

Minutes of the Meeting of Carsington and Hopton Parish Council held on 12th November 2019 at the spAce, St Margaret's Church, Carsington.

Present: Cllrs Sarah Peel, Lou Corbett, and Ruth Miles, Gill Jones and Victoria Milton-Wright

Clerk to the Council, Kate Murray

44/19. Two new councillors were co-opted on to the Council. Gill Jones and Victoria Milton-Wright were welcomed.

45/19. Completion of Acceptance of Office forms was undertaken.

46/19. Irene Ratcliffe offered her apologies.

47/19. There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

48/19. There was no need to vary the order of business.

49/19. Public speaking.

There were no members of the public present.

50/19. The minutes of the meeting of 9th July 2019 were APPROVED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

51/19. There was no need to close the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business.

52/19. There were no members of the County Council nor District Council present.

53/19. Wind Farm Grants.

A. Applications.

There were no new applications, but the Church had indicated that they had a project to bring forward in the near future.

B. Progress on approvals.

The only change, since the last report, was associated with the outstanding projects was that the Parish Council no longer wished to progress with the soft landing project, as the contractor had decided it was not feasible. Alternative arrangements were being looked at.

54/19. Defibrillator for Hopton.

It was REPORTED that installation had not taken place as the site offered was now up for sale. Alternative sites were being explored.

55/19. Maintenance Contracts.

It was AGREED that David Bath, who was the new contractor for maintenance in the village this year, should be approached to continue his work for next year.

56/19. Circulation of Village Map.

It was REPORTED that this had been held up awaiting the installation of the defibrillator. It was AGREED that circulation should go ahead as soon as possible.

57/19. Telephone Box.

It was AGREED to accept that the telephone box would no longer be operating and it was further AGREED to buy the telephone box for £1. It was accepted that there would be significant refurbishment required. Initial suggestions for the use of the box included as an information point.

58/19. Snow Warden scheme.

It was AGREED that the Parish Council should sign up for the scheme and ask for an allocation of free salt. A new Snow Warden would be sort and volunteers signed up as fit to participate.

59/19. Correspondence received by the Clerk.

- A. PLANNING. It was AGREED that the extension at Poppy Cottage would be supported, but comments would be made on the slot windows as being out of keeping in a conservation area.
- B. Correspondence received was NOTED. It was AGREED that a retrospective donation to the school regarding a charity they support could not be made. It was RECOMMENDED that an application be made in advance of the activity and that it should support the work the village children were doing towards their support of the charity.
- C. The accounts were NOTED. Payments listed were AUTHORISED and signed by the Chairman.

60/19. Village Matters

- A. It was AGREED that one of the signs should be checked for damage.
- B. It was NOTED that speeding in the village had been checked fairly recently and none detected at that point, so the community police did not think it was an issue.

61/19. Future agenda items to include new suggestions for improvements around the slide on the village green.

The date of the next meeting is the 8th January 2019 at 7.00 pm in the spAce, St Margaret's Carsington.

Kate Murray

Clerk to the Council

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