

Minutes of the Meeting of Carsington and Hopton Parish Council held on 8th March 2017 at the spAce St Margaret's Church, Carsington.

Present: Cllrs, Sarah Peel, Cathy Oldfield and Lou Corbett.

Clerk to the Council, Kate Murray

77/16. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Southway, Cllr Miles and Cllr Lewis Rose. Cllr Irene Ratcliffe apologised for her late arrival.

78/16. There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

79/16. It was AGREED that the order of business would be varied to take account of Cllr Ratcliffe's late arrival.

80/16. There were no members of the public present.

81/16. The minutes of the meeting of 4th January 2017 were APPROVED as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chair.

82/16. There was no need to close the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business.

83/16. Cllr Irene Ratcliffe talked about Meadow View in Darley Dale, a facility to help those with Alzheimers and offer respite care. She also pointed out the reduction of funding in local schools, with Carsington School due to lose £3000.

84/16. Windfarm Grants.

- A. There were no new applications. It was AGREED that the wording on the application form should be made more appealing and that the availability of funds should be marketed more vigorously.
- B. The Clerk reported that Longcliffe Quarries had offered £3000 pa for community use in the villages.

85/16. Village Green.

- A. There were no new issues to raise as a result of the weekly inspections carried out by Cllr Peel. Replacement of the mushrooms was DISCUSSED and it was AGREED that they should be replaced with something similar but more robust. It was also AGREED that a soft landing from the slide should be investigated.
- B. The issue of a Public Space Protection Order was DISCUSSED and it was AGREED that currently it was not necessary, but monitoring would continue.

86/16. Speed Checks. The paper outlining the findings of the checks was DISCUSSED and it was AGREED that no further action should be taken, as there was very little evidence of speeding.

87/16. Capital Projects.

- A. The Clerk REPORTED that highways had offered £800 towards the cost of the old village green walls project. The Exton Trust had offered £1500 subject to matched funding being available from the wind farm fund. Longcliffe Quarries have indicated that this is the type of project they would wish to support and have, in addition, offered free stone. It was AGREED that an application be made to the wind farm fund. It was AGREED that the tree work and associated planning permission should go ahead.
- B. The Hopton Triangle project was DISCUSSED and it was AGREED that a specification and tenders would be needed before funding is sought from the Carsington Reservoir Fund and the wind farm fund.

88/16. Correspondence received by the Clerk.

PLANNING.

- A. The list of applications in the table of the agenda item paper 88/16 was NOTED.
- B. Correspondence received was NOTED.
- C. Payments listed were APPROVED. It was AGREED £97.62 subscription level for DALC was appropriate.
- D. The accounts to 6th March 2017 circulated to Members and available at the meeting were APPROVED. The budget for the forthcoming year was brought to the meeting, for Chair's signature.
- E. Contracts for village green maintenance and villages strimming were APPROVED. It was NOTED that the contractors had permission to start work dependent on the weather.

89/16. Village Matters

- A. Defibrillator familiarisation was DISCUSSED and it was AGREED to hold a meeting with a first responder, who had kindly offered to help.
- B. A response about the telephone box had not yet been received.
- C. The need for street/lane names was DISCUSSED and it was AGREED that once those officially recognised by DDDC had been established, then residents would be consulted about names and signs ordered.
- D. The problem of dog mess on the school playing field was DISCUSSED and it was AGREED that the school, Gell Trust or CARE be encouraged to apply for a grant to fence and improve the field.

90/16. No new future agenda items were identified.

The date of the next meeting is the 2nd May 2017 at 7.15 pm. Subsequent meetings in 2017 were AGREED to be on July 11th, September 5th, November 8th. Meeting for 2018 were 10th January and 7th March. All subject to confirmation before being put on the web site.

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Clerk to the Council

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