COPPLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING – 3rd December at 7pm held at the Methodist Church Meeting Room

MINUTES

Present – Cllr Turner (Chairman), Cllr Faulkner (Vice-Chair), Cllr Dhinsa, Cllr Clark, Cllr Glover, Cllr Sharp, Cllr Eastman, + The Clerk.

Apologies – Cllr Youngs, Cllr A.White (District), Cllr N.Letch (District), Cllr F.Letch (County)

1.	**Declarations of Interest** None provided.
2.	**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 5th November and the EGM 20th November 2024 to be agreed and signed.** The minutes of the two previous meetings were approved by all the members present.
3.	**Open Forum** - an opportunity for the Electors to address the Parish Council. The Parish Council encourages the use of an Open forum. 2 MOP present. MOP – There is a site Portaloo on the highway outside the Cross Hotel. This is intended solely for site use but residents and others are now using this as a Public OCnvienence. Can the Portaloo be moved to within the boundary of the site? Cllr Glover would be asked to speak with the contractors first and Cllr Eastman would try and Contact the owner. CRA members – The Parish council have been asked to consider a donation of £20,000 as per agenda item 10. Two directors from the CRA attended in order to progress the answers received from the CRA to our request for information. The Directors of the CRA have stated that XL planning consultants are willing to put the project on hold until a clear mandate from residents of the village is received to raise the precept and undertake a PWLB loan. The CRA are conscious of rising costs and with the prospect of a national Lottery Grant being applied for could provide some form of match funding with other organisations. Members of the Parish Council are fully supportive of a Village Hall and feel that publicity for the project as a whole needs to be ramped up. The CRA have welcomed two parish councillors attending CRA meetings ,with the next meeting being undertaken on the 13th January 2025. General Discussion was then undertaken and it was felt that the request for the donation as per Item 10 of the agenda be moved forward. Members felt that with the above view of public engagement being a priority now, the CRA would put the request for £20,00 on hold. With the above information, members did not undertake a vote on donating £20,000 to the CRA. Cllr Glover passed an email containing onfmration to a Rubbish Issues within the village. The reply was from Mel Stride MP. It was felt that MDDC were the correct party to deal with the issue through a s.215 Notice to clean up the area. The Clerk is asked to write to Cllr Alex White on the matter.
4.	**Complaint to DCC Highways for 20mph Speed Limit within Copplestone Parish.** To Receive an Update from DCC on complaint made on 19th September 2024 Clerk reports on the complaint made to DCC. The Council were not informed by Cllr F.Letch of the correct procedure. Members felt that the inaction by DCC to reduce speed at the School

	needs further consideration and pressing with DCC. The Clerk will continue to correspond with DCC on the matter. It was also noted that a formalized crossing scheme at the Traffic Lights is also rejected. This was also a priority for members with the Clerk to again correspond with DCC. The reply from DCC is of poor quality but members felt that they are burdened by the lack of consideration warrant our own speed awareness initiatives. **Can the PC purchase a sign to show speeding with a smiley face.** DCC need to be pressed on the speeding issue at the School. Oter Parishes can share the equipment to monitor speed. Safer Roads Team at DCC to borrow one of the signs. The Signage can be moved around. The School is paramount. s. 50 notice for the reminder of the signage. Safer roads team suggest locations, especially the school. **Costing would be needed for the Precept.** Community Speed Watch is an option, but this is not productive. This is not being progressed. Crossing to be pushed.