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Dear Sir/Madam,

### **COPPULL PARISH AREA FORUM - TUESDAY, 13TH JUNE 2006**

You are invited to attend the second meeting of the Coppull Parish Area Forum to be held in the Royal British Legion Club, Springfield Road, Coppull on Tuesday, 13th June 2006 commencing at 7.00 pm.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf. Refreshments will be available upon arrival.

Representatives of Chorley Borough Council, Lancashire County Council, Coppull Parish Council, Lancashire Police, Chorley and South Ribble Primary Care NHS Trust, Lindsay Hoyle MP, and local community groups will be present.

Members of the public are strongly encouraged to participate in the proceedings of the Forum meeting. As well as the provision for the public to speak for up to five minutes on any item on the agenda, a period of up to 30 minutes is allowed for them under agenda item 5 to ask questions and express views on any matter relating to the provision of local services in the Coppull Parish Area.

Question cards will be available at the meeting for members of the public to complete and hand in before the start of the meeting. Where possible questions will be answered on the night. If a question cannot be answered a written response will follow. A summary of the responses to questions submitted will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Yours sincerely

Chief Executive

#### **Distribution**

1. Agenda and reports to Councillor Kenneth Ball (Chair in the absence of Councillor Mrs Walsh) and Councillors Kenneth Ball, Andrew Birchall, Harold Heaton and Edward Smith for attendance.
2. Agenda and reports to Councillor Eric Bell (Executive Member for Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment) for attendance.

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3. Agenda and reports to Paul Morris (Deputy Chief Executive), Jamie Carson (Director of Leisure and Cultural Services), Jane Meek (Director of Development and Regeneration) and John Lechmere (Director of Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment) for attendance.
4. Agenda and reports to County Councillor E Forshaw (Lancashire County Council), Parish Councillor D Cole (Coppull Parish Council), Inspector Johanne South (Lancashire Constabulary), Liz Easterbrook (Chorley and South Ribble Primary Care Trust) and Lindsay Hoyle MP for attendance.
5. Any resident in the area.
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7. Housing Associations for the area.
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## AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

2. **Apologies for absence**

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 6)**

Minutes of the Area Forum meeting held on 28 February 2006 (copy enclosed)

4. **“You Said, We Did” (Pages 7 - 8)**

Paul Morris (Deputy Chief Executive) will give a presentation on the action taken on issues raised by Members of the Public at the Area Forum meeting held on 28 February 2006.

(report enclosed)

5. **Key Issues for Coppull - Open Discussion**

A period of 30 minutes will be allocated to allow members of the public to raise questions and express views on any matters relating to the provision of local services in the Coppull Parish area.

Representatives of Chorley Borough Council, Lancashire County Council, Coppull Parish Council, Lancashire Police, Chorley and South Ribble Primary Care NHS Trust and Lindsay Hoyle MP will be present.

6. **Chorley Community Agenda**

a) **Chorley Borough Council issues**

Officers of the Council will give a presentation on the Draft Town Centre Strategy which was currently the subject of public consultation and seek the views of the Forum on the content of the draft document .

b) **Lancashire County Council issues**

c) **Coppull Parish Council issues** (Pages 9 - 10)

List of questions submitted by the Parish Council enclosed.

d) **Lancashire Police issues**

Representatives of the Lancashire Police will report on “Operation Summer Nights” to be operated in the Coppull Area.

7. **Feedback / Items for Next Meeting**

Member of the Public will be invited to express their views on the format and arrangements for this meeting and to submit items for consideration at the next meeting.

8. **Any Other Business**

9. **Date of Future Meeting**

The next meeting of the Coppull Parish Area Forum will be held on Wednesday 20 September 2006 at the Royal British Legion Club, Springfield Road, Coppull, commencing at 7.00pm.

