

Carsington and Hopton Parish Council

Issue: Annual Report to Carsington Pastures Wind Farm for 2017/18

Agenda item: 17/18C

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

Timing: This is the third annual report from the Parish Council on its use of wind farm monies.

Members Interests: None known.

Further information: All relevant information has already been circulated.

Background: The first two reports covered the first seven grant awards. The Parish Council received £4223 grant from Carsington Wind Energy Limited in the financial year 2017-18. Currently there is £1950 in the account relating to windfarm monies. More applications are being actively sort.

Progress: The table below summarises the next tranche of applications.

App No	Applicant	Amount Requested	Purpose	Awarded	Date of award	Amount and date of claim	Status
7	School	£2000	Renew school playground	£2000	11 th July 2017	8 th November 2017	Completed
8	Parish Council	£1250	Create a soft-landing area around the bank slide, on village green	£1250	10 th January 2018		Approved
9	Gell Trust	£1020	Lay the hedge around the school playing field	£1020	7 th March 2018		Approved
10	Gell Trust	£660	Erect a stock proof fence around the school playing field	£660	7 th March 2018		Approved

Reports on Projects:

Application 7. The school in Carsington needed a level playground suitable for ball games and team game playing. The contribution from the windfarm amounted to 16% of the total cost, but it enabled the project to go ahead. The teachers and children are delighted with the outcome.

Application 8. Considerable research has been undertaken to find the best solution to the problem of the erosion of the grassy area around the bank slide on the village green. This potentially could cause injury to users and so this risk needs to be minimised. The soft-landing area is felt to be the best solution.

Application 9. The hedges around the school playing field have not been regularly maintained and are now in need of a complete overhaul. The plan is to lay the hedges which still exist and fence those where gaps have developed.

Application 10. Once the hedges are laid, which needs to be done in springtime, then the gaps will be filled with a stock proof fence. This will ensure that the field is kept clear of dogs and safer for the children.

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.