COPPLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING – 1st April 2025 at 7pm held at the Methodist Church Meeting Room

MINUTES

Present – Cllr Dhinsa, Cllr Clark, Cllr Glover, + The Clerk.
Apologies – Cllr Turner (Chairman), Cllr Faulkner (Vice-Chair), Cllr Eastman, Cllr Youngs, Cllr Sharp, Cllr F. Letch (County), Cllr N. Letch (District), Cllr A. White (District)

As the Chairman and Vice Chairman were absent, members agree for The Clerk to chair the meeting.

1.	**Declarations of Interest** None provided.
2.	**Minutes of the Ordinary Meetings held on the 4th February & 4th March 2025 to be agreed and signed.** The Chairman and Vice Chairman were absent, and the above minutes were to be deferred to May.
3.	**Open Forum** - an opportunity for the Electors to address the Parish Council. The Parish Council encourages the use of an Open forum. 2 Residents **Resident** – Were there any developments in relation to The Cross Hotel? The Parish Council were contacted by the owners in relation to fixtures and fittings within the building. These are surplus to requirements by the owner and they have donated anything that could be relevant for the Village Hall Development. Cllr Glover and Clark have met the owner who gave permission to access the Skittle alley where many items are stored for future transportation to storage provided by Cllr Clark. A report on the meeting will be forthcoming. The owner would like to inform the parish of what is happening. Members were unsure who would be drafting this. 20 MPH signs – Update Members noted this was progressing. It was hoped that internet banking would be complete by mid may to enable the purchase of the speed signage. Potholes and Road Repairs. - Repairs to main road have not been undertaken. Cars are avoiding the failed surface and cross to the opposite side of the road. This is dangerous. All members stressed that they have reported this to Highways but nothing is happening from DCC. There is a view that water pipes under this area of the road is an issue. The Clerk is asked to contact Highways again and make a formal complaint regarding this. Members asked that the reporting system be raised. Issues that are reported then disappear from the system, but still no work is undertaken. Path clearing towards Knowle has still not been undertaken. This may be due to traffic management. Streetlighting - Lamppost 42. near Toll House on the main road are not working and these have been reported. **Resident -** Potholes at Wrights Drive and increasing. Highways have sprayed the road, seeming to be for future work which is never undertaken. Junction lines on the roads are disappearing throughout village.

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	Sunnymead Park, railings at the school have been blocked by cars. It is thought that double yellow lines are required to prevent cars parking. Often, Children have to walk between cars to cross Double Yellow signs are required. Clerk to look inti having double yellow lines outside Sunnymead Park. The Clerk is asked to investigate how to request double yellow lines from DCC. The sprung gate at the park nr the BT building has failed. It is asked that this is repaired. Cllr Dhinsa will look at the repair required. The poles at the fence near the BT building also need to be looked at as they are leaning towards the fence.
4.	**Co-Option** To consider co-opting one member to fill remaining vacancy. No nominations for the one vacancy have been received.
5.	**Principal Authority Reports:** None provided.
6.	**The Cross Hotel** - **The Cross Hotel** – **8.1 To Receive an update on works to date.** It was noted that no planning application for demolition has been received. **8.2 To report on meeting between Members and Owner of The Cross regarding donations of fixtures and fittings to CRA / Youth Club Project.** See the Open Forum above.
7.	**Environment / Property** **9.1 Fernworthy Park / Sunnymead Park Working Group Report.** There is still no flag for the War Memorial. This has been awaited since September 2024. The Flag has now been purchased and Cllr Dhinsa will replace. The replacement parts for the Playground have not yet been provided by Kompan. The Clerk will provide the full specifications from the original order to all members to progress.
8.	**Recreation Ground - CRA / Football Club and Parish Council.** **8.1 To report on required work at site and safety measures of Storage Containers.** The Clerk had spoken to Angy Grey regarding the need for 30ton of Hardcore. This is progressing as Mr Grey has to contact DCC mineral planning to ascertain if he can get an exemption to provide a quantity under his license. **8.2 To agree on a timetable for the Parish Council to undertake safety work after 25th April 2025** The Football club have until the 25th April to remedy the areas surrounding the storage containers and to formalize heir footings. Cllr Clark will inform the Clerk if no work is undertaken. The Council would have to then step in and take safety measures themselves.
9.	**Planning** Ref: 25/00411/HOUSE **Proposal:** Erection of single storey extension **Location:** 9 Barton Court Copplestone Crediton **Site Vicinity Grid Ref:** 276838 / 102596 **Parish:** Copplestone 62 **Link:** https://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=STMHE1KS05K00 Proposal to raise no objections to the above application.

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	Proposed – Cllr Clark **Seconded** – Cllr Dhinsa Cllr Clark asked if those attending were favorable to canvass residents' opinion on future planning applications where relevant. Knocking on doors of neighboring properties was favorable to assist the Parish Council on forming an opinion when consulted. No objections were given to this idea.
10.	**Finance** **Current Account Balance** - £40,547.12 **Savings -** £9,430.26 **To sanction the following payments due:**

Item	**Ref**	**Payee**	**Purpose**	**£**
11.1	01492	Clerk	Monthly Salary	**435.80**
			Stamps 3 x 1st Class	**4.95**
11.2	01493	Copplestone Methodist Church	Hall Rent	**125.00**
11.3	01494	Narked Design	Website Build	**479.00**

All members present agreed to the above payments.
Proposed – Cllr Glover
Seconded – Cllr Dhinsa

	Member Statements **Cllr Glover** – Comments had been passed over from Cllr Shar in relation to a white delivery van parked in a hedgerow for weeks on end. It was taxed and MOT'd. This will be monitored but also reported to LiveWest due to the houses nearby. **Cllr Dhinsa** – thanks were provided to the group within the village who undertook the Spring Clean. The Village looks a lot better after this. The PCSO was contacted again regarding speed awareness, the officer responded by email informing Cllr Dhinsa that it was his last day of Service before leaving. **Cllr Clark** – Can the minutes be provided within one week following the meeting? The Clerk agreed to this.
	There were no further topics for discussion and the ordinary meeting concluded at 20.10pm No Part 2 was undertaken. **Date of Next Meetings – 6th May 2025** **Annual Parish Meeting** **Annual Meeting of the Council &** **Ordinary Meeting**

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