

COPPLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING –5th December 2023 AT 7.00pm held
at the Methodist Church Meeting Room

MINUTES

Present –Cllr Shaw, Cllr Faulkner & Cllr Youngs, Cllr Eastman, Cllr F Letch (County) + The Clerk.

Apologies – Cllr Bore, Cllr Penny & Cllr Turner, Cllr N Letch (District)

1	<p>Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were provided by members.</p>
2	<p>Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of the 7th November 2023 It was agreed by all present that the Minutes of the October Meeting are signed and approved. Proposed – Cllr Youngs Seconded – Cllr Faulkner</p>
3	<p>Co-Option – To advise of vacancies post uncontested election. There were no nominations for the remaining vacancies.</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. There were no MOP in attendance.</p>
5	<p>5.1 To receive County Cllr report. Cllr Frank Letch – It was noted that there had been a flurry of comments regarding the proposed introduction of Pay and Display parking in Crediton High Street. It was stated that eight towns have been chosen within Devon to be included at different times. First Hour is free and then chargeable afterwards. It was thought that this was a fair proposal.</p> <p>Road works and road closures along the A377. The work is finally going to be undertaken at the farm shop. This is due to take place in March 2024. As it was a full road closure, the diversions and routes for larger vehicles were unknown. This should be provided. The Clerk has not yet received Traffic Orders this far in advance. Cllr Letch would forward on.</p> <p>In terms of Road spending, the excess money being generated from the HS2 cancellation is significant but nowhere near what is required in the area.</p>
6	<p>Environment / Property</p> <p>6.1 Removal of Play equipment at Fernworthy Park. It is noted that the playpark is still open, and no equipment has been moved. The Clerk considers this a matter that can now be undertaken with contractors. This was approved by all members.</p> <p>6.2 Sunnymead Phase 2 work and play equipment. Cllr Shaw reports that there is no update on this matter and Kompan are to be chased again.</p>
7	<p>Highways Highway Road Repairs within Coplestone Parish. The Clerk informed members that a further complaint to DCC had been made regarding the lack of attendance at meetings.</p>

8.	<p>Finance Current Account Balance - £35,274.56 To sanction the following payments due:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="220 304 288 331">Item</th> <th data-bbox="316 304 368 331">Ref</th> <th data-bbox="512 304 587 331">Payee</th> <th data-bbox="900 304 1002 331">Purpose</th> <th data-bbox="1283 304 1302 331">£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="220 338 280 365">11.1</td> <td data-bbox="316 338 395 365">01264</td> <td data-bbox="512 338 576 365">Clerk</td> <td data-bbox="900 338 1082 365">Monthly Salary</td> <td data-bbox="1283 338 1369 365">418.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="220 371 280 398">11.2</td> <td data-bbox="316 371 395 398">01265</td> <td data-bbox="512 371 576 398">Clerk</td> <td data-bbox="900 371 1214 398">Back Pay re: working from</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Item	Ref	Payee	Purpose	£	11.1	01264	Clerk	Monthly Salary	418.14	11.2	01265	Clerk	Back Pay re: working from						
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10.	<p>Correspondence received through the Chair / Clerk 08.11.23 Cllr F. Letch. Highway comments from Steve Tucker</p>																				
	<p>There were no further topics for discussion within the Ordinary Meeting which concluded at 19.25pm</p>																				
	<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 disclosure of personnel, commercially sensitive or legal matters.</p> <p>Part 2 was requested.</p>																				
	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 9th January 2024</p>																				