

Carsington & Hopton Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at St Margaret's Church
on Monday 27 November 2023 at 7.02pm

Present: Councillors: H.L. Corbett, N. Edmiston, R. Miles (Chair), S. Mitchell and M. Wilson

Also, in Attendance: Kath Gruber (Parish Clerk)
Councillor P. Slack (DDDC)

FC/1123/01 Apologies for Absence

None

FC/1123/02 Variation of Order of Business

Resolved: to take agenda item 11h after item 2

FC/1123/11(f) Wind Farm Applications

- a) Refurbishment of Pavilion & Generator Shed – the Council **Resolved:** to award grant of £1,125 to Care.
- b) Village Noticeboards - the Council **Resolved:** to award grant of £110.

FC/1123/03 Exclusion of the press and public

None.

FC/1123/04 Declaration of Members Interest

None

FC/1123/05 Public Speaking

None

FC/1123/06 County & District Councillor Reports

DDDC Councillor P. Slack

Updated the Council on:

- Sale of woodyard site, approved as traveller site, to a private buyer.
- Cinema project looking unobtainable due to costs.
- Platform Housing have set up a committee, including 3 councillors, to consider complaints.
- Corporate plan is progressing.

FC/1123/07 Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council **Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2023 are a correct record under the provisions for approval and signed by the Chair.

FC/1123/08 Village Plan Projects

- a) Bug Hotel – the contractor has built this and is arranging for installation.
- b) Telephone Box (seed exchange) – work on this will commence next.
- c) Noticeboards – the Council agreed to discuss works required with the contractor.

FC/0903/09 Village Matters

a) Defibrillators:

- Hopton – all in order
- Carsington – access being discussed.

b) Village Green:

- i) Slide – the Council **Resolved:** to lay topsoil and turf.
- ii) Mowing, borders, and trough maintenance - it was **Resolved:** review quotes from 2 contractors.

- iii) Dislodged stones – to seek advice on whether cementing would prevent.
- iv) Metal plaque – noted that this has come off wall and **Resolved:** to clean and refit it.
- v) Paving stone – it was **Resolved:** to research options for resetting this so it is not damaged by strimmer.
- c) Dog Waste – no issues reported.
- d) Fly Tipping – cases reported and noted that action was being taken to remove.
- e) Parish Council assets – quote for bench maintenance to be circulated.

FC/1123/10 3-year Business Plan

Resolved:

- a) Running costs as recommended by the working group to be set aside.
- b) Projects for 2024/25 agreed as noticeboards, telephone box, slide.
- c) Reserve for playground repairs to be set aside.

FC/1123/11 Financial Matters

- a) Internal Auditor - the Council **Resolved:** to appoint Emma Smith from East Midlands Audit Services as internal auditor for 2023/24 AGAR.
- b) The Council approved the accounts for payment as at Schedule 1
- c) The Council noted income received.
- d) Bank Reconciliation for September & October reviewed and approved.
- e) Wind fund funding for Church – the Council discussed the importance of this project and agreed that windfarm applications would be welcomed.
- f) Mowing & Planting contract – the Council noted 2 quotes received and deferred decision until third was received
- g) Windfarm applications – the Council reviewed the applications and **Resolved:** to award:
 1. £1,125 to CARE for refurbishment of Pavilion Building and Generator Shed
 2. £110 to the Parish Council for purchase of 2 village noticeboards.

FC/1123/12 Planning Applications

The Council considered planning application 23/00604/DCOND noting this was for information only.

FC/1123/13 Correspondence & Consultations (for information only)

- a) The Council noted the contents of Dalc circulars – October & November 2023.
- b) General and resident correspondence – reviewed and noted.
- c) Reports from representatives on outside bodies:
 - St Margaret’s Church – Cllr Miles advised that an open meeting being held on 7/12/23 to report back on ideas/suggestions and receive feedback.
 - Councillor Corbett requested that the query regarding white lines on B5035 be followed up.

FC/1123/14 Next Council meetings

- a) Items for next agenda – to include:
 - ROSPA inspection
 - Local Plan (to include views on neighbourhood plan/parish plan)
 - Plans for planting 2024
 - Biodiversity
 - WF application Christmas donations
 - Noticeboards
 - Slide
 - Safeguarding Policy
- b) Next meeting – it was **Resolved:** that the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 7pm.

The meeting closed to the public at 8.23pm

Meeting closed 8.30pm

SCHEDULE 1

Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
Grounds Maintenance	Shane Bonsall	110.00		110.00
Grounds Maintenance	Shane Bonsall	75.00		75.00
Salary	Employee	344.22		344.22
Grounds Maintenance	Shane Bonsall	110.00		110.00
Bank Charges	Unity Bank	18.00		18.00
Wind Farm Admin	Employee	40.00		40.00
Floral Displays	Michelle Wilson	24.00		24.00
Grounds Maintenance	Shane Bonsall	110.00		110.00
Expenses	Employee	17.78		17.78
Postage	Royal Mail	3.40		3.40
Office Supplies	HP Ink Services	6.50		6.50
Office Supplies	Kath Gruber	4.00		4.00
Subscription Costs	Adobe	9.98		9.98
Salary	Employee	351.76		351.76
Grounds Maintenance	Shane Bonsall	110.00		110.00
	Total	1,334.64		1,334.64