

**Carsington & Hopton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Church on Monday**  
**28 November 2022 at 7.00pm**

Present: Chairman: R. Miles  
Councillors: H.L. Corbett, N. Edmiston, and M. Wilson

Also, in Attendance: Kath Gruber (Parish Clerk)  
1 member of the public

**FC/1122/01 Apologies for Absence**

None

**FC/1122/02 Variation of Order of Business**

**Resolved:** Item 7 to be taken after item 5

**FC/1122/03 Declaration of Members Interest**

None

**FC/1122/04 Exclusion of the Public**

**Resolved:** to exclude the public for item 18 (staff matters).

**FC/1122/05 Public Speaking**

Resident

Information relating to the application for wind farm funding was provided to the Council and councillors' questions were answered.

**FC/1122/07 Windfarm Grants**

- a) St Margaret's kitchen – the Council discussed the application and recognised the positive impact it would have on using the church as a community space  
**Resolved:** to grant £2,440 towards the kitchen refurbishment (60% of the application).
- b) Fuel Poverty – no applications received and the Council agreed to continue promote scheme on website and social media.
- c) Carsington Windfarm – the Council reviewed the application form and the criteria and **Resolved:** to retain criteria and update application form to include questions on whether applicant:
  - has requested funds from other sources
  - would provide any match funding to the project

**FC/1122/06 Planning Applications**

- 1) The Council discussed application T/22/00185/TCA and agreed that more information was necessary to make an informed decision, it was **Resolved:** to request further information and in the event of it not being forthcoming to object to the application.
- 2) Proposed solar scheme in Brassington – the Council discussed the plans sent for review and **Resolved:** to invite developer to a meeting either a) 6.30pm -7pm on 23/1/2023 or b) earlier if planning application deadline is past or close to that.
- 3) Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Growth Options Consultation – Link to Parish Webinar 30/11/22 expected 28/11 has not been received, agreed to contact DDDC for link

**FC/1122/08 Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings**

The Parish Council **agreed** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2022 are a correct record under the provisions for approval and signed by the Chair

**FC/1122/09 Derbyshire Discretionary Fund**

Councillor Miles gave details of this financial support available to households and the Council **Resolved:** to promote this fund and set up a Council webpage providing information on help and advice available to manage the rising costs of living.

#### **FC/1122/10 Council Policies**

The Council reviewed the:

- a) Civility and Respect pledge and Councillor Miles signed it on behalf of the Council
- b) Dignity at Work Policy – **Agreed:** to adopt it.
- c) Social Media Policy – addition of WhatsApp welcome and it was **Agreed:** to accept this version once WhatsApp included in second paragraph.

#### **FC/1122 Village Matters**

- a. Defibrillators:
  - Hopton – Councillor Miles advised she had confirmed defibrillator software did not need updating and all equipment and temperature in order.
  - Carsington – it was **Agreed:** Councillor Edmiston to advise Clerk on which cabinet to order.
  - Training – the Council reviewed the training options and **Resolved:** to
    - request a training date in March/April 2023
    - promote the online virtual training <https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr/learn-cpr-in-15-minutes/train-your-organisation-in-cpr>
- b. Jubilee Tree plaque – Cllr Mitchell advised he was working on creating a stake with wooden mount that the plaque can sit on.
- c. Dog Waste – the Council were pleased that the Carsington Reservoir bin is in place.
- d. Donated Bulbs – the Council **Resolved:** to thank the Rotary for their generous donation of crocus bulbs. Symbolising the eradication of polio and promote once bulbs flowered.
- e. Hopton Grit bin – it was **Resolved:** to mark bin so residents informed to contact the Clerk if needs refilling
- f. Asset Register – Councillor Edmiston requested the register updated to include 3 wooden benches on the old village. The Council noted that noticeboards and benches would need cleaning and varnishing in Spring.

#### **FC/1122/11 Village Plan Projects**

- a) Speed Watch – Cllr Edmiston advised he was seeking an additional volunteer, and once that person trained, sessions would be scheduled for Spring.
- b) Options for replacing Badgers – Councillor Edmiston circulated potential designs and advised budget likely to be £12,000. Discussions with working group and designers continue and he will bring a proposal to the March meeting.
- c) Bug Hotel – it was noted that contractor is extremely busy and efforts to contact him continue.

#### **FC/1122/12 Report of the Clerk**

- a) Action Plan – progress noted
- b) General Correspondence - reviewed and noted.
- c) Warm Space – initiative noted.

#### **FC/1122/14 Finance**

- a) Payment of invoices - the Council considered the monthly payments as attached at Schedule 1 and approved the payments.

- b) Budget Summary – reviewed and noted
- c) Forecast for 2022/2023 0 the Council discussed the budget position and agreed to include the following projects in 2023/24:
  - Refurbishment of Telephone Box - £1,500
  - Bug Hotel - £1,500
  - Badgers' replacement - £12,000
  - Wall repairs - £500
- d) Bank Reconciliation –approved and signed by the Chair

**FC/1122/15 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

The Council noted the contents of circulars October and November 2022.

**FC/1122/16 Items for information only/Next Agenda**

None

**FC/1122/17 Date and Time of Next meeting**

**Resolved:** that the next meetings of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 23 January 2023 at 7pm in Saint Margaret's Church, Carsington.

Meeting closed 8.50pm

**SCHEDULE 1 - Payments**

|                     |            |                   |               |
|---------------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Floral Displays     | 03/10/2022 | K&T Phillips-Moul | 257.95        |
| Insurance           | 03/10/2022 | Hiscox Insurance  | 65.35         |
| Grounds Maintenance | 03/10/2022 | Charles S Tallis  | 440.00        |
| Clerk's Salary      | 07/10/2022 | Kath Gruber       | 210.86        |
|                     |            | <b>Total</b>      | <b>974.16</b> |