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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Church on Monday 25th November 2024 at 7pm

Present: Cllr R. Miles (Chair); Cllr N. Edmiston; Cllr H.L Corbett and Cllr R.Cole-Morgan
In Attendance: Frank Horsley (Parish Clerk)
1 member of the public

FC/1124/01 Apologies for Absence

Cllr M.Wilson (unwell)

FC/1124/02 Variation to the Order of Business

The Chair proposed moving item 8d (Hopton Almshouses) to Item 4 (Public Participation). Proposed Cllr Miles. Seconded Cllr Edmiston.

FC/1124/03 Declaration of Members Interest

None.

FC/1124/04 Public Participation

The Chair suspended Standing Orders and invited resident comments. A resident referred to a recent email to the Council outlining issues and concerns with the Hopton Almshouses. A number of issues were discussed including Trust management, the poor state of the properties and ongoing repair and maintenance. Cllr Miles stated that she had visited the properties and met with the Trustees earlier this year to discuss concerns. Following the recent email from the resident, the Council has written to the Trustees but no reply had been received to date. Members discussed the issues at length and resolved to support wherever possible to ensure a satisfactory long-term outcome.

FC/1124/05 Ward Councillor Reports

No reports received.

FC/1124/06 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Cllr Corbett requested an amendment with the deletion of a sentence for accuracy under FC/0924/08.

With the amendment, the Council **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30th September 2024 were a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes.

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FC/1124/07 Council Action Plan

Members considered the Council Action Plan and noted progress against each section. The key points resolved for updating included:

- Defibrillators
CPWF grant application included on agenda under item 8a.
- Assets
Cllr Edmiston reported that the benches had been removed for refurbishment and would be replaced soon. Frank Horsley stated that he would purchase a new Council laptop in January to coincide with any potential new year deals available.
- Projects
 - Cllr Miles stated that the new noticeboards were originally for internal use. However, the contractor had confirmed he could weatherproof and varnish so not an issue. **ACTION: Cllr Miles to send details through to Frank Horsley for the records.**
 - Cllr Edmiston reported that he had purchased a storage bench in advance of ordering the new feeders. He confirmed the feeders and bench would be located on the new village green.
 - It was confirmed that Cllr Wilson had purchased the bulbs and bedding shrubs and these had been planted.
- Climate Change
In line with previous discussions, remove from action plan and monitor through policy review process,
- Village Green
Members agreed to wait until the new year to contract for repair of dry stone wall/pillar. Cllr Cole-Morgan confirmed that the Hopton village sign wall had now been repaired satisfactorily and suggested the contractor be considered for further work.
- Finance
 - Frank Horsley noted that further work was needed on a draft budget and, following discussion with the Chair, suggested a separate private session in December to consider and discuss.
 - Members briefly discussed potential to utilise the unallocated CP Windfarm reserve to support community facility improvements and in particular long-term restoration of the church. It was agreed that discussion would take place with Friends of St. Margarets and PCC in the new year with possible presentation at a future meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Miles to contact church representatives and agree a date with Frank Horsley to attend future meeting of the Council.**
- Snow Warden
On the agenda under item 8b.
- Dog Fouling
Actions noted and to be removed from Action Plan. Members to keep situation under review with local residents.

FC/1124/08 Village Matters Arising (not on Action Plan)

- a) CPWF Grant Application – Carsington Defibrillator
Frank Horsley outlined discussions with current supplier and recommendations for a replacement unit and thermal storage box were circulated. Cllr Edmiston asked about potential recycling of the current unit and advised that installation costs should also be considered as part of the grant application. Frank Horsley agreed to discuss with supplier. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to bring back an amended grant application for**

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consideration in January.

b) Snow Warden Scheme

Frank Horsley confirmed that he had registered an interest to participate in the scheme with DCC and that the appropriate paperwork had been received for completion. It was confirmed that Alex Milward had agreed to store the grit supply as in previous years. Cllr Miles stated that she had documented all the grit bins across the parish and proposed allocation “champions” to monitor grit levels for each bin. The document was circulated and welcomed by all Members. Cllr Cole-Morgan noted that the bin at Kennel Meadows required adding to the document and agreed to be champion for that asset.

ACTIONS:

- **Frank Horsley to complete registration forms and submit to DCC to authorize delivery of grit supply.**
- **Cllr Miles to act as primary Snow Warden and complete the grit bin document including nominated champions and forward to Frank Horsley for the records.**

c) Hopton Wall Repair

This matter had been discussed under item 7 and resolved.

d) Hopton Almshouses

In accordance with variation to the order of business, this matter had been discussed under item 4.

FC/1124/09 Financial Matters

- a) The Council approved accounts for payment for September/October 2024. Signed.
- b) The Council noted income received for September/October 2024. Signed.
- c) The Council reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation for September/October 2024. Signed.
- d) Further to discussion under item 4, it was agreed to receive budget proposals for approval in January including precept setting. Frank Horsley confirmed that the current draft proposal is to maintain precept at current level with zero increase. However, a new general reserve would be proposed in line with best practice and to minimize financial risk to the Council.

FC/1124/10 Planning

The Council noted the updated planning schedule. Frank Horsley confirmed that he would continue to update and circulate the planning log on a weekly basis which was welcomed by Members.

FC/1124/11 Correspondence

MS OneDrive file circulated to Members prior to meeting. The Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Call for Sites was noted. Cllr Cole-Morgan agreed to share the details of the DCC Holiday Club scheme with the school.

ACTION: Frank Horsley to post Local Plan consultation and Holiday Club details on the website and Facebook page.

FC/1124/12 Any Other Items

It was noted that some partner websites still included out of date contact details for the Council. Frank Horsley confirmed that he would review and ensure amendments are reported to

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appropriate partners.

FC/1124/13 Date & Time of Next Full Council Meeting

Confirmed as Monday 27th January 2024 as previous published.

The meeting ended at 8.44pm.