# Carsington & Hopton Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at St Margaret’s Church on Monday 31 July 2023 at 7.00pm**

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

Also, in Attendance: Kath Gruber (Parish Clerk)

Councillors D. Murphy (DCC); L. Peacock (DDDC), P. Slack (DDDC) and 14 members of the public

# FC/0723/01 Apologies for Absence

# None

# FC/0723/02 Variation of Order of Business

# Resolved: to take agenda items 7 and 8 after item 5

# FC/0723/03 Declaration of Members Interest

# Declarations declared as follows:

# Councillor Mitchell – item 11, planning application 23/00566/FUL

# Councillor Miles – item 11, planning application 23/00604/FUL

# It was Resolved: Councilllors to remain in meeting but not take part in any discussion or vote on these.

# FC/0723/04 Public Speaking

Daniel Macken – Caffeine & Machine

Updated the Council on the changes to planning application 23/00566/FUL in light of previous comments and objections.

Resident 1

Requested support from the Council in relation to the village school installation of replacing the oil-fired heating with seven air-source heat pumps directly facing his property. There has been no consultation or engagement and planning permission has not been sought.

Resident 2

A severe thunderstorm on Saturday 8th July 2023 caused run-off water to flow down Main Street to its lowest point at the entrance to the driveway of Hopton Estate House. There is a drain just beyond the drive which, if it had been positioned just before the drive, would have ensured that the flooding could have been avoided. He has reported this to DCC and is discussing the problem with Councillor Murphy.

Resident 3

Spoke on behalf of Friends of the Knockerdown who object to planning application 23/00566/FUL.

Robert Rowan (Openreach)

Advised that Openreach are currently in the process of upgrading part-fibre/part-copper broadband to full fibre broadband. His role is to facilitate the inclusion of Carsington & Hopton in this and he will be making arrangements to hold a public information session in the village.

DDDC Councillor Slack

Advised that:

* Serco are rolling out plans to improve waste collection.
* DDDC have agreed medium term financial plan.
* Safer weed killer alternatives are to be used.
* Cinema tenders will be in the next few weeks.
* Ashbourne Reborn (Levelling Up Fund (LUF)) is progressing.

# FC/0723/05 Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council **Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2023 are a correct record under the provisions for approval and signed by the Chair.

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# FC/0723/07 New Local Plan

DDDC Councillor Peacock advised that the local plan was under review and the council wants more input from communities at an early stage. She agreed to look into sharing what is on the current plan and what the position in relation to developing a neighbourhood or parish plan at November 2023 meeting.

# FC/0723/08 St Margaret’s Church

The (retiring) Church Warden advised that the position has improved since the last update and that a survey has been issued to all residents to get ideas on what the church could be used for. It was **Resolved:** The Parish Council to remain involved in the working group with each councillor being involved for three months at a time (currently Councillor Miles is the representative, Councillor Corbett will take over next).

# FC/0723//06 Village Plan Projects

# Councillor Edmiston advised that a recent speed watch identified five speeding drivers, all on school pick up duties. Monthly speed watch sessions will take place.

# Bug Hotel – no progress made. It was Resolved: that if no progress made by next meeting the Council would reconsider the project details.

# Telephone Box - no progress made.

# Village Noticeboards – the Council considered the options and costs and Resolved: to contact suppliers for quotes meeting specification requirements of:

# Metal Legs

# Recycled material

# Wood effect

# Parish Council signage

# One side lockable, other side unlocked.

**FC/0703/09 Climate Change**

The Council discussed the report and **Resolved:**

1. To declare a climate emergency and conduct a village survey to establish what people know about climate change and to develop a realistic, achievable plan of action.
2. Use the World Wildlife Fund calculator to assess the impact parish has on the environment.
3. Clerk to attend an online seminar “Climate Action for Smaller Councils” at a cost of
4. £30 + VAT.
5. Influence change through comments on planning applications, imposing requirements on developers to make homes and buildings more climate friendly.
6. Set up a Climate Change page on the website and promote ideas and things individuals can do.
7. Set up a Climate Change Champion group.

**FC/0723/10 Financial Matters**

1. The Council approved the accounts for payment as at Schedule 1
2. The Council noted income received.
3. Bank Reconciliations reviewed and approved.
4. Budget summary noted.
5. Windfarm applications – none to consider. The Council **Resolved:** to review the support offered by the windfarm fuel poverty scheme.

# FC/0723/11 Planning Applications

# The Council discussed applications:

# 23/00604/FUL and Resolved: to submit no objection.

1. 23/00566/FUL – the Council thanked all those who had spoke on this matter and **Resolved:** to review all the changes and comments and make a decision (by email) which will be published on the Council’s website.
2. 23/00743/FUL and 23/00744/BALT – it was **Resolved:** to review all the changes and comments and make a decision (by email) which will be published on the Council’s website.

# FC/0723/12 Village Matters

1. Defibrillators:

* **Hopton – all in order**
* **Carsington –** access restricted due to bins & furniture**, resolved:** to discuss with Miner’s Arms.

1. **Village Green** – the Council noted that the borders were overgrown and in need of replanting and weeding. It was **Resolved:** to request this be addressed with immediate effect.
2. Parish Council assets – no issues reported.

# FC/0723/13 Correspondence & Consultations (for information only)

1. The Council noted the contents of Dalc circulars – June and July 2023.
2. Consultation on proposed speed limits on A5012 noted.
3. General correspondence – reviewed and noted.
4. Resident correspondence – reviewed and noted.
5. Reports from representatives on outside bodies – the Council invited CARE representative to provide update and noted:

* Recent dinner event a success.
* Plans for film night in autumn, bonfire, and an event after Christmas.
* Chair of CARE to be invited to provide report for Council’s website.

# FC/0723/14 Next Council meetings

1. Items for next agenda – noticeboard options
2. Next meeting – it was **Resolved:** that the next meeting will take place on 25 September 2023 at 7pm. Councillor Mitchell and Edmiston gave apologies.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

**SCHEDULE 1**

