

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

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

Also, in Attendance: Kath Gruber (Parish Clerk)
Cllr Janet Rose (DDDC)
25 members of the public

FC/1022/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor D. Murphy (DDDC)

FC/1022/02 Variation of Order of Business

None

FC/1022/03 Declaration of Members Interest

The following declarations were noted:

Item 7b – Councillor Miles

Item 13 (22/00728/FUL) – Councillor Miles

FC/1022/04 Exclusion of the Public

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

FC/1022/05 Public Speaking

Residents

Residents gave views on planning application 22/010111/FUL as follows:

- Large operation in a rural area
- Development does not reflect Local Plan and is out of keeping with the area
- Volume of visitors would increase traffic creating health & safety concerns and noise pollution
- Light pollution
- Whilst would create employment opportunities as most would be part-time this is unsustainable as local pubs struggle to fill vacancies
- Environmental concerns due to conservation area and impact on wildlife in Carsington Water
- Speed would be a priority for bikers and classic car owners attending venue
- Lack of understanding what development brings to the area
- Concerns that Severn Trent Water not invited to comment.

Cllr Janet Rose (DDDC)

- Echoed concerns about traffic safety in light of recent fatal accident.
- There is full employment in the area so company likely to face recruitment challenges.
- Had query regarding pub license

Dan Macken (Caffeine & Machine)

Explained license would transfer as is.

Resident (CARE)

Discussed potential of having electricity installed at village green and whether the Council would support with wind farm grant

FC/1022/06 Planning Applications

The Council discussed the following applications:

- 22/010111/FUL – **Resolved:** to submit feedback reflecting the views of residents.

- 22/1043/LBALT – **Resolved:** no objection.

FC/1022/07 Windfarm Grants

- a) St Margaret's kitchen – Application for church kitchen received, total project costs estimated at £5000 of which £2,412 was for units. The Council deferred decision to November meeting when full breakdown of costs to be presented.
- b) Village Green electricity – the Council supportive of the idea and suggested CARE discuss in detail with Western Power and establish options and costs. It was explained that grants were only permitted for 50% of project costs and the Council **Resolved:** to view the Wind farm scheme criteria.
- c) Fuel Poverty – no applications received and the Council **Resolved:** to promote scheme on website and social media

FC/1022/08 Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 July 2022 were confirmed as a correct record under the provisions for approval and signed by the Chair

FC/1022/09 Meeting Schedule

The Council consider the proposed meeting schedule and **Resolved:** to amend meeting from second Monday of the month to fourth Monday of the month and publish dates on Council website.

FC/1022/10 Village Matters

- a. Defibrillators:
 - Hopton – Councillor Miles advised iPad SP1 defibrillator has been recalled by the manufacturer for a software update and this will be done so the village will not be without the defibrillator. All equipment and temperature in order.
 - Carsington – Defibrillator not subject to recall, equipment is in order however box is corroding, **Resolved:** to replace the box.
- b. Village Green
 - I. ROSPA Inspection recommendations – Cllr Edmiston gave details of the analysis he had carried out, majority of risks very low risks, the Council **Resolved:** to assess feasibility and safety of grinding down projecting bolts on entrance gate and accept all other risks as manageable.
 - II. Grass Cutting – the Council considered the request to cut back the verges behind the wall of the pub which runs parallel with School Lane. The Council **Resolved:** to advise resident to raise request with DCC Highways as this is not Parish Council land.
 - iii. Jubilee Tree plaque – **Resolved:** Cllr Mitchell to create a stake with wooden mount that the plaque can sit on.
 - iv. Asset Register – the Council **Resolved:** that assets would be monitored and any issues reported to Council at meetings. Lead Councillors at Appendix 1.
 - v. Dog Waste – no issues reported. Bin at Carsington Reservoir is being chased up.

