COPPLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING –3rd October 2023 AT 7.00pm held at the Methodist Church Meeting Room

MINUTES

Present –Cllr Turner (Chairman), Cllr Shaw, Cllr Faulkner & Cllr F Letch (County) + The Clerk.
2 MOP
Apologies – Cllr Eastman, Cllr Bore, Cllr Penny & Cllr N Letch (District)

1	**Declarations of Interest** No declarations of interest were provided by members.
2	**Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of the 3rd September 2023** It was agreed by all present that the Minutes of the February Meeting are signed and approved. **Proposed –** Cllr Shaw **Seconded –** Cllr Turner
3	**Co-Option –** To advise of 3 vacancies post uncontested election. There were no nominations for the remaining vacancies. It was noted that Mr Adam Young attended and nominated himself for one of the spare vacancies. A brief introduction was made by Mr Young and it was then agreed to Co-Opt. This was agreed to by all members present. **Proposed** – Cllr Turner **Seconded** – Cllr Shaw.
4.	**Open Forum** - an opportunity for the Electors to address the Parish Council. The Parish Council encourages the use of an Open forum. MOP – Anne Gatton provided three cheques for the bench. This had been raised through three different organisations from the Village. The Parish Council would be asked to purchase these benches. Cheques provided were made payable to Copplestone Parish Council.
5	**5.1 To receive County Cllr report.** **Cllr Frank Letch –** There is little to report on significant updates from DCC level. More seems to be happening locally. The Clerk noted that the complaint to Highways had been acknowledged and Cllr Letch was aware of this. **5.2 To receive District Cllr report.** In the absence of Cllr Natalia Letch, a report was provided by Cllr Frank Letch. Matters included the closure of Three Rivers Developments, where one development is to be completed and then a soft closure over the coming months is expected. There are also future plans to build 499 social / affordable houses in the district.
6	**Environment / Property** **6.1 Removal of Play equipment at Fernworthy Park.** Report provided by Cllr Turner. This has not been completed due to the weather and is hopefully scheduled for the 6th October 2023. **6.2 Bench Purchase and Donation Information.**

	A Bench between the planters in the village is planned now that money has been raised by the gardening Club and other organizations within the village. It was thought that the second bench would be placed near to the Railway station, but the location is not yet clear. It was unclear who owned various pockets of land in this area of the village and Cllr Letch and Cllr Eastman would look to ascertain ownership of various locations. It was hoped that the benches would be purchased through Glasdon. **6.3 Dog Bin.** This needs to be progressed, GT has tried to work this out, but the parts are a little difficult to utilize. This will be done ASAP.
7	**Highways** **Highway Road Repairs within Copplestone Parish.** Report on Complaint to DCC Highways. Cllr Letch has had a visit from the procurement officer and it appears that the work will be undertaken in May 2024. A general discussion occurred regarding the Highways correspondence and Freedom of Information request that will be reported on in November 2023.
8.	**Planning** Ref: 23/01368/HOUSE **Proposal:** Erection of first floor extension over existing garage **Location:** 3 Fernworthy Close Copplestone Crediton **Site Vicinity Grid Ref:** 277211 / 102694 **Parish:** Copplestone 62 Weblink - https://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=S0GG85KS05K00 Members considered that they would support the application. **Proposed** – Cllr Shaw **Seconded** – Cllr Turner
9.	**Finance** Current Account Balance - £24,577.81 To sanction the following payments due: Item Ref Payee Purpose £ 9.1 01434 Clerk Monthly Salary 392.90 9.2 01435 MDDC Uncontested Election Fee 147.35 9.3 01436 The Chinese Firework Company Lighting Up the Parish 1328.86 **Proposed** – Cllr Turner **Seconded** – Cllr Faulkner
10.	**Correspondence received through the Chair / Clerk** **25.09.23 Citizens Advice – Donation Request** A donation was requested. The Council has made donations in the past of £30. This has not changed. IT was thought that a £40 donation was appropriate. This was agreed by all members is agreed. **Proposed** – Cllr Faulkner **Seconded** – Cllr Shaw. **18.09.23 Anne Gatton – Bench Information** **03.09.23 MOP – Shelter Storage Facilities.**
11.	**Member Statements**

	Cllr Shaw - David Brassington has made contact re lighting up the Parish Insurance. The Parish undertakes this and is covered under their own public liability insurance held. Further information regarding future plans for the park will be discussed in November 2023. **Cllr Faulkner** - Annual remembrance ceremony. Discussions will take place with Cllr Penny regarding this. Further information is expected in November.
	There were no further topics for discussion within the Ordinary Meeting which concluded at 19.35pm
11.	**Part 2 -** To resolve that under section 1(2) of The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during consideration of items of business if publicity would be prejudicial to the public. interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted as it involves the disclosure of personnel, commercially sensitive or legal matters. **Part 2 was requested.**
	Date of Next Meeting – 7th November 2023.