CLAIMS

1. A pole for supporting at least one device thereon, the pole comprising:

a post to support weight of the pole and to attach the at least one device thereto; and

at least one cover at least partially covering at least one side of the post, the post and the at least one cover together defining at least part of a longitudinal channel in the pole to house the at least one device attached to the post;

wherein an edge of the cover is in pivotable engagement with the post to allow access to the post in the longitudinal channel,

wherein the pivotable engagement comprises at least one hinge having a first hinge portion integral with the post and a second hinge portion integral with the cover, the first and second hinge portions defining a pinless hinge such that the cover directly and pivotably engages the post without anything in between, and

wherein the post comprises a number of ribs and the at least one cover comprises a number of covers corresponding to the number of ribs, the pole comprising a number of longitudinal channels corresponding to the number of covers, wherein each of the number of longitudinal channels is defined by one cover and two adjacent ribs.

~~2. The pole of claim 1, wherein the pivotable engagement comprises at least one hinge having a first hinge portion integral with the post and a second hinge portion integral with the cover such that the cover directly and pivotably engages the post without anything in between.~~

~~3~~2. The pole of claim ~~2~~1, wherein the first hinge portion and the second hinge portion each comprise detachably mating structures that rotatably engage each other over a predetermined angle of rotation between a closed position of the cover and a widest possible open position of the cover relative to the post.

~~4~~3. The pole of claim ~~3~~2, wherein the pivotable engagement comprises a plurality of hinges spaced apart from each other by intervals greater than a length of one hinge.

~~5. The pole of any one of the preceding claims, wherein the post comprises a number of ribs and the at least one cover comprises a number of covers corresponding to the number of ribs, the pole comprising a number of longitudinal channels corresponding to the number of covers, wherein each of the number of longitudinal channels is defined by one cover and two~~

~~adjacent ribs.~~

~~6~~4. The pole of claim 1~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the at least one cover comprises a number of vertically arranged covers.

~~7~~5. The pole of claim 1~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the at least one cover is at least partially curved and/or angled about a longitudinal axis.

~~8~~6. The pole of claim 1~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the post is at least partially curved and/or angled about a longitudinal axis.

~~9~~7. The pole of claim 1~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the at least one cover is readily assembled with and detached from the post by hand without requiring use of tools.

~~10~~8. The pole of claim 1~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein total height of the at least one cover spans at least most of a full length of the post.

9. A pole for supporting at least one device thereon, the pole comprising:

a post to support weight of the pole and to attach the at least one device thereto; and

at least one cover at least partially covering at least one side of the post, the post and the at least one cover together defining at least part of a longitudinal channel in the pole to house the at least one device attached to the post;

wherein an edge of the cover is in pivotable engagement with the post to allow access to the post in the longitudinal channel,

wherein the pivotable engagement comprises at least one hinge having a first hinge portion integral with the post and a second hinge portion integral with the cover, the first and second hinge portions defining a pinless hinge such that the cover directly and pivotably engages the post without anything in between,

wherein the first hinge portion and the second hinge portion each comprise detachably mating structures that rotatably engage each other over a predetermined angle of rotation between a closed position of the cover and a widest possible open position of the cover relative to the post, and

wherein the pivotable engagement comprises a plurality of hinges spaced apart from each other by intervals greater than a length of one hinge.

10. The pole of claim 9, wherein the at least one cover comprises a number of vertically arranged covers.

11. The pole of claim 9, wherein the at least one cover is at least partially curved and/or angled about a longitudinal axis.

12. The pole of claim 9, wherein the post is at least partially curved and/or angled about a longitudinal axis.

13. The pole of claim 9, wherein the at least one cover is readily assembled with and detached from the post by hand without requiring use of tools.

14. The pole of claim 9, wherein total height of the at least one cover spans at least most of a full length of the post.