6.	**Planning** **Ref:** 25/00541/FULL **Proposal:** Demolition of Cross Hotel main building **Location:** Cross Hotel Copplestone Crediton **Site Vicinity Grid Ref:** 277062 / 102637 **Parish:** Copplestone 62 **Link:** https://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=SUJUIZKS04G00 Members noted that the application has been widely publicized, and the consultation expires on the 15th May. Members raised concerns over flooding post demolition. The lack of a wall at Bewsley Hill will affect water flowing on to an open site near the highway. This must be conditioned by MDDC to manage water flow and minimize potential flooding. The view taken at the Annual Parish Meeting was to raise no objections to the demolition but to seek conditions relating to: Flood prevention Reinstatement in line with the previous planning application & Reinstatement of the Asset of Community Value registration. Members were unanimous about the above and comments on the application will be made by the Clerk over the course of the week. **Proposed** – Cllr Eastman **Seconded** – Cllr Clark
7.	**Environment / Property** **7.1 Fernworthy Park / Sunnymead Park Working Group Report.** Cllr Dhinsa reports that the lock bolt on the gate near the BT compound is not engaging. This needs a repair which will be considered by Cllr Dhinsa. The condition of the fencing here is poor and all members acknowledged the need to consider replacing it. The Clerk will look at the land registry documents to ascertain responsibility on fencing and who's responsibility it falls under. KOMPAN parts to repair the play equipment total £262.08. The rubber flooring also needs repairing. This would cost £911.35. It was known that a rubber floor repair kit can be purchased, this will be considered. Cllr Clark reports that the required work to level the floor and repositioning of the Storage container has not been undertaken by the Football Club. The Clerk has spoken to Mr Andy Gray who can provide the hardcore for the ground. The tonnage that is to be provided does not seem to be an issue with DCC Mineral Planning. Langford Plant Hire in Bow are to be contacted about the groundwork required. Fernworthy Park – the concrete pads idea has stalled. This needs to progress.
8.	**Finance** **Current Account Balance** - £57.090.12 **Savings -** £9,438.01

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COPPLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING – 6th May 2025 at 7pm held at the Methodist Church Meeting Room

MINUTES

Present – Cllr Clark (Chairman), Cllr Glover (Vice Chair), Cllr Turner, Cllr Faulkner, Cllr Eastman, Cllr Dhinsa, Cllr Youngs, Cllr White (District), + The Clerk. 4 Residents
Apologies – Cllr Sharp, Cllr N Letch (District)

1.	**Declarations of Interest** None provided.
2.	**Minutes of the Ordinary Meetings held on the 4th February /4th March & 1st April 2025 to be agreed and signed.** The above minutes were agreed. The April minutes were signed by the Clerk with annotation noting the absence of Chairman and Vice Chair at the April meeting. This was agreed by all members present, Cllr Dhinsa abstained. Cllr Glover raised a point of procedure. The Clerk is asked to provide minutes within 7 days of the meeting. Councillors should then be given 7 days following this to comment on minutes. This is to obtain agreed minutes for publication sooner rather than delayed due to continuing discussions on the minutes. This was also agreed by 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. 4 Residents Cllr Glover wished to speak as a Resident of Copplestone and not a councillor. The backlash against the Parish Councillor related to posts on Facebook form the Parish Council which were subsequently deleted due to inappropriate comments. The current administrator on the Facebook account will unlock the messaging function when a firm and robust Facebook Usage Policy is agreed on. This was concerning to all present and Cllr Eastman would look to obtain a draft policy on the use of Facebook.
4.	**Co-Option** To consider co-opting one member to fill remaining vacancy. One resident expressed an interest in the final vacancy. Abi Hitchcock outlined who they were, what they want from the council and what they can do to assist. It was agreed by all members to co-opt Abi as a member. The Clerk would speak to Abi after the meeting to obtain all details for registration of interest purposes.
5.	**Principal Authority Reports:** **5.1** To receive County Cllr report. It was noted that Mr Jim Cairney from Crediton has been elected as Copplestone new DCC member. He was not present as he was injured. **5.2** To receive District Cllr report. **Cllr White** - Outlines the extent of work undertaken regarding The Cross. The main issue is the Party Wall agreement. Demolition will take 10 days to 2 weeks. Any further and relevant correspondence received by Cllr White will be forwarded to members after the meeting. Members asked that the school get warning of any impending work that is to take place.

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