

Carsington & Hopton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Church on Monday
27 March 2023 at 7.00pm

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

Also, in Attendance: Kath Gruber (Parish Clerk)
Councillor J. Rose (DDDC)
3 members of the public

FC/0323/01 Apologies for Absence

None

FC/0323/02 Variation of Order of Business

None

FC/0323/03 Declaration of Members Interest

None

FC/0323/04 Exclusion of the Public

None

FC/0323/05 Public Speaking

Councillor Rose

Advised that she would not be standing for election in May. Gave thanks to the Council for all their support. Councillor Miles thanked her on behalf of the Council for all her hard work and support.

Resident

Offered support from Hopton Hall should Council need it.

Resident

Suggested that the Council, Church, Care and school work together to put on a celebration for King's Jubilee. She is attending meeting with Care on 13 April.

Advised that June is a month of Community and the Church would be doing something to acknowledge this.

FC/0323/06 Wind Farm Applications

No applications received. Councillor Miles asked councillors to give some support to promoting applications including the fuel poverty scheme.

FC/0323/07 Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council **agreed** that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2023 are a correct record under the provisions for approval and signed by the Chair.

FC/0323/08 Kings Coronation

The Council discussed ways to mark this occasion and **Resolved:**

- a) To support an event, possibly a picnic in the village.
- b) To purchase commemorative mugs for schoolchildren in the village.

FC/0323/09 Village Matters

- Defibrillators:
- Hopton – Councillor Miles reported checks all up to date.
- Carsington –Councillor Edmiston reported that new cabinet will be fitted after Easter weekend.
- Dog Waste – no issues reported.

- Village Green
 - Planting the Council noted that rosemary, lavender and wildflowers were next to be planted and **Resolved:** to ask contractor what her suggested planting plans in order to review the budget allocation.
 - Jubilee Tree plaque – Cllr Mitchell advised work has stalled as he awaits clearance of his shed.
 - Signage – signage is no longer on green and Council **Resolved:** to order signs advising i) no skateboarding, scooters, roller blades or bicycles ii) please clear up after your dog
 - Goalposts – it was noted that goalposts were on the green and the Council **Resolved:** to discuss appropriate use of the village green with owner.
- Asset Register - it was **Resolved:**
 - to carry out varnishing of benches/noticeboards in May or June.
 - Cost up new noticeboards and consider replacement at November budget planning meeting.
- Village maintenance – it was **Resolved:** to get 3 quotes
- Small maintenance jobs – it was **Resolved:** to get a list of jobs needing doing.
- Grit bin on The Town – DCC and DDDC have both confirmed they do not own this bin and the Council **Resolved:** to adopt it and add to parish council asset list.

FC/0323/10

FC/0323/11 Village Plan Projects

- a) Speed Watch – Cllr Edmiston advised he was seeking an additional volunteer, and sessions would be scheduled for Spring.
- b) Options for replacing Badgers – Councillor Edmiston updated the Council on the working group's proposal to relace with 2 sheep and a ram from [Life Size "Spencer" Sheep Sculpture | Black Country Metalworks](#). The Council **Resolved:**
 - to accept that proposal and get a quote.
 - do a closed bid auction for the badgers.
- c) Bug Hotel – it was noted that contractor is extremely busy and a tentative meeting was scheduled..
- d) Village Plan – the Council discussed the draft plan and **Resolved:** to remove the creative event items on the basis these would not be deliverable in 2023/24. At budget planning meeting in November 2023 these can be reconsidered if budget permits.

FC/0323/11 Planning Applications

Planning Applications - The Council discussed applications 23/00266/FUL and 23/00297/FUL. It was **Resolved:** to make no objections on 23/00266/FUL and to note concerns on the light up sign (on grounds of preserving darkness) and flags (on grounds of not being in keeping with the area).

FC/0323/12 Finance

- a) Internal Auditor – the Council **Resolved:** to appoint Brian Wood for 2023/24.
- b) Payment of invoices - the Council considered the monthly payments as attached at Schedule 1 and approved the payments.
- c) Receipts – the Council noted receipts.
- d) Budget Summary – reviewed and noted.
- e) Bank Reconciliation – noted.

FC/0323/13 Correspondence

- a) General and Resident correspondence – reviewed and noted.
- b) The Council noted the contents of Dalc circulars Jan to March 2023
- c) Publicity during pre-election period – the Council noted the requirements/

FC/0323/14 Items for Information

1. Clerk – Councillor Miles advised the Clerk had resigned and a job advert would be placed.
2. Action Plan – contents noted and agreed to accept the risk of the bolts on the entrance as no safe, feasible options were available.
3. Items for next agenda – promoting wind farm applications.

FC/0323/15 Date and Time of Next meeting

Resolved: that the next meetings of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 22 May 2023 at 7pm in Saint Margaret's Church, Carsington.

Meeting closed 8.37pm

SCHEDULE 1 – Payments

Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
Insurance	Hiscox Insurance	65.35		65.35
Office Supplies	Kath Gruber	23.43		23.43
Salary	Employee	338.82		338.82
Postage	Post Office	2.05		2.05
Floral Displays	K&T Phillips-Moul	127.50		127.50
PAYE	HMRC	101.70		101.70
PAYE	HMRC	49.47		49.47
Wind Farm Admin	Employee	10.00		10.00
Subscription Costs	Scribe	144.00	28.80	172.80
Insurance	Hiscox Insurance	65.35		65.35
Salary	Employee	324.34		324.34
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