

**Minutes of the Meeting of Carsington and Hopton Parish Council held on 9th July 2019 at the spAce, St Margaret's Church, Carsington.**

Present: Cllrs Sarah Peel, Lou Corbett, and Ruth Miles.

Clerk to the Council, Kate Murray

25/19. There were no apologies for absence.

26/19. There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

27/19. It was REPORTED that there were two applicants for the two Carsington vacancies for members.

28/19. It was AGREED that interviews for the co-optees would take place prior to the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September, if that were convenient for them.

29/19. There was no need to vary the order of business.

30/19. Public speaking.

The meeting was told about problems with the verges around the Hopton bus stop.

31/19. The minutes of the meeting of 9th May 2019 were APPROVED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

32/19. There was no need to close the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business.

33/19. Cllr Irene Ratcliffe reported on the progress of County Council work to further support looked after children, climate change and budget. She offered to contact the relevant County Council departments about work on village verges and strimming in the villages.

34/19. Wind Farm Grants.

A. Applications.

There was an application from CARE for £789.20 for a new marquee. It was AGREED to grant that amount from the Carsington Pastures fund and to further grant the balance from the Longcliffe fund.

Grant for village Fete prize APPROVED from Longcliffe Fund up to £100.

B. Progress on approvals.

Applications 9 and 10, concerning fencing and hedging around the school field were discussed and it was AGREED that applicants should be asked to submit a timetable for the finishing of these projects. It was REPORTED that an order associated with application 8 had been placed.

35/19. Defibrillator for Hopton.

It was REPORTED that a suitable defibrillator and location for it, together with an electrician to connect had all been identified. Installation was expected before the end of the summer.

36/19. Maintenance Contracts.

The quote from David Bath, who is currently undertaking the work on the Village Green was ACCEPTED and so the area around the telephone box and the verge on the right-hand side of School Lane going towards the school will be kept tidy. It was AGREED to seek a price for similar work around the Hopton bus stop.

37/19. Circulation of Village Map.

It was AGREED to undertake this once the maps were laminated. It was further AGREED to include a flyer encouraging residents to sign up for the Parish Council emails.

38/19. Telephone Box.

The email from BT saying they were removing the telephone box was DISCUSSED and it was AGREED to oppose this suggestion.

39/19. The Equal Opportunities Policy was ACCEPTED and will be posted on the web site.

40/19. Recruitment of new clerk was DISCUSSED and it was AGREED to delay until the new council was firmly established.

41/19. Correspondence received by the Clerk.

- A. PLANNING. The Chair declared an interest in 19/00708/FUL. The meeting NOTED the latest planning applications reported.
- B. Correspondence received was NOTED. It was AGREED that the request to use the Village Green for a church event should be supported. It was also AGREED to continue to unsubscribe from unsolicited emails not relevant to Carsington and Hopton Parish Council business.
- C. The accounts were NOTED. Payments listed were AUTHORISED and signed by the Chairman. The slightly revised budget to take account of the delay in the soft-landing project was AGREED.

42/19. Village Matters

- A. Annual Inspection of Green. This did not highlight any issues or problems.
- B. Planting in the village. It was AGREED to authorise a budget of £50 for more plants for the Hopton Triangle.
- C. Speeding in the village. It was AGREED that the Chair would liaise with a resident and the school.

43/19. Future agenda items to include lane name signs.

The date of the next meeting is the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30 pm in the spAce, St Margaret's Carsington.

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