

Carsington & Hopton Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at St Margaret's Church
on Monday 25 September 2023 at 7.00pm

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

Apologies: Councillors N. Edmiston and S. Mitchell

Also, in Attendance: Kath Gruber (Parish Clerk)
2 representatives from Hoben International

FC/0923/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Edmiston (holiday) and Mitchell (work commitments).

FC/0923/02 Variation of Order of Business

Resolved: to take agenda item 10d after item 6

FC/0923/03 Exclusion of the press and public

The Council **Resolved:** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted in item 12b (resident correspondence), to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item.

FC/0923/04 Declaration of Members Interest

None

FC/0923/05 Public Speaking

Joe Hancock – Hoben International

Gave details of the proposed plans to extend solar and wind energy at the site. The company needs to do this to lower energy costs, cut their emissions and become carbon neutral. They are wanting green energy to help cut noise levels. Hoben are keen to involve the community in discussing the plans and are happy to answer any questions and hear any suggestions or alternative options. They left brochures outlining the plans for residents.

FC/0923/06 Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council **Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2023 are a correct record under the provisions for approval and signed by the Chair.

FC/0923/10b) Budget Position

The Council reviewed the budget report which sets out a forecast overspend of £1,023 and

Resolved:

- to make better use of wind farm monies for eligible projects.
- to develop a 3-year village plan to enable early identification of relevant external grants.

FC/0923/07 General Power of Competence

The Council **Resolved:** that it meets the eligibility criteria of 1) the number of councillors elected at the last election (May 2023), exceeds two thirds of its total number of councillors and 2) the clerk holding the Certificate in Local Council Administration (Sept 2023) and will adopt the freedom of the General Power of Competence. This remains in place until May 2027 when the decision will be revisited.

FC/0923/08 Village Plan Projects

a) Bug Hotel – the contractor has committed to having this built and in place by mid November 2023.

b) Telephone Box (seed exchange) – once the bug hotel is complete it is hoped that the

- contractor will be able to confirm when work on this project.
- c) Village Noticeboards – the Council considered the 5 quotes and **Resolved:** to purchase two vintage oaks framed and glazed noticeboards with keys at a cost of £220.
 - d) Village plan projects – the Council discussed the projects previously consulted on and also the importance of the church to the village. It was **Resolved:** to prioritize supporting the church and to hold a working group meeting to develop a 3-year village plan.

FC/0703/09 Village Matters

- a) Defibrillators:
 - Hopton – all in order
 - Carsington – pending update on access.
- b) Verges and borders in Carsington – the Council discussed the proposal to maintain these and **Resolved:** 1) to report these to DCC who have both the responsibility and funding for their maintenance 2) to consider joining the DCC Minor Maintenance scheme in 2024/25
- c) Village Green:
 - i) Slide – the Council **Resolved:** that any repair must meet ROSPA standards and to explore this with contractors.
 - ii) Village Green borders and troughs maintenance - it was **Resolved:** to develop specification list and seek 3 quotes from contractors.
 - iii) Dislodged stones – no longer an issue
- d) Dog Waste – no issues reported.
- e) Fly Tipping – the Council discussed the tipping of builder’s material/waste in Carsington and **Resolved:** to monitor.
- f) Parish Council assets – awaiting update on work schedule.
- g) Snow Warden scheme – the Council **Resolved:** to join the DCC scheme for 2023/24.

FC/0923/10 Financial Matters

- a) The Council approved the accounts for payment as at Schedule 1
- b) The Council noted no income received.
- c) Bank Reconciliation for August reviewed and approved.
- d) Windfarm applications – the Council reviewed the 4 applications and **Resolved:**
 - Installation of sculptures – approved award of £640
 - Grounds maintenance - approved award of £770
 - Dry stone wall repairs - approved award of £140
 - Village planting - approved award of £150
- e) Local projects fund – the Council **Resolved:** to apply for a grant contribution towards King’s coronation gifts.

FC/0923/11 Planning Applications

None

FC/0923/12 Correspondence & Consultations (for information only)

- a) The Council noted the contents of Dalc circulars – August and September 2023.
- b) General correspondence – reviewed and noted.
- c) Reports from representatives on outside bodies:
 - Hopton Hall – Cllr Miles updated the Council on the arrangements the Hall have put in place for the drive-in movies on 27/28 Oct 2023.
 - St Margaret’s Church – Cllr Miles updated the Council on the research activities of the working group to establish how there might be wider use of the church – visiting other churches; exploring grant options; diocese engagement. A meeting in November will discuss the findings and a

consultation with the community will then be undertaken.

FC/0923/13 Next Council meetings

- a) Items for next agenda – village boundaries
- b) Next meeting – it was **Resolved:** that the next meeting will take place on 27 November 2023 at 7pm.

The meeting closed to the public at 8.23pm

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM 12b) Resident Correspondence

Councillor Miles updated the Council on this matter, and it was **Resolved:** to adopt policies and procedures to comply with staff and councillor health and safety.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

SCHEDULE 1

Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
Postage	Post Office	2.25		2.25
Elections	Derbyshire Dales District Cou	121.00		121.00
Expenses	Employee	15.30		15.30
Postage	Post Office	2.25		2.25
Subscription Costs	Adobe	9.98		9.98
Office Supplies	HP Ink Services	6.50		6.50
Wind Farm Admin	Employee	10.00		10.00
Office Supplies	Employee	2.45		2.45
Expenses	Employee	15.30		15.30
Subscription Costs	Adobe	9.98		9.98
Office Supplies	HP Ink Services	7.00		7.00
Pension	B&CE Pension	31.81		31.81
Grounds Maintenance	Contractor	110.00		110.00
Salary	Employee	344.02		344.02
Grounds Maintenance	Contractor	110.00		110.00
Total		797.84		797.84