

Carsington and Hopton Parish Council

Issue: Annual Report to Carsington Pastures Wind Farm for 2018/19

Agenda item: 18/19C

Recommendation: Note the progress to date and endorse the paper and approve it for release to Carsington Wind Energy Limited.

Timing: This is the fourth annual report from the Parish Council on its use of wind farm monies.

Members Interests: None known.

Further information: All relevant information has already been circulated.

Background: The first three reports covered the first ten grant awards. The Parish Council received £4309 grant from Carsington Wind Energy Limited in the financial year 2018-19. Currently there is £1514 uncommitted in the account relating to windfarm monies.

Progress: The table below summarises the next tranche of applications.

App No	Applicant	Amount Requested	Purpose	Awarded	Date of award	Amount and date of claim	Status
8	Parish Council	£1250	Create a soft-landing area around the bank slide, on village green	£1250	10 th January 2018	Awaiting quotes	Approved
10	Gell Trust	£660	Erect a stock proof fence around the school playing field	£660	7 th March 2018	£364 yet to be claimed	Approved
11	CARE	£659	New tables and chairs for the community social club	£659	10 th July 2018	£563 12.7.18	Approved
12	CARE	£1950	Fencing and hedge laying for school field	£1950	9 th May 2018	£582 12.8.18 £1368 10.10.18	Approved
15	Parish Council	£1050	2 WW1 Benches for village green	£1050	9 th Jan 2019	£900. 4.2.19	Approved
17	Parish Council	£1200	Defibrillator for Hopton	Quotes awaited			

Reports on Projects:

Application 8. Considerable research has been undertaken to find the best solution to the problem of the erosion of the grassy area around the bank slide on the village green. This potentially could cause injury to users and so this risk needs to be minimised. The soft-landing area is felt to be the best solution. It has proved difficult to find a contractor with experience of laying the necessary material on a slope. An order was placed in April 2019.

Application 11. The new tables and chair have been used for a number of events in the village, by both the CARE organisation and the church. For example, at the village fete, at a race night and at a table tennis competition and the flower festival.

Application 12. The fencing and hedge laying on the school field has benefited both the school and the CARE committee activities.

Application 15. The first world war benches look very well on the old village green.

Application 17. Although the defibrillator has never been used in Carsington it was felt that one should also be available in Hopton as the distance between the two was too far for sharing of the defibrillator to be possible. Quotes are being sought and an electrical connection.

Financial Implications: There are none associated with this paper.

Risk Implications: It is important that the Parish Council continues to conduct the review of applications in a transparent manner and continues to work on ensuring that applications are as good as they can be and so continues to ask for further information and to encourage resubmissions if necessary.