

**Minutes of the Meeting of Carsington and Hopton Parish Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at the spAce St Margaret's Church, Carsington.**

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

Clerk to the Council, Kate Murray

62/16. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Oldfield and Cllr Lewis Rose.

63/16. There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

64/16. There was no need to vary the order of business.

65/16. There were two members of the public present who raised the issue of the works being carried out on woodland in Hopton. The Chair explained the role of the Parish Council and the District Council. It was expected that any potential action by DDDC would not be undertaken until next week.

66/16. The minutes of the meeting of 9th November 2016 were APPROVED as a true record and signed by the Chair.

67/16. There was no need to close the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business.

68/16. Cllr Irene Ratcliffe talked about the transport on demand initiative. Details would be sent to the Clerk for circulation through the villages.

69/16. Windfarm Grants.

- A. There were no new applications.
- B. All applications have been finalised.

70/16. Village Green.

- A. There were no new issues to raise as a result of the weekly inspections carried out by Cllr Peel.
- B. Estimates for follow up works to the annual inspection were still awaited.
- C. The second plaque would be fixed when received. The old one was in place.
- D. The shrubs on the old green would be reviewed in association with the wall works.

71/16. Speed Checks. Three village residents will be attending training in this area with the Clerk.

72/16. Capital Projects.

- A. The quote for the replacement of the dry-stone walls on the old green of £3800 from DG Smith was ACCEPTED. The work was to be of the same standard as on the new green and the quote was in line with these costs. Planning permission might be required. Additional funding would be sought.
- B. The plans and project specification for the Hopton Triangle were presented and DISCUSSED and minor modifications were AGREED. Discussion would be had with the planners, possible

tenderers and possible funders. There would also be liaison with neighbouring properties regarding the final proposals.

73/16. The draft budget for 2016/17 was APPROVED subject to minor modifications. The application for the precept was AGREED with an uplift of 1% for the year, so the amount requested would be £4897.

74/16. Correspondence received by the Clerk.

#### PLANNING.

- The list of applications in the table of the agenda item paper 74/16 was NOTED.
  - The works at Hopton were DISCUSSED and it was AGREED that the view of the meeting expressing concern would be formally made to the District Council.
  - It was AGREED that the Parish Council's view on 16/00899/FUL had not changed as a result of the new application.
- A. Correspondence received was NOTED.
- B. The accounts to 3rd January 2017 circulated to Members and available at the meeting were APPROVED.
- C. Payments listed were APPROVED.
- D. Contracts for village green maintenance and villages strimming were DISCUSSED. The quote for village green maintenance was awaited, but it was AGREED that if it came in at last year's price then the Clerk had delegated authority to ACCEPT it. The quote for strimming was ACCEPTED.

75/16. Village Matters

- A. Cllr Miles was thanked for her work on the Hopton Bus stops.
- B. Defibrillator familiarisation was DISCUSSED and a way forward was AGREED.
- C. The Clerk reported that the objection to the removal of the telephone box was being handled by the District Council. It was AGREED that if disconnection could not be prevented then the Parish Council should take the opportunity to purchase it for £1.
- D. Broadband availability in the villages was DISCUSSED and it was AGREED that the problems of the lack of fibre optic connection in Hopton as well as the outlying properties should be reported. It was noted that some properties within Carsington are unable to obtain Broadband from the newly installed cabinet.
- E. The grit had been delivered for the snow warden scheme and volunteers had completed the necessary paperwork.
- F. Street and lane names was deferred.

76/16. No new future agenda items were identified.

The date of the next meeting is the 8th March 2017 at 7.15 pm.

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Clerk to the Council

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