## Coppull Parish Area Forum

**Tuesday, 28 February 2006**

**Present:** Councillor Andrew Birchall (Chair), Councillors Harold Heaton, Edward Smith and Mrs Stella Walsh

**Also in attendance:** Councillors Dennis Edgerley (Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Customers, Policy and Performance) and Terence Brown (Executive Member for Environment and Community Safety)

**Co-opted Members:** Inspector Janet Edmondson (Lancashire Constabulary Offices), PC Alexandra Clayton (Lancashire Constabulary Offices), PC Keith Armistead (Lancashire Constabulary Offices) and Colette Gill (Director of Service Development and Modernisation Chorley and South Ribble PCT)

**Chorley Borough Officers:** Paul Morris (Group Director), Keith Allen (Head of Public Space Services), Jamie Carson (Head of Leisure and Cultural Services), John Lechmere (Head of Environmental Services) and Gordon Bankes (Democratic Services)

### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair, Councillor Birchall opened the first meeting of the Coppull Parish Area Forum by thanking and welcoming everyone to the meeting pointing out that this would be an open discussion on issues facing the Coppull community.

### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor K Ball.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF AREA FORUM PILOT SCHEME

The meeting received for information the Membership and Terms of Reference of the Coppull Area Forum.

### 4. KEY ISSUES FOR COPPULL - OPEN DISCUSSION

A period of 30 minutes had been allocated to allow members of the public to raise questions and express views on any interests relating to the provision of local services in the Coppull Parish area.

The following topics were discussed and the Chair and Members of the Forum gave a response, where possible:

- Concern that work done on the Coppull Parish Plan by the Parish Council would be taken off them.
- Concern at Health and Safety issues regarding the overflow of waste bins, waste blowing away, and waste spillage on the road caused by the Contractor.
- Issue of the use of waste recycling bags and missed collections in the Bentham Street/Springfield Road area.
- A claim that there was a deterioration of the Council's refuse collection service, and what was being done to reimburse the Council Tax Payers at Coppull.

- Reference was made to a field in the Springfield Road North area being used for youth activities.
- Why was so little done for the youth in Coppull during the half-term period and a lack of communication with reference made to a clash of meetings at the Parish Hall on 16 March.
- Letter sent to Coppull Parish Council proposing a car parking scheme in Coppull.
- Coverage of CCTV cameras.
- What was the Authority doing for the youth of Coppull particularly in the Springfield Road area.
- Reference was made about a meeting open to the public taking place on 16 March at 2.00pm at Coppull Parish Hall to discuss the possibility of community management and to identify volunteers to sit on a Steering Group.

Members of the public were advised that if they did not wish to raise a question in the Open Forum they could complete the card and give it to the Democratic Services Officer at the end of the meeting. The cards would then be sent to the appropriate Council Service Unit or Partner Organisation. Questions submitted arising from the cards will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

After the meeting the authority received ten questions submitted on cards and responses were sent to the persons who submitted the question.

The following topics were raised on the question cards after the meeting:

- Due to the deterioration of the refuse collection service, what is being done to reimburse the Council Tax Payers at Coppull?
- What area does the CCTV cover?
- Use of British Legion Car Park.
- Lack of activities for teenagers in Coppull.
- Keep clear markings outside Chip Shop on Spendmore Lane.
- Proposed car parking scheme in Coppull and response.
- Demolition of wall by footpath Park Road, German Lane and Arcon Road.
- Wigan Lane, Jolly Tar Lane rubbish damaged in rows and spread in fields.
- Traffic Management and road safety at bottom end of Coppull.
- Police strategies for dealing with motorcycle enthusiasts on land.

## **5. CHORLEY COMMUNITY AGENDA**

### **(a) Lancashire County Council issues.**

County Councillor Forshaw introduced himself to the meeting and invited issues to be raised with him.

He pointed out that the Youth Club was open three nights a week and that a new Youth Worker had just been appointed for the Chorley area.

