

Carsington and Hopton Parish Council

Issue: Annual Report to Carsington Pastures Wind Farm

Agenda item: 27/16

Recommendation: Note the progress to date and endorse the paper and approve it for release to Carsington Wind Energy Limited.

Timing: The Parish Council has agreed to supply an annual report on its use of wind farm monies.

Members Interests: None known.

Further information: All relevant information has already been circulated.

Background: The legal agreement was finalised on 13th April 2015. The Parish Council finalised their documentation for applications and offers in September and applications were received immediately.

Progress: The table below summarises the position to date.

App No	Applicant	Amount Requested	Purpose	Awarded	Date of award	Amount and date of claim
0	School	£2050	School garden area	Letter dated 15.05.14	19.05.14	Transfer 6.06.14
1	PCC	£2000	Church seating	15% of project up to £2000	3.11.15 Min 96/16Ci	£1831.50 23.02.16
2	CARE	£669.90	Marque and Xmas lights	£669.90, up to 50% of project	3.11.15 Min 17/16Cii	£199.99 11.05.16
3	CARE	£891-50%	Toilet	£891.00	26.01.16	
4	School	£1000-20%	Playground	Resubmit		
5	PC	£1000-50%	Defibrillator	£825.00	26.01.16	

Reports on Projects:

Application 0. The school used its generous donation of the wind-farm subsidy to complete the outdoor area that had been in development for over two years. Due to the rising costs associated with materials and dealing with great-crested newts, there had been a shortfall in the money budgeted for the scheme. Between the school's own main budget and the wind-farm money, all costs were met and the project has been a huge success, making the school environment more attractive and providing the children with a superb play facility, green space, allotments and an area for quiet contemplation.

Application 1. The Church used its donation as a contribution to "The Parish Project" of St Margaret's, to enable the purchase of stackable chairs which allow the church to be used as a community space. The space available is 54m². The villages do not have any other public space.

Currently it is being used for exercise classes and meetings of local interest groups. A number of village events have already used the space. In addition, the school uses the space for fairs, performances and dance sessions. There is a group actively promoting the space and more community involvement is expected.

Application 2. The CARE committee, responsible for many social events in the villages, have used one of their grants to replace the village marquee. The new marquee is of a size to fit the space on the new village green created to accommodate it and thus it is suitable for summer events on the green. The next event is the Village Fete.

Financial Implications: There are none associated with this paper.

Risk Implications: It is important that the Parish Council continues to conduct the review of applications in a transparent manner and continues to work on ensuring that applications are as good as they can be, and so continues to ask for further information and to encourage resubmissions, if necessary.