

**COPPLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING –4th June 2024 at 7.300pm held at
the Methodist Church Meeting Room**

MINUTES

Present – Cllr Faulkner (Vice-Chair), Cllr Dhinsa Cllr Glover, Cllr Sharp, Cllr F Letch (County) + The Clerk.

Apologies – Cllr Turner (Chairman), Cllr Eastman, Cllr Shaw, Cllr Youngs, Cllr N Letch (District), Cllr Alex White (District), Cllr Youngs.

1	<p>Declarations of Interest None provided.</p>
2	<p>Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of the 2nd April and 7th May 2024 It was agreed by all present that the Minutes of the April and May meeting were signed and approved. Proposed – Cllr Glover Seconded – Cllr Faulkner</p>
3	<p>Co-Option – To advise of vacancies post uncontested election. One MOP attended to express his interest in membership. The MOP was asked to return in September to consider this again as they had not resided in Coplestone Parish for 1 year.</p>
4.	<p>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.</p>
5	<p>Principle Authority Reports 5.1 To Receive County Council report. Cllr Frank Letch. His written report was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Cllr Letch was reelected as Chairman of MDDC. He remains as a district 'Councillor as well as a county councillor. Working groups that he participates in that are relevant to Coplestone are considering potholes. There are discussions about the contractors that repair roads and how to utilize them better. Potholes are not going away. Rural Broadband is also being considered. Colebrooke suffers with poor broadband whilst Cople is served well. This disparity should soon be addressed.</p> <p>Cllr Letch also raises the Mineral Planning application that he has received for Knowle Quarry. This has not yet been put before the Parish Council and should hopefully be considered on the July Agenda. Cllr Letch will investigate who was consulted. The Clerk notes that this is an unusual application worthy of a site visit. Members asked that this be considered prior to the July meeting.</p>
6	<p>Application to DCC Highways for 20mph Speed Limit within Coplestone Parish. This topic was agreed on at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk provides a map of Coplestone Village for members to view and indicate where the areas would be designated. The map indicates that most of the village is required to be 20mph. The School, Sunnymead and Fernworthy are looked at with the view of having a blanket 20mph zone. Members also noted that there is no signage at Bewsley Hill informing road users of a School ahead.</p>

	<p>The Crossing at the traffic lights was also raised as was signage towards Bow. Speed restrictions in the correct manner were also asked to be investigated.</p> <p>The Clerk would use the map to pass to DCC Highways and Frank Letch when the application was drafted and complete.</p> <p>All members present agreed to make the application for the above 20mph scheme and other matters.</p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Dhinsa Seconded – Cllr Faulkner</p>															
7	<p>Environment / Property</p> <p>9.1 Fernworthy Park. - Consideration of other remedial work required. There has not been any further movement on obtaining quotes for work. All members will consider this.</p> <p>9.2 Sunnymead Park The Shelter is to be removed by SD and a resident who offered to Store the Shelter. Further updates will be received in July.</p>															
8.	<p>Finance</p> <p>Current Account Balance - £37,412.22</p> <p>To sanction the following payments due:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>Ref</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Purpose</th> <th>£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>10.1</td> <td>01274</td> <td>Clerk</td> <td>Monthly Salary</td> <td>418.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10.2</td> <td>01275</td> <td>K.Eastman</td> <td>Bench Purchase</td> <td>TBA</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All members agreed on the above payments.</p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Sharp Seconded – Cllr Faulkner</p>	Item	Ref	Payee	Purpose	£	10.1	01274	Clerk	Monthly Salary	418.24	10.2	01275	K.Eastman	Bench Purchase	TBA
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9.	<p>12. Member Statements</p> <p>Cllr Glover – It is noted that the recreation field is used by MOP for dog walking. Dog fouling is present. This is not permitted.</p> <p>Cllr Sharp – Work in the village over the railway started at 2.30am on a Saturday. There was no notice informing resident work was going to start.</p>															
11	<p>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.</p> <p>No Part 2 was held.</p>															
	<p>There were no further topics for discussion and the meeting concluded at 19.45pm</p> <p>Date of next meeting – 2nd July 2024</p>															