. Armstrong

That Councillor Marjorie Parkinson be elected as Vice-Chair.

- 3. COMMITTEE MEMBERS** – Councillors P. Armstrong, M. Atherton (Chair), K. McCrea, S. Makin, M. Parkinson (Vice-Chair), M. Peel-Impey, T. Robinson and P. Taylor

- 4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Councillors Sheila Makin

- 5. 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)

2.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM – it is each Councillor's



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- responsibility to declare any interests at meetings – None.
- 2.2 **DECLARATION OF GIFTS** – None.

6. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

- 6.1 Financial Statement 2024/25 & Reserves. At the end of March 2025 the balance was £35,877.74. It was recommended that £30,000 be put into reserves, under the General Maintenance Fund.
- 6.2 Investments. Due to the amount of CIL money received and to be received, it had been recommended that further information be sought. Cllr McCrea had spoken to a Financial Adviser, who had stated that most of the major banks would be safe to keep money in. The Clerk is waiting for a response from SLCC.
- 6.3 Open Day for Village Hall. It was recommended that this be arranged once formal written notification has been received from Chorley Council regarding the completion of the hall.
- 6.4 Vacancy – interview committee. It was recommended that the committee consist of no more than five councillors. The vacancy is advertised in the newsletter and interviews to be arranged prior to the July Parish Council meeting.
- 6.5 Consideration of raising full-time Lengthsman's salary after taking play area course. The committee were amenable to this suggestion but recommended that it be done in conjunction with the salary review for 2025-26, which is still to be considered. Any increase would be backdated to April 2025.
- 6.6 Play Area quotes (sent by separate email). It was recommended that all equipment on the play areas be inspected as to their longevity prior to any surface work being undertaken. Also, the zip line constantly has to have the wire tightened and it would appear that the posts are moving slightly. There are concerns regarding too many adults using it at once and also with dogs biting the seat, which also needs replacing often. To consider whether to remove this and it would free up more space for children to play.
- 6.7 Picnic in the Park update. Everything is arranged, bottles are required for the tombola and more help is always welcome. It was recommended that signs to advertise the Circus in July be put up for people to see.
- 6.8 Competitions – judging and prizes. It was recommended that the same prizes be given as last year, as follows:
- Dog competition: 8 prizes at £25 each
Garden competition: Front Garden 4 prizes - £20, £15, £10, £5
Hanging Baskets – as above



7. PLANNING

- 7.1 App.No. 25/00386/FUL – 63-71 Jolly Tar Lane – Construction of a self-build, four-bedroom bungalow, with associated car parking and external works – As the deadline for responses is 30 May 2025, it was agreed that the Clerk ask for an extension to the deadline, to enable a response to be made by the Parish Council at the next meeting on 11 June 2025.

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION – None.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

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Councillor M. Atherton
Chair of Management & Finance Committee