

CARSINGTON AND HOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Carsington and Hopton Parish Council held on 26th January 2016 at Carsington and Hopton School.

Present: Cllrs Craig Southway, Sarah Barratt (Peel), Lou Corbett and Ruth Miles.

Clerk: Kate Murray

68/16. Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Oldfield and Rose.

69/16. There were no declarations of interest. It was NOTED that Cllr Southway had prepared the application for a defibrillator for the village.

70/16. There was no need to vary the order of business.

71/16. Public Speaking. A proposal for a twinning arrangement with a similar village in France was discussed and it was AGREED that it should be put on the next agenda.

72/16. Cllr Ratcliffe asked if the village surface drain water system was now satisfactory after the repair works. She gave some advice on twinning and offered to provide some contacts. She reported on the County Council's budget position.

73/16. There was no need to close any part of the meeting on the grounds of confidentiality.

74/16. The minutes of the meeting 3rd November 2015 were APPROVED and SIGNED.

75/16. An amendment to the final documents for managing the windfarm grant applications was AGREED. The revised document to go on the web site.

76/16. Applications for wind farm grants. Applicants were thanked for attending.

- (A) PCC application for support for new seating in the church was DISCUSSED and the Councillors were grateful for the document from Bex Cole-Morgan, providing further detail regarding the project and for John Keltie's attendance at the meeting to answer any final questions. It was confirmed that payment of the invoice, once received, was APPROVED.
- (B) A revised CARE application for a new toilet on the community field was AGREED, and the Councillors thank Simon Wildash for presenting the further information regarding the proposal. The Parish Council awarded a grant of 50% of the total cost to a maximum of £891.
- (C) The application from the school was briefly DISCUSSED. It was NOTED that no one was available to present the case and more information was needed. Additionally, the report on the last grant had not been received. It will be considered at the next meeting, if the applicant, or a nominated representative, are able to attend.
- (D) The CARE application for a new marquee and Christmas lights for the tree on the green was DISCUSSED. Although the lights had been bought there had been no claim as some had been faulty. Once the matter was resolved a claim would be made for 50% of the cost incurred.
- (E) An application for a defibrillator for the village was made by the Parish Council. The proposal was to locate it outside the Miner's Arms. It was AGREED to fund 50% of the project cost up to a maximum of £825. It was NOTED that as the Parish Council could reclaim VAT this would not be included in the grant. It was AGREED that the Parish Council's contribution to this project be included in next year's budget and be funded from reserves.

77/16. The agenda paper 77/16 was AGREED. The new web site had been launched. The receipt of the grant for compliance with the Transparency Act was NOTED and it was AGREED that the balance of these funds be spent on further implementation and enhancement of the web site to ensure compliance with the regulations.

78/16. This item was DEFERRED to the next meeting.

79/16. Cllr Miles presented some proposals for improvement of the triangle at the bottom of the Deane. It was AGREED that a concept scheme should be produced and residents' views sought (potentially by email and through publication on the web site). It was further AGREED that this should form the basis of an application for wind farm monies.

80/16. A final draft of the budget for 2016/17 was CONSIDERED and AGREED. It was NOTED that expenditure exceeded income but that reserves were available. The precept was set at the same level as the previous year.

81/16

(A) Below is the summary of the planning applications dealt with since the last meeting.

Name and number	Proposal	Outcome
15/00914/FUL	Conversion of barn to holiday let Pearson's Farm Ryder Point	Under consideration
15/00894/FUL	4 new garages at Home Farm	Under consideration
15/00855/FUL	Agricultural building in Hopton	PC objected on grounds of size and impact
15/00824/FUL	Menage at Kennel Meadows	PC did not object, DDDC granted with conditions
15/00561/FUL	Solar farm at Longcliffe	PC did not comment as it is beyond the Parish boundary
15/00399/VCON	Changes at Substation at Manystones Lane	PC did not object, decision awaited
15/0037/FUL	Wind turbine – 77m to blade tip. Hoben Int, Brassington Works, Manystones Lane	PC objected on grounds of cumulative visual and noise impact. Decision awaited
14/00224/FUL	5 wind turbines	Notice of appeal

(B) Correspondence was NOTED.

(C) Payments outlined in 81/16 C were AGREED. The financial statement and reconciliation with the bank account was AGREED and signed by the Chairman. It was noted that currently the balance stood at £13,701.

82/16. Village Matters

- (A) Inspection of Village Green. Cllr Peel reported that the badgers had been repaired, the cover to the hole for the Christmas tree hole needed attention and that the noticeboards were damaged. It was AGREED that paint be bought, up to £50 from contingency, for the benches and research be done into replacement notice boards, and that the contractor be asked to attend the cover over the hole.
- (B) It was AGREED that the plaque and time capsule be moved to a new position adjacent to the new oak tree and that it would be proposed to be unveiled as part of the village fete event in the summer.
- (C) The police had been informed about damage to cars in the village. They had visited and were making enquiries.

- (D) The problem of the lack of hard standing at the Hopton bus stop was DISCUSSED. It was AGREED that highways be approached to see what they could do to improve the situation.
- (E) Cllr Miles reported that she had had useful discussions with a contractor concerning maintenance of the verges. It was AGREED that the work should be scoped and tenders invited so that work could begin in the spring.

83/16. Future agenda items:

- (A) Improvements works to the Hopton triangle.
- (B) Village Defibrillator Project.
- (C) Replacement Noticeboards.
- (D) Verges tendering.
- (E) Twinning.
- (F) Dates for meetings 2016/17.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 1st March 2016 at 7 pm in the School.

Kate Murray

Clerk

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