**(b) Coppull Parish Council issues.**

The following are responses provided at the meeting to questions submitted by Coppull Parish Council:

1. **Motorcycles on Council-owned land** The Parish Council would like to ascertain how motorcycles/quad bikes can be stopped from using council-owned land? This includes Ellerbeck East and West, accessed along Coppull Hall Lane and Wigan Lane. Motorcyclists have destroyed fences for access and cause distress and danger to walkers and wildlife as well as noise nuisance to adjacent properties.

**Response by Roger Handsome, Head of Property Services**

I presented a paper on the motorbike nuisance to the Borough/Parish Council's Liaison meeting held on 20 January 2005 and received a favourable response to a suggestion that we combine the normal police/neighbourhood warden route of discouraging use with the provision of a purpose built facility in the Borough.

When it came to identifying two possible sites I encountered opposition from Coppull, Charnock and Adlington Parish Councils, resident's groups, action groups etc and, on reporting back to the Council's Executive Cabinet on 29 September 2005 was instructed not to pursue the initiative in the Borough but to continue deterrent measures with the police and neighbourhood wardens.

In the specific case mentioned we combine enforcement with physical deterrents in the form of gates, fences, stiles etc to allow proper use but preclude motorbikes. Unfortunately it takes only a small section of fencing to be broken to allow the bikes in so it is a continual process to keep up with repairs and replacements. We have, however, recently trialed some new fencing and gates at the edge of the Gillibrand estate where we have always had a motorbike problem and this seems to be proving successful, albeit quite expensive. It could be a model for these other problem sites.

Incidentally the Ellerbeck Action Group which was set up to oppose my plans to develop this site as a proper motorbike track have lobbied the Chief Executive, Donna Hall and asked for a meeting to discuss the same points raised by the Parish Council. The Council would continue to work with the Police and Neighbourhood Wardens.

2. **Coppull Community Centre** There is concern about the dilapidated condition of the Community Centre on Springfield Road. How can funding be arranged to bring it back to a pristine condition which the residents of Coppull can enjoy?

**Response by Jamie Carson, Head of Leisure and Cultural Services**

External works in hand to improve appearance from outside. This includes replacement of damaged fire doors. Internal work undertaken to comply with Disability Discrimination Act. Community Leisure Services will replace the glass at far side of the building when we renew the window frames - there is a bid in the Asset Management Plan for 2006/07 for this work.

3. **Chorley Community Partnership** It is felt that Coppull does not get the same support from the Police and the Community Safety Partnership as other areas in the Partnership.

**Response by Tim Rignall, Head of Corporate and Policy Services**

The Community Safety Partnerships work is led by the Chorley Community Safety Strategy. This Strategy highlights a number of priorities - one of which is our 'Target Areas'. The current Strategy 2005-08 highlighted Coppull as one of these target areas, the others are Chorley East, Clayton Brook and Chorley South West.

Coppull is in its first year of being a target area so arrangements aren't quite as well developed as the other three target areas which have been priorities since 1999. This hasn't, however, hindered progress with a lot of work being done. Work that has been underway this year (2005/06) has included, working with the Parish Council to install the two CCTV cameras on Spendmore Lane. This has included £5k from Partnerships funds and a lot of practical support and advice as well as project management.

Coppull has also been chosen as one of the two top hotspot (comparative to the rest of the county they are really 'lukewarm') areas within Chorley by the MAPS Team. This has involved all agencies looking at ways of targeting the area to reduce incidents such as Criminal Damage. This has included, high visibility patrols, leaflet drops and awareness raising through GP surgeries etc. We have also submitted the sites of community concern for speeding to the relevant authority and asked that the sites be considered for the new SPID speed awareness scheme. Only last week I discussed with Cllr Ball around supporting the production of a website, similar to the way we fund the other target areas newsletters. This I stressed was obviously dependant on funding.

We should also bear in mind that the Partnership has very limited resources both in terms of cash and people. When you look at the demands across the Borough this can only be spread so far. Our expectations and ambitions do therefore have to be realistic. We have been extremely fortunate in Coppull to have an extremely supportive Parish Council who have helped us to make projects happen and we look forward to building on that relationship in future.

