Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Church on Monday 27th January 2025 at 7pm

Present:	Cllr N. Edmiston (Chair); Cllr H.L Corbett; Cllr M. Wilson and Cllr R.Cole-Morgan (part)
In Attendance:	Frank Horsley (Parish Clerk) 1 member of the public

FC/0125/01 Apologies for Absence

Cllr R. Miles (unwell). In Cllr Miles absence, Cllr Edmiston took the chair for the meeting.

FC/0125/02 Variation to the Order of Business

None.

FC/0125/03 Declaration of Members Interest

None.

FC/0125/04 Public Participation

The Chair suspended Standing Orders and invited resident comments. A resident requested an update on further discussions with Trustees of the Hopton Almshouses and provided condition reports completed by tenants. Frank Horsley noted that no response had been received to previous emails. Cllr Corbett commented on legal implications that may face the Council regading any involvement with the Trust. The resident raised potential environment projects however issues would make these unfeasible at present.

FC/0125/05 Ward Councillor Reports

Cllr Peacock provided a brief update from Derbyshire Dales DC including current developments following the announcement of proposed local government reorganization. DDDC prioritising provision of affordable housing. Cllr Peacock further updated on proposed change in parking charges including a proposed 30 minute free period in Wirksworth and ongoing matter of temporary Traveller's sites. She noted that the Local Plan review had been delayed with consultation commencing in early 2026 including new housing targets.

Frank Horsley read out an email received from Cllr Stack which echoed a number of the points made by Cllr Peacock.

FC/0125/06 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Council **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25th November 2024

were a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes.

FC/0125/07 Council Budget and Parish Precept 2025/26

Frank Horsley explained the budget proposal and outlined the process for submitting the parish precept to the billing authority (DDDC). Cllr Edmiston thanked Frank Horsley for the proposed budget and noted the establishment of a general reserve and position with regards to the Windfarm account. It was noted that the precept for 2025/26 was £7,718 (zero increase on current financial year) equating to £146.82 per household Band D equivalent.

The Council **resolved to approve the Council budget 2025/26** as proposed and the submission of the parish precept from to Derbyshire Dale CC. Proposed by Cllr Edmiston. Seconded by Cllr Corbett.

FC/0125/08 Council Action Plan

Members considered the Council Action Plan and noted progress against each section. The key points resolved for updating included:

- Defibrillators
  Revised CPWF grant application included on agenda at item 9 for consideration.
- Assets
  - Cllr Edmiston reported that the benches had been cleaned but now required varnishing.
  - Frank Horsley confirmed the purchase of new laptop and security software via personal credit card to be reimbursed. Cllr Edmiston signed copy of invoice for audit. The laptop will be added to the Council asset register.
- Projects
  - Options for noticeboards on agenda at item 9 for discussion.
  - Cllr Edmiston noted that the storage bench is yet to be assembled and he will purchase bird feeders in due course.
  - Bulbs and bedding plants purchased and planted.
- Village Green
  - Cllr Corbett had contacted current contractor regarding repair of stone pillar (coping stones). If no progress, Council agreed to contact an alternative contractor.
  - Council considered contracting grounds maintenance for April-October similar to 2024 works. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to contact previous contractor to discuss and bring forward CWP grant application to progress.**
- Neighbourhood Plan
  Members noted Government proposals regarding local government reorganisation which could impact any activity. Keep under review.
- Snow Warden
  Members noted that the scheme had been implemented and grit delivered and distributed. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to speak to Cllr Miles regarding latest grit bin document for the records.**
- Hopton Almshouses
  Cllr Edmiston stated that he would follow up with Cllr Miles as discussed earlier.

FC/0125/09 Village Matters Arising (not on Action Plan)

a) CPWF Grant Application – Carsington Defibrillator
Frank Horsley noted further discussions with supplier regarding potential recycling and Members discussed potential re-use of existing equipment. Council reviewed the project

and **resolved** to approve the CPWF grant application for the purchase and supply of new defibrillator for Carsington. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to contact the supplier to complete purchase.**

b) Noticeboards
Cllr Edmiston reported that he had assessed the current noticeboards as being in good condition and Members agreed to maintain for the time being. Cllr Cole-Morgan suggested revarnishing at the same time as benches. **ACTION: Cllr Edmiston to contact contractor to agree revarnish of bench and noticeboards.**

c) Carsington Water – resident query
Frank Horsley reported a recent telephone conversation with a concerned resident regarding Severn Trent plans to extend Carsington Water as reported recently in local media. Cllr Corbett noted that the proposal was more a long term aspiration and Frank Horsley confirmed that this was the case after reviewing Severn Trent development plan. Members agreed no action was required at this stage but to remain aware.

d) Parish Online
Frank Horsley outlined the features of the digital mapping tool following recent 30 day free trial. Upon consideration, Members agreed not to take up a subscription but reconsider should Neighbourhood Plan proposal progress at a future date.

FC/0125/10 Financial Matters

a) The Council approved accounts for payment for November/December 2024. Signed.
b) The Council noted income received for November/December 2024. Signed.
c) The Council reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation for November/December 2024. Signed.

FC/0125/11 Planning

The Council noted the updated planning log. Members discussed recent discussions with DDDC enforcement officers regarding tree clearance on a site within the parish. DDDC continued to be in dialogue with land owner.

FC/0125/12 Correspondence

MS OneDrive file circulated to Members prior to meeting. The Derbyshire County Council Developer Contributions Protocol consultation was noted.

FC/0125/13 Any Other Items

Cllr Cole-Morgan noted the repeated incidence of school alarm being triggered which was causing disruption to local residents. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to contact Derbyshire CC to make aware and resolve.**

FC/0125/14 Date & Time of Next Full Council Meeting

Frank Horsley noted that no date for March currently scheduled and proposed Monday 24th March 2025 as date of next meeting. Members agreed. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to contact Church to book and update website page.**

The meeting ended at 8.40pm.