

**Minutes of the Meeting of Carsington and Hopton Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the spAce St Margaret's Church, Carsington.**

Present: Cllrs Craig Southway, Sarah Peel, and Cathy Oldfield.

Clerk to the Council, Kate Murray

47/16. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Corbett and Miles.

48/16. There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

49/16. There was no need to vary the order of business.

50/16. There were no members of the public present.

51/16. The minutes of the meeting of 7th September 2016 were APPROVED as a true record and signed by the Chair.

52/16. There was no need to close the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business.

53/16. Cllr Irene Ratcliffe talked about the inclusion of speeding on the community policing agenda and small grants being available for young people's activities in the villages.

54/16. Windfarm Grants.

- A. There were no new applications.
- B. It was AGREED that applications 1, 2, 3, and 5 were complete. There was a discussion about the generation of new projects. The Parish Council had two projects which were to be included in the budget for 2016/17. One related to the Hopton Triangle and the other to the old green's dry stone walls.
- C. It was AGREED that the Grant Agreement pertaining to Application 2 is to be corrected to an award of £335. The monies have been claimed and the application is complete.

55/16. Village Green.

- A. It was REPORTED that the Signs and Rules agreed had been posted at the entrances to the Green a number of times as they had been removed several times. It was AGREED that they would be posted on the locked side of the notice board.
- B. Follow up works to the annual inspection have been in progress. Although a recommendation from a respected local tradesman was for 'no further action' regarding the mushroom seat, a subsequent discussion with the inspectors was reported and it was AGREED that the Council had no choice but to follow the recommendations of the inspector to ensure insurance requirements are met. Estimates for the work are being obtained.
- C. The new plaque would be fixed when received.
- D. Plants for the troughs are in place and looked very good.
- E. It was REPORTED that the objection to the removal of the telephone box had been lodged.

56/16. Speed Checks.

The Clerk reported that three volunteers had agreed to help with the speed check, but arranging a training session had been difficult due to changes in the police service.

57/16. Capital Projects.

- A. The discussion on the dry stone walls on the old green was delayed because of Cllr Corbett's absence.
- B. The plans and project specification for the Hopton Triangle were under development.

58/16. The draft budget for 2016/17 was APPROVED. Members were invited to submit comments before finalisation at the January meeting.

59/16. Correspondence received by the Clerk.

- A. PLANNING.  
The list of applications in the table of the agenda item paper 59/16 was NOTED.
- B. Correspondence received was NOTED. The Snow Warden scheme had been subscribed to and half a tonne of grit was to be delivered to add to current stocks. The new dates for the closure of the high peak trail (14th November to 14th February) were to be sent by email round the village. The Clerk and Chair are to meet with individuals who have expressed concern regarding Muddy Lane.
- C. The accounts to 8th November 2016 circulated to Members and available at the meeting were APPROVED.
  - (i) Payments listed were APPROVED.
  - (ii) Windfarm applications summary was NOTED.

60/16. Village Matters

- A. The Hopton Triangle - see 57/16.
- B. It was REPORTED that the Hopton bus stop improvements would involve a lengthy process.
- C. Verge maintenance was DISCUSSED and it was AGREED that the works should start at the beginning of the season in 2017.

61/16. Future agenda items to include:

- A. approval of budget for 2017/18;
- B. appointments of contractors for verges and village green ongoing maintenance work;
- C. road signs to name roads within the villages.

The date of the next meeting is the 4th January 2017 at 7 pm.

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Clerk to the Council

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