

**Minutes of the Meeting of Carsington and Hopton Parish Council held on 2nd May 2017 at the spAce, St Margaret's Church, Carsington.**

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

Clerk to the Council, Kate Murray

1/17. Election of Chairman for Council Year 2017/2018.

Cllr Craig Southway was proposed as Chair by Cllr Lou Corbett and seconded by Cllr Cathy Oldfield and was duly elected.

2/17. Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Southway accepted and duly signed the form of Acceptance of Office.

3/17. Election of Vice Chairman for Council Year 2017/2018.

Cllr Sarah Barratt was proposed as Vice Chair by Cllr Craig Southway and seconded by Cllr Ruth Miles and was duly elected.

4/17. Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Barratt accepted and duly signed the form of Acceptance of Office.

5/17. Completion by Councillors of Acceptance of Office forms.

6/17. Members reviewed their declaration of interest forms. There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

7/17. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Lewis Rose.

8/17. There was no need to vary the order of business.

9/17. Public speaking.

There were no members of the public present.

10/17. The minutes of the meeting of 8th March 2017 were APPROVED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

11/17. There was no need to close the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business.

12/17. Cllr Irene Ratcliffe explained the budgetary restraints that the County Council faced, some of which were being mitigated by spending reserves. She explained that the Police Commissioner was visiting all Parish Council's and suggested that he be invited to Carsington and Hopton. The meeting AGREED to invite him.

13/17. Annual Return.

- (i) It was NOTED that electors' rights run from 5th June to 14<sup>th</sup> July.
- (ii) The meeting AGREED the annual governance return, which the Chair then SIGNED.

- (iii) The accounts for year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 were CONSIDERED and APPROVED.
- (iv) The internal auditors report was CONSIDERED and it was NOTED that he did not have any matters to bring to the Council's notice and that "the Parish Council's internal controls meet the requirements of the Council to a good level". The advice on ear marking reserves for specific projects was NOTED.

14/17. Annual Review of Documents.

The documents previously circulated were APPROVED subject to an alteration referring to the location of meetings. All documents to be put on web site and replace existing documents.

15/17. Update on Old Village Green Walls.

It was REPORTED that if the wind farm grant application was successful then the offer from the Exton Trust should be accepted and works proceed, once planning permission for the removal of a branch of a tree had been received. Work should be arranged to take place between the flower festival and the village Fete, if possible.

16/17. Update on Hopton Triangle.

It was REPORTED that the area had been surveyed. It was AGREED to apply for a pre-application from planning and get three quotes for the work needed. Once a preferred supplier had been selected then further funding could be sought.

17/17. Wind Farm Grants.

- A. Longcliffe's offer of £3000 a year for the "benefit of the community" was noted and it was AGREED that details should be posted on the web site.
- B. The application for funding to support the works on the Old Village Green dry stone walls was discussed and AGREED. The maximum allocated to be £1500 or 50% of total costs.

18/17. Correspondence received by the Clerk.

- A. PLANNING. Residents representations on the works at Hopton were DISCUSSED.
- B. Correspondence received was NOTED. Web links to be inserted in text where appropriate.
- C. The accounts, which had been signed off by the internal auditor, were NOTED. Payments listed were AUTHORISED. Clerk's salary was REVIEWED and an additional point on the spine AUTHORISED.

19/17. Village Matters

- A. Weekly Inspection of Green.  
Cllr Barratt REPORTED that more mushrooms were showing signs of wear. It was AGREED that they should be removed. The disabled access had been damaged by cars and needed attention. The annual inspection needed to be set up.
- B. Children were to be thanked for their work on the stone troughs as they looked great.
- C. Regarding maintenance of verges it was AGREED that the council would inspect the verges and consider what could be done.

- D. The dog mess problem had improved.
- E. The documentation from the District Council giving details of current street/lane names was DISCUSSED. It was AGREED that residents should be consulted about the names of unnamed streets.

20/17. Future agenda items to include the verges and historical sites in Carsington and Hopton.

The date of the next meeting is the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7 pm in the spAce, St Margaret's Carsington.

Kate Murray

Clerk to the Council

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