

Minutes of the Meeting of Carsington and Hopton Parish Council held on 11th May 2016 at Carsington and Hopton C of E Primary School

Present: Cllrs Craig Southway, Lou Corbett, Sarah Peel, and Ruth Miles.

Clerk to the Council, Kate Murray

1/16. Election of Chairman for Council Year 2016/2017.

Cllr Craig Southway was proposed as Chair by Cllr Lou Corbett and seconded by Cllr Ruth Miles and was duly elected.

2/16. Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Southway accepted and duly signed the form of Acceptance of Office.

3/16. Election of Vice Chairman for Council Year 2016/2017.

Cllr Sarah Barratt was proposed as Vice Chair by Cllr Ruth Miles and seconded by Cllr Lou Corbett and was duly elected.

4/16. Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Barratt accepted and duly signed the form of Acceptance of Office.

5/16. Completion by Councillors present of Acceptance of Office forms.

6/16. Members were reminded of the need to review the declaration of interest forms. There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

7/16. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Cathy Oldfield.

8/16. The order of business was varied to take item 12/16 at this point.

12/16. Cllr Irene Ratcliffe reported on a break in to an outbuilding and reminded residents of the need to lock sheds and garages.

PC Rachel Baggaley and PCSO Jo Dales reminded the meeting that their governance meeting was taking place on 9th June at 10.30 in Ashbourne Town Hall. They also outlined the process for checking speeding in villages and said it may be looked at in the autumn.

9/16. Steven Radford and Mark Cummings from Griffie Grange Wind Farm gave a presentation about their resubmission of the application for a wind farm. They are now proposing three turbines. The Clerk has copies of the visuals for any residents who wish to view them, or alternatively they are available on the web site at <https://planning.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=relatedCases&keyVal=N3E46LFU3700>

They encouraged any groups in the villages who wished to make applications to the trust they are setting up, which had a pot of £37500 pa, to enter into discussions as soon as possible.

10/16. The minutes of the meeting of 1st March 2016 were APPROVED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

11/16. There was no need to close the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business.

13/16. The Griffie Grange Wind Farm application was discussed. It was AGREED that the smaller scheme would have less impact. It was also AGREED that Cllr Corbett would speak with planning.

14/16. Annual Return.

- (i) It was NOTED that electors' rights run from 3rd June to 14th July.
- (ii) The meeting AGREED the annual governance return, which the Chair then SIGNED.
- (iii) The accounts for 2025/16 were CONSIDERED and APPROVED.
- (iv) It was NOTED that the internal auditors report did not have any matters to bring to the Council's notice and that "the Parish Council's system of internal control meets the requirements of the Council to a good level".

15/16. Annual Review of Documents.

The Asset Register and Risk Assessment were considered. Both had been signed off by the internal auditor. It was NOTED that some of the risks identified in the previous year had been mitigated.

The revised Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Publication Scheme and Complaints Procedure were ACCEPTED and NOTED. Although these documents are reviewed annually they should be seen as living documents and members are welcome to raise issues relating to them at any time.

16/16. Wind Farm Grants.

- A. There were no new applications.
- B. CARE had claimed for the marquee part of their application and a cheque for £199.99 was APPROVED. The defibrillator positioning was AGREED. The Council expressed sincere thanks for the generous donation of £150 from the Shoe String Players towards this project.

17/16. Correspondence received by the Clerk.

(A) PLANNING.

The list of applications in the table of the agenda item paper 17/16 were DISCUSSED. There were no objections to 16/00239/AGR and 16/00238/AGR. Nor to T/16/00051/TCA and 16/00249/FUL. The new draft plan for Derbyshire Dales was NOTED and it was AGREED that the different designation of Carsington from Hopton was logical given the criteria used. The web site link for the plan is <http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/LocalPlan>, a hard copy is available from the Clerk.

(B) Correspondence received was NOTED. BT's desire to locate a new communications box in the centre of Carsington was DISCUSSED and it was AGREED that a good solution could be found.

(C) (i) Tenders and Contracts.

The mowing of the village green by SC Bunting was AGREED.

The strimming of the verges by Sheds Ground Maintenance was REJECTED on the grounds of cost.

The three year insurance deal from Came & Co was AGREED.

(ii) The accounts to 11th May 2016 circulated to Members and available at the meeting and signed off by the internal auditor were APPROVED.

Payments listed were APPROVED.

(iii) Receipts listed were NOTED. As was the absence of the wind farm remittance.

(iv) Wind Farm payments listed were NOTED.

Full details will be made available on the web site.

18/16. Village Matters

A. Weekly Inspection of Green.

Cllr Barratt REPORTED that the green was well used and all was well. Clerk REPORTED that the annual inspection had been set up for May.

B. There were no maintenance issues for the village green.

C. A new contractor for work on the verges was being sort.

D. The dog mess issue had improved.

E. Cllr Cathy Oldfield was looking into repairs of the notice boards, as the cost of new ones was considerable.

F. The time capsule near the old millennium oak had not been found. It was AGREED that the hole would be left for a week before being filled in, in case someone could help with locating it.

G. The neighbours of Hopton Triangle were very happy with Cllr Ruth Miles' suggestions, except for the provision of a seat. Revised proposals will be drawn up without a seat.

19/16. Future agenda items to include the bus stop in Hopton and the location of future Parish Council meetings

The date of the next meeting is the 5th July 2016 at 7 pm in Carsington and Hopton School.

Kate Murray

Clerk to the Council

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