**Response by Jamie Carson, Head of Leisure and Cultural Services**

Coppull is a priority area as part of the Council's Get Up and Go programme. Programmes have taken place during school holidays and, more recently, a programme of sports activities has taken place in several Coppull Primary Schools. This has resulted in a new multi-skills sports club starting up every Thursday at the Leisure Centre, from 9 March, between 4pm and 5.30pm for 7 to 11 year olds. Activities at Yarrow Valley Country Park are also popular with children and young people from Coppull. As an estimate, 10 to 12% of young people who take part in the Get Up and Go programme come from Coppull. Officers have also supported a number of voluntary and community groups in Coppull with projects that will support the development of the village.

**Response by Inspector Janet Edmundson, Lancashire Police**

Further to the response from Tim Rignall. Coppull is receiving quite a bit of attention directly from the Police and through the Partnership. As everyone appreciates the long term projects do take time as they have done in the other target areas.

Police have a permanent presence within the MAPS team based at Chorley and those staff work closely with the other partners on projects as well as offering support into other groups and organisations within the Coppull area.

PC Connor has played a vital role in the setting up of CCTV scheme in Coppull. Margaret Rushton, Community Crime Prevention Officer, continues to



provide vital support to Neighbourhood Watch Groups throughout the Borough including many schemes in the Coppull area. She has recently received a High Sheriff's Commendation for her work on community based initiatives, eg. the Bogus Official Awareness Presentations which was supported by the Partnership and Lancashire Partnership Against Crime. PC Booth is working closely with the Partnership ASBO officer and the Neighbourhood Policing Team to target identified individuals who frequent the Coppull area and impact on the quality of life of residents in the Village.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team work closely with the CBC Neighbourhood Wardens providing a visible presence in the area targeting 'hotspot areas' in relation to crime and antisocial behaviour. Our crime targets in the CDRP area (ie Chorley Borough) are owned by the Partnership and not just the Police so it is important that we do continue to work closely. The Partnership aim to plan activity in relation to known and seasonal events, utilising tactics from all agencies involved in the Partnership, eg. Bonfire Night.

The Partnership will be supporting operation Summer Nights again this year.

Perhaps we are sometimes guilty of not spreading the word about what the Partnership has done and is doing, rather than not doing anything.

4. **Litter/Dog Fouling** The Council would like to see more prosecutions take place to make people aware of the consequences should they drop litter or not clean up after their dogs.

**Response by John Lechmere, Head of Environmental Services**

Between 1 April 2005 and 31 January 2006 a total of 153 fixed penalty offence tickets for littering, dog fouling and fly posting have been issued in the Borough.

The breakdown for Coppull is:

- 4 fly tipping
- 2 litter
- 1 dog fouling

Total 7

**(c) Chorley & South Ribble Primary Care NHS Trust issues.**

Collette Gill, Director of Service Modernisation and Service Development attended the meeting to give a general update on Primary Care Trust developments relevant to the Coppull area, highlighting the Trusts 'Balance for Life' Strategy, a falls prevention programme will be piloted in Coppull for patients from Chorley, Coppull and surrounding areas and will be launched in March 2006.

The pilot will target those people at a high risk of falling.

Reference was also made to patients choosing a hospital to be treated with a leaflet produced showing the star ratings for each service.

**(d) Lancashire Police issues**

Inspector Janet Edmundson attended the meeting together with Sgt Alan Clayton and PC Keith Armistead from Coppull Neighbourhood Policing Team.

A brief power point presentation on 'Neighbourhood Policing and PACT (Police and Communities Together) reference to any local policing issues.

An invitation went out to everyone to attend the next PACT meeting at 6.00pm on 7 March at the Coppull Leisure Centre.

At the moment the Police were looking for volunteers and training would be given to operate the inquiry desk at Coppull Police Station.

It was noted that there was poor attendance at PACT meetings and that there was a need to get the message across to people.

