COPPLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING –7th May 2024 at 7.00pm held at the Methodist Church Meeting Room

MINUTES

Present – Cllr Turner (Chair), Cllr Faulkner, Cllr Shaw, Cllr Eastman + The Clerk.
Apologies – Cllr N Letch (District), Cllr F Letch (County), Cllr Dhinsa, Cllr Youngs.

1	**Declarations of Interest** Cllr Shaw provided a pecuniary Interest I respect of agenda point 11.7.
2	**Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of the 2nd April 2024** It was agreed by all present that the Minutes of the March meeting are signed and approved. **Proposed –** Cllr Shaw **Seconded –** Cllr Faulkner
3	**Co-Option –** To advise of vacancies post uncontested election. Two members of public attended the meeting and expressed an interest in becoming a member. The Parish Council had a four vacancies on the Council and could co-opt members at this stage. Claire Glover and Kirsty Sharp put their names forward for Co-Option and this was agreed by all members to co-opt the two nominations. **Proposed** - Cllr Eastman **Seconded** - Cllr Faulkner
4.	**Open Forum** - an opportunity for the Electors to address the Parish Council. The Parish Council encourages the use of an Open forum. No members of the public spoke as the annual meeting had just been held.
5	**Principle Authority Reports** **5.1 To Receive District Council report. Cllr Alex White.** Cllr White reports on what has happened since being elected in March. There is quite a busy time at MDDC. Financially, MDDC are doing well after their balanced budget. Cllr Glover, raises issues with having bonfires in a rented property. Conditions would be put in place under their lease and enforcement can look at this if needed. Monitor and see if this is frequent and if problems persist report them to Cllr White directly.
6	**Copplestone Recreation Association Request of Licence of Occupation for Copplestone United FC at the David Pullen Memorial Field.** The Clerk reported on the recent correspondence received containing requests made by the CRA and Copplestone United Football Club. The Football club seeks funding from the Football Association for upgrades to the pitch. The Football Club do not have any formal authority to use the pitch and seek a lease / Licence to use the ground. The CRA hold the lease and request permission from the Parish Council to provide a Licence to CUFC. This arrangement has occurred informally since 2015 when CUFC started to use the pitch. The Parish Council are fully supportive of the CRA and CUFC and give consent to the CRA to provide a Licence to CUFC. The Clerk had drafted the Licence and the Chairman of the CRA signed this alongside the Chairman of CUFC. **Proposed** – Cllr Shaw **Seconded** -Cllr Turner

Environment / Property

9.1 Fernworthy Park. - Consideration of other remedial work required.
Fencing and Concrete Removal – Acceptance of Quotation. £600+vat
This can be added to the June agenda as further information is required. Cllr Shaw will seek the views of the school as they use the site regularly. Cllr Shaw has also planted the Wildflower seeds that will hopefully germinate.

9.2 Sunnymead Park – An application has been made to the national lottery, awards for all. This is applied for now. Funding from the London Marathon Group has also been approached. A general discussion took place on the sizes of the ground and noting that in some areas the ground is boggy.

9.3 Traffic Calming Measures and 20mph Speed Limit at the Primary School.
Following on from the Annual Meeting, it was noted that the proposal of 20mph limit within the village was favorable to residents. The Clerk will speak with Cllr Letch about the speed issues. It was noted that FL had in the past voted against the issue. A crossing at the Traffic Lights was also discussed for inclusion on the application.
The Council agreed to take steps to apply for a 20mph speed zone throughout the village.
Proposed – Cllr Eastman
Seconded – Cllr Shaw

7 **Planning**

Ref: 24/00652/HOUSE
Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension
Location: 2 Station Terrace Copplestone Crediton
Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 276634 / 113093
Parish: Copplestone 62
Link:https://planning.middevon.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SCHILMKS07T00
The Council had no objections to the application.
Proposed – Cllr Shaw
Seconded – Cllr Turner

8. **Finance**

Current Account Balance - £41,115.39
To sanction the following payments due:

Item	Ref	Payee	Purpose	£
11.1	01266	Clerk	Monthly Salary	418.24
11.2	01267	Clerk	Statutory Holiday Pay 33.4 hrs @16.67	573.44
11.3	01268	Copplestone PTA	Summer Fun Day	500.00
11.4	01269	DALC	Membership	511.54
11.5	01270	Carl Jacob	Bench Fitting	100.00
11.6	01271	Clover Down Services	Fencing at Fernworthy Park	£1470
11.7	01272	Carla Shaw	Wildflower Seeds for Fernworthy Park	£29.95
11.8	01273	Discount Domains	Domain Registration	£10.79

The above payments were agreed by all members present.
Proposed – Cllr Turner
Seconded – Cllr Shaw

9.	**12. Member Statements** **Cllr Shaw - Graffiti** at Sunnymead. This had only just been noticed and can easily be removed. Cllr Turner agreed to assists. A bolt had come loose on a swing at Sunnymead. Cllr Turner will remedy this as soon as he can. The Notice board ownership is unknown and it looks unsightly. **Cllr Eastman –** The second bench is to be installed and some minor groundworks are required prior to siting this. Materials for the job are more expensive than before and the council will continue to fund this work. **The dog bin at Station Road is again raised. Can this be moved to a location of his choice. This is agreed to move conclude this matter.** **Cllr Faulkner -** The Cross Inn. What is happening? The Scaffolding application was supposed to have bene made in April and nothing has progressed at all.
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 likely disclosure of personnel, commercially sensitive or legal matters. **No Part 2 was held.**
	There were no further topics for discussion and the meeting concluded at 20.25pm Date of next meeting – 4th June 2024 at 7pm