

**Carsington & Hopton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at St Margaret's Church**  
**on Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 7pm**

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

Also, in Attendance: Kath Gruber (Parish Clerk)  
Councillor L. Peacock (DDDC)  
Councillor D. Murphy (DCC)

**FC/0124/01 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor L. Corbett

**FC/0124/02 Variation of Order of Business**

**Resolved:** to take agenda item 9a after item 7

**FC/0124/03 Exclusion of the press and public**

None.

**FC/0124/04 Declaration of Members Interest**

None

**FC/0124/05 Public Speaking**

Resident

Detailed comments on planning application 23/01330/FL (installation of air conditioning system) in relation to noise levels, loss of amenity, deterioration in the setting of a listed building and in the appearance of a conservation area.

**FC/0124/06 County & District Councillor Reports**

DDDC Councillor L. Peacock

Updated the Council on:

- Review of Local Plan – latest study on housing needs so need slightly lower levels so minimal change to the sites for new housing; the Council looking at ways to limit the number of homes being changed to holiday lets; there will be an opportunity for the parish council and residents to formally review and comment on proposals.

DCC Councillor D. Murphy

Advised on:

- Planning process
- Budget deficit of £33 million due to inflation, demand for adult and children's social care, staffing costs. The council are reviewing all services in order to reduce the deficit.
- Suggested a village walkabout to review flooding and drainage issues in the villages – date being arranged.

**FC/0124/07 Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings**

The Parish Council **Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2023 are a correct record under the provisions for approval and were signed by the Chair.

**FC/0124/09(a) Village Matters**

Defibrillators:

- Hopton – all in working order.
- Carsington – all in working order; location being discussed.
- Annual safety check – **Resolved:** to include an annual, more detailed check, in February, with results recorded on Webnos.

**FC/0124/08 Annual Budget Setting**

- a) 2024/25 Outturn - the Council reviewed the forecast outturn for 2023/2024 noting a net

overspend of £2,261.

- b) 2024/25 Budget - the Council reviewed the proposed budget for 2024/25 and **Resolved:** a) to adopt budget as in table, b) look for opportunities to increase income via grant funding and c) recruit clerk at Nalc salary scale LC2 (scp 18-23)

Budget Stream	Income	Expenditure
CHPC	9,468	7,459
Wind Farm	8,500	4,665
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,968</b>	<b>12,124</b>

- c) Precept 2024/25 – the Council reviewed the options and **Resolved:** to request a precept of £7,718 resulting in an annual cost to (Band D) households of £56.62 (£1.09p pw).

### FC/0903/09 Village Matters

- Village Green:
  - i) Slide – the Council **Resolved:** to bring suggested contractors to March meeting to lay topsoil and turf in early Spring.
  - ii) Planting – the Council agreed that the bushes are a priority; lavender will last another year; spring and summer bedding plants **and Resolved:** to ask for plant donations for borders
  - iii) Rospa inspection – the Council reviewed the “medium” risks identified in the inspection **and Resolved:**
    - Agility Tunnel – look at what Lester Lowe have to repair timber
    - Stepping stones – firm these up when slide turfed
    - Gates – check Rospa standards on closing mechanism
- Noticeboards – the Council agreed works required **and Resolved:** to consider options for local contractors to undertake works
- Dog Waste – no new issues reported.
- Fly Tipping – no new cases
- Parish Council assets – no new issues
- Snow Warden – **Resolved:** to check status of bins and refill as necessary

### FC/0124/10 Village Plan Projects

- a) Bug Hotel – a meeting has taken place with contractor and adjustments to design have been agreed.
- b) Telephone Box (seed exchange) – **Resolved:** to defer this project
- c) Noticeboards – the Council agreed works required with the contractor **and Resolved:** to consider local contractors to undertake work.

### FC/0124/11 Biodiversity

The Council reviewed the report of the clerk, proposal by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and actions already taken to conserve and enhance biodiversity. **Resolved:** to develop a diversity policy.

### FC/0124/12 Financial Matters

- a) Mowing & Planting Contract - the Council considered the 2 quotes and **Resolved:** to appoint Shane Bonsall at an annual cost of £2,170.
- b) The Council approved the accounts for payment as at Schedule 1
- c) The Council noted income received.
- d) Bank Reconciliation reviewed and approved.
- e) Windfarm applications –none

### FC/0124/13 Safeguarding Policy

The Council reviewed the draft policy and **Resolved:** to adopt it.

### **FC/0124/14 Planning Applications**

The Council considered planning application 23/01330/FL and **Resolved:** to object to the application on the grounds of loss of amenity, increased noise levels and deterioration in the setting of a listed building and in a conservation area.

### **FC/0124/15 Correspondence & Consultations (for information only)**

- a) The Council noted the contents of Dalc circulars – December 2023 & January 2024. Details of the online safety course to be sent to Cllr Miles.
- b) General and resident correspondence – reviewed and noted.
- c) Clerk's Action Plan – reviewed.
- d) Reports from representatives on outside bodies:
  - St Margaret's Church – Cllr Miles advised that volunteers have now been allocated to work streams. Planning for next phase is pending PCC decision expected 7/2/2024
  - CARE – village events schedule has been promoted and includes:
    - Film night – Sat 24/2/24
    - Race night – Saturday 16/3/24
    - Village litter-pick – Saturday 6/4/24
    - CARE AGM – Wednesday 24/4/24
    - D-Day celebration – Thursday 6/6/24
    - Village Festival Saturday 9/6/24
    - Film night – Saturday 5/10/24
    - Bonfire & Fireworks – Tuesday 5/11/24

### **FC/0124/14 Next Council meetings**

- a) Items for next agenda –Contractors for Slide & noticeboard
- b) Next meeting – it was **Resolved:** that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 25 March 2024 7pm.
- c) Next meeting – it was **Resolved:** that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 25 March 2024 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting closed to the public at 8.50pm

## SCHEDULE 1

<b>Code</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Grounds Maintenance	Shane Bonsall	110.00		110.00
Clerk's Salary	Kath Gruber	466.76		466.76
Environment	Ruth Miles	220.00		220.00
Subscription Costs	ICO	35.00		35.00
PAYE	HMRC	239.65		239.65
Wind Farm Grant	CARE	1,125.00		1,125.00
Wind Farm Admin	Kath Gruber	20.00		20.00
Clerk's Salary	Kath Gruber	366.16		366.16
Bank Charges	Unity Bank	18.00		18.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,600.57</b>		<b>2,600.57</b>