The key message was better communications.

## **6. FEEDBACK / ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

### **Feedback/Items for next meeting**

Members of the public were invited to express their views on the format and arrangements for the meeting and to submit views for consideration at the next meeting.

Feedback cards had been placed on each chair to enable people to indicate their views and request inclusion on the members list.

The feedback from the meeting was encouraging for the future and that the meeting had provided the opportunity for problems and issues to be aired.

The Chair thanked everyone who attended.

Chair



## **COPPULL AREA FORUM – 13 JUNE 2006**

### **“YOU SAID, WE DID”**

There were some common issues raised by members of the public at the first meeting either during the ‘open forum’ session or as questions after the event.

#### **You said: We’ve got problems with recycling containers**

We did: People can have alternatives including lids and other accessories. We also carried out a major inquiry into the green woven sacks for plastics and cans and carried out a trial with residents to test alternatives. The new sacks will be delivered across the borough during the summer.

#### **You said: The bin crews leave litter behind**

We did: We’ve working hard with Cleanaway to ensure the best possible service and have recently made some real improvements. Operators have received extra training and the crews are now being supervised from the back of the wagons where they can be monitored more closely. Extra curtains have also been placed at the back of vehicles to prevent waste blowing out.

#### **You said: There’s nothing for kids and teenagers to do and we’re plagued by juvenile nuisance and anti-social behaviour on our streets**

We did: Our Get Up and Go! scheme was introduced to provide free holiday activities ranging from sports and leisure to arts and cultural activities like DJ workshops across the borough and give youngsters something to do. Since it began in 2003 it has provided thousands of youngsters with new skills and the opportunity to meet new friends, taking them off the street corners at no costs to families. This year we have increased funding to provide even more choice.

We’ve also invested in our sports development team that aims to increase participation and awareness of all sports in Chorley. The team works closely with

local schools and recently teamed up with the Community Safety Partnership to provide an innovative coaching scheme called 'On the Ladder' where youngsters can gain skills that keep them busy and may help them develop a career in the future.

We're also building links across the borough's communities to ask families what activities and facilities they would like to see.

**You said: Motorcyclists are using our community as an off-road race-track and churning up our open space**

We did: The Council has given some major consideration to providing a motorcycle track within the borough but has never been able to highlight anywhere residents are happy with. In 2005 the Executive Cabinet agreed it should not impose such a facility on any community without approval of residents and there remains no provision within Chorley.

**You said: We need more speed cameras and traffic calming to make our streets safer**

We did: We've arranged for people with specific highways concerns and issues to speak direct with Lancashire County Council, who are responsible for those services in this area, to get them sorted out and we're doing everything we can to ensure these concerns are heard.

**You said: We want you to get tough on people who dump their rubbish around Chorley**

We did: We've introduced a zero tolerance stand on dog fouling, litter and fly-tipping and we're handing out more and more fixed penalty tickets to people who do it.

We've also raised the amount from £50 to £100 and invested in our Neighbourhood Warden scheme so there are more people on the street tackling this kind of issue.



## COPPULL AREA FORUM – 13 JUNE 2006

### QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL

1. **Chorley Leisure Centre** - The Parish Council would like to ask the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services if there are any further developments after the recent meeting held in Coppull, about community involvement in running the Leisure Centre?
2. **Chorley Leisure Centre** - The Community Centre needs repairs and tidying up. Is Chorley Borough Council / Chorley Leisure Services going to do anything about it. They proudly describe Duxbury Park Golf Club as being "beautifully maintained". When can we expect the Community Centre to be treated in the same way?
3. **Dog Fouling and Litter** - There was strong feeling in the last meeting about dog fouling and litter in Coppull and that there should be a higher profile. Have people in Coppull been fined since the last Forum? The Parish Council has offered to make contributions for dog bins on Green Lane and Arcon, to avoid dog dirt being put into ordinary litterbins. Is there any progress with this?

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