

# CARSINGTON AND HOPTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2016

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at the School.

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were approved.
2. The Chairman of the Parish Council's Report

The focus of the Parish Council this year has been largely in three areas:

To develop and implement the policy for administering the Windfarm Fund in its first year;

- To identify and appoint a contractor to maintain the verges in the village;
- To develop a website and on-line portal in line with regulatory requirements.

## **Windfarm Fund**

The Windfarm fund policy was drafted and approved in the early part of the year and a number of applications were subsequently received from local organisations. The policy for administering the fund has been successfully implemented and a number of grants have been awarded for the following projects:

- Support to St Margaret's Church A Space replacing pews with stackable chairs to provide a more flexible community space;
- Support to CARE replacing the christmas tree lights;
- Support to CARE replacing the marquee;
- Support to CARE and Carsington and Hopton School to provide a replacement WC facility that is also DDA compliant;
- Support to the Parish Council to provide an accessible wall mounted defibrillator within the Parish.

## **Verges**

A number of prospective contractors have been engaged regarding the maintenance of the verges and appointment of one will take place upon completion of the tender process.

## **Regulatory Compliance**

The Parish Council was responsible for ensuring compliance with the new Transparency Regulations and our Clerk, Kate Murray, has been instrumental in completing this work during the year. Simon Wildash has also supported this work by developing a new website for the Parish Council. We have, therefore, been able to meet these new requirements fully.

## **Precept**

The Council decided to keep its precept request at the current level and fund the additional maintenance responsibilities from reserves. This is the second year running that there has been no change to the Precept.

## Financial Report for year ended 31st March 2016.

Item	£	%
<b>INCOME</b>		
Precept	4750	48
Wind farm	4100	42
Refund of VAT	208	2
Transparency fund	753	8
Total Income	9811	100
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Clerk	2648	34
Windfarm grants	1831	24
Village Green upkeep	1208	16
Transparency fund	617	8
Insurance	318	4
Verges	156	3
Hire of School	120	2
Election costs	112	2
Stationery/running costs	114	2
Training	100	1
DALC	96	1
Audit	90	1
Web site	67	1
Contingency	67	1
IOC	35	0
Total Expenditure	7579	100

The bank balances at 31st March 2016 stood at £7369 in the current account and £8359 in the reserve account. This is sufficient for normal Parish Council activities and to cover the offers of grants not yet claimed.

The accounts have been internally audited and statutory notices will be posted regarding the external audit and availability to the public.