

**Minutes of the Meeting of Carsington and Hopton Parish Council held on 6th March 2019 at the spAce, St Margaret's Church, Carsington.**

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

Clerk to the Council, Kate Murray

89/18. There was an apology for absence from Cllr Lou Corbett.

90/18. No interests were declared.

91/18. There was no need to vary the order of business.

92/18. Public speaking.

Peter Skipper tabled a paper "Localism and Party Politics" a copy of which is available from the Clerk on request.

93/18. The minutes of the meeting of 9th January 2019 were APPROVED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

94/18. There was no need to close the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business.

95/18. Cllr Lewis Rose explained that the refuse contracts were being renegotiated and that there was likely to be a modest charge for green waste.

96/18. Wind Farm Grants.

A. There were no new Carsington Windfarm Fund Applications.

B. Progress on approvals.

Application 8 was still awaiting a quote. Applications 9 and 10 were not yet complete and further work to use the allocated grant was currently being undertaken. Application 13 was now complete.

97/18. Defibrillator for Hopton.

It was reported that an electricity supply was needed before a defibrillator could be installed in Hopton. Various venues were discussed and would be investigated.

98/18. Maintenance Contracts for 2019.

Paper 98/18 was DISCUSSED and the response was felt to be disappointing. It was AGREED to try to get further quotes.

99/18. Street signs.

The discussion pointed out that the works carried out were not as requested, as there was only one sign on The Dene and two on Back Lane. The Main Street sign had not been requested. It was AGREED to await the invoice and then have a discussion. This has now been received and amounts to £400.

100/18. Village Map.

It was AGREED that the village map should be circulated on the village WhatsApp prior to formal circulation. It was AGREED that water proof printing would be needed.

101/18. Correspondence received by the Clerk.

- A. PLANNING. Latest decisions were REPORTED.
- B. Correspondence received was NOTED. It was AGREED to buy more anti dog mess spray.
- C. The accounts, were NOTED. It was AGREED to pay the higher DALC rate because a turnover of members was anticipated. Payments listed were AUTHORISED.
- D. Budget for 2019/2020 and precept were confirmed.

102/18. Village Matters

- A. Weekly Inspection of Green. It was REPORTED that extra brackets had been put on the benches.
- B. The refurbishment of two benches on the old village green was in hand.

103/18. Vacancies were discussed and it was AGREED to circulate some flyers to the whole community.

104/18. Future agenda items. It was AGREED to chase up outstanding windfarm projects and ascertain if they had lapsed.

The date of the next meeting is the 9th May 2019 at 7.00pm in the spAce, St Margaret's Carsington.

Kate Murray

Clerk to the Council

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