FC/1022/11 Village Plan Projects

- a) Speed Watch – Cllr Mitchell confirmed he had received training accreditation. **Resolved:** to set up more sessions.
- b) Options for replacing Badgers – Councillor Edmiston had circulated potential designs and it was **Resolved:** to meet with R M Eaton Stonemasonry Ltd and bring details/costs to next meeting.

- c) Bug Hotel – it was noted that contractor is extremely busy and Cllr Corbett agreed to contact him.

FC/1022/12 Parish Council Communications

Cllr Miles proposed that WhatsApp be included in Council's Social Media policy as communication channel and that the Parish Clerk be added to the village WhatsApp group to share information, it was **Resolved**: to accept proposal.

FC/1022/13 Report of the Clerk

- I. Action Plan – progress noted
- II. General Correspondence - reviewed and noted.

FC/1022/14 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) Bank Reconciliation – approved and signed by the Chair
- d) Local Projects Fund – the Council **Resolved**: to request £180 for bulbs, wildflower seeds, bedding plants and shrubs.
- e) SAAA opt-out – the Council **Resolved**: to opt -in to the SAAA procurement exercise to appoint external auditors,

FC/1022/15 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

The Council noted the contents of circulars July (2) and September 2022 and in particular details of the Civility & Respect Pledge and new Dignity at Work policy.

FC/1022/16 Items for information only/Next Agenda

- I. Cllr Wilson advised that the Rotary had donated funding for bulbs and a thank you note to be issued.
- II. Items for next agenda agreed – Civility & Respect Pledge, Dignity at Work Policy.

FC/1022/17 Date and Time of Next meeting

Resolved: that the next meetings of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 28 November 2022 at 7pm in Saint Margaret's Church, Carsington.

Meeting closed to public at 9pm

FC/1022/18 Staff Matters

The Council discussed the Clerk's reports on contracted hours and working from home allowance. The Clerk left the meeting at 9.10pm hours. The Council **Resolved**:

- a) Contracted Hours – to increase Clerk's hours to 18 pm with immediate effect
- b) Working from home allowance – to pay £6pw with immediate effect

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Appendix 1: Asset Monitoring

Old Village Green:

- Benches
- 1 Noticeboard
- 2 seats
- Dry Stone Walls

Cllr Edmiston

New Village Green

- 5 benches

Cllr Edmiston

- Gate Posts
- Millennium map
- Dry Stone Walls

Play Equipment	Cllr Edmiston
Carsington Phone Box	Cllr Wilson
Street Signs	Cllr Mitchell
Carsington Defib	Cllr Edmiston
Hopton Defib	Cllr Miles
Hopton Noticeboard	Cllr Miles
Grit Bin	Cllr Miles
Carsington Bus Stop Bench	Cllr Edmiston

SCHEDULE 1 - Payments

Item	Supplier	Gross
Insurance	Hiscox	65.35
	Insurance	
Clerk's Salary	Kath Gruber	210.86
Floral Displays	K&T Phillips-	45.00
	Moul	
Insurance	Hiscox	65.35
	Insurance	
Postage	Post Office	1.65
Clerk's	Kath Gruber	15.30
Expenses		
IT Costs	Adobe	3.79
Grounds	St Margaret's	150.00
Maintenance	Church	
Grounds	Charles S	320.00
Maintenance	Tallis	
Clerk's Salary	Kath Gruber	219.37
Pension	B&CE	21.94
	Pension	
PAYE	HMRC	89.58
Insurance	Hiscox	65.35
	Insurance	
Clerk's Salary	Kath Gruber	219.17
Grounds	Charles S	480.00
Maintenance	Tallis	
Audit	Brian Wood	66.00
Defibrillator	Community	12.00
	Heartbeat	
Bank Charges	Unity Bank	18.00
Pension	B&CE	21.94
	Pension	
Pension	B&CE	21.94
	Pension	
Floral Displays	K&T Phillips-	257.95
	Moul	
Grounds	Charles S	440.00
Maintenance	Tallis	
Clerk's Salary	Kath Gruber	210.86
	Total	3,021.40