

CARSINGTON AND HOPTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2019

The Chairman of the Parish Council's Report

The focus of the Parish Council this year has been largely in these areas:

- Creation of a new Village Map
- Tendering and appointment of a contractor for soft landing around the bank slide on the 'new' village green;
- Installation of remembrance benches on the 'old' green;
- Installation of street name signage;
- Tendering for verges and village green maintenance;
- Management and distribution of Windfarm monies;
- Delivering defibrillator familiarization to residents;
- Progressing with a 2nd defibrillator for the Parish;
- Completing tree works to both the 'old' and 'new' greens and surrounding area.

Village Map

An updated village map has been created so as to incorporate the general changes we have seen in the last few years since the last map was produced, and also so as to add the new street names, post codes and defibrillator location (and code). Many thanks for the reviews and inputs from the community which has helped improve the overall quality of the information on the map.

The map is currently with the printers and once received a laminated copy will be distributed to each house in the Parish.

Soft Landing Area

Following an extended tendering process due to initial quality concerns, the Parish Council has now appointed a contractor to undertake works around the bank slide on the village green and install a rubberised mulch soft landing area. This work will take place in the very near future.

Remembrance Benches

The Parish Council was keen to create a focal point within the village for the remembrance of armed forces personnel and so, after careful consideration, we procured and installed two remembrance benches on the 'old' green. We are pleased to say we have received lots of positive feedback regarding the benches. The Millennium benches are currently being refurbished and will be installed at two of the village bus-stops, one in each village.

Street Name Signage

Following the formalisation of street names within the village, the Parish Council commissioned the installation of street name signage to assist with the identification of the roads and these have now been installed.

Village Maintenance

Many thanks to our contractors for the work they have undertaken both on the village greens and on the verges within the village. We have been through a formal tender process this year for the 2019/20 contracts and we have, once again, appointed Mr Bunting for the maintenance of the Village Greens. There will, however, be a period where Mr B is unable to undertake the maintenance and so we are looking for volunteers to assist with the ongoing upkeep of the village greens during this short period. Unfortunately, we have been unable to appoint a contractor for the maintenance of the verges, despite going to tender to a number of contractors. This continues to be a difficult contract to let and as an interim we may look to organise a community evening or two in order to maintain the verges this year.

Windfarm Funds

Windfarm Funds received from Longcliffe Quarry have been used for a number of projects including: assisting with the purchase of the remembrance benches; undertaking tree works in the grounds of St Margaret's Church; purchasing of street name signage; maintenance of the defibrillator and 1st prize for the Village Fete raffle. Future projects likely to be considered for funding from the Longcliffe Quarry fund are the Soft Landing area and the installation of a 2nd defibrillator within the Parish.

100% of this year's annual WCE Windfarm grant was spent within the year with approximately a further 50% of the previous year's surplus also having been awarded to successful applicants for works that are yet to be completed. Therefore, the previous surplus has been reduced and this remainder will be rolled over into the next financial year (2019/20). Details of the projects supported in the year can be seen in the attached notes.

The Parish Council would like to encourage individuals and groups to make applications for either Longcliffe Quarries or WCE funding in the coming year. The policy for WCE applications and the application form can be found on the PC website, or obtained from Kate Murray. Applications for a Longcliffe Quarries Award can be made in the form of a simple letter to the Parish Council.

Defibrillator Familiarisation

Following the successful Defibrillator familiarization session last year a refresher session was scheduled and undertaken by Derbyshire Ambulance Service in the SpAce during this year. Our thanks go to the ambulance service for providing such an excellent session that was very engaging. The Parish Council made a charitable donation to the Air Ambulance as a thank you to Derbyshire Ambulance Service. If you couldn't make it to the training don't worry, this doesn't mean you can't use the defibrillator. If you have a need for the defib, the cabinet is located to the rear of the pub, the code is **C159X** and once you open

the case you follow the audible instructions. At the first opportunity have someone call the emergency services.

Hopton Defibrillator

The Parish Council has been looking at options to have a defibrillator in Hopton and we hope this project will come to fruition in 2019/20.

Tree Works

We have completed tree works to the mature trees on the village greens and also to the large tree in the verge opposite the entrance to the pub car park. Many thanks to Matt who gave his time, expertise and equipment to the Parish Council in a kind gesture to the village.

Snow Wardens

Our thanks once again go to the volunteer snow wardens who kept the village clear during the very occasional wintry periods we have seen. Although there has not been much to do this year, the fact you made the commitment to be available 'just in case' is much appreciated.

Precept

The Parish Council maintained the precept for 2019/20 at existing levels and did not request an uplift.

Leavers

This is my final Chairman's report, as I have not sought re-election as a Parish Councilor this time around. I'd like to thank everyone, both within the council and also within the Parish for their support over the years and I wish the new Parish Council and Chair all the best for the future.

The Parish Council is also looking for a new Clerk as Kate Murray's departure from the village recently will see her retire from the role in the near future. If you are interested in this role (which is paid) please let Kate or one of the Parish Councilors know. In the meantime, I would like to personally thank Kate for all her effort in keeping the Parish Council on track during her tenure.

Financial Report for year ended 31st March 2019

The following expenditure was made funded by the precept of £4,902 from Derbyshire Dales District Council, Carsington Pastures wind fund grant of £4309 and Longcliffe wind farm grant of £3000.

Item	£	As a % of total income
Clerk and on costs	2726	22%
Up keep of village green	1082	9%
Up keep of verges	529	4%
Running Costs	127	1%
Audit	95	Under 1%
Training and subscriptions	241	2%
Insurance	342	3%
Hire of School	120	1%
Newsletter	129	1%
S137(donation)	100	1%
Capital Expenditure	6761	55%
Total Expenditure	12255	100%
Change in bank balances	+£64	

The bank balances at 31st March 2019 stood at £5376 in the current account and £13366 in the reserve account. Unpresented cheques of £1009.

The accounts have been internally audited and statutory notices will be posted regarding the external audit and availability to the public.

Carsington Pastures Wind Farm

The Parish Council received the £4309 grant from Carsington Wind Energy Limited in the financial year 2018-19. Currently there is £4328 of monies remaining, of which £2814 is committed.

Progress: The table below summarises the current tranche of applications:

App No	Applicant	Amount Requested	Purpose	Awarded	Date of award	Amount and date of claim	Status
8	Parish Council	£1250	Create a soft-landing area around the bank slide, on village green	£1250	10th January 2018	Awaiting quotes	Approved
10	Gell Trust	£660	Erect a stock proof fence around the school playing field	£660	7th March 2018	£364 yet to be claimed	Approved
12	CARE	£1950	Fencing and hedge laying for school field	£1950	9th May 2018	£582. 12.8.18 £1368 10.10.18	Approved
15	Parish Council	£1050	2 WW1 Benches for village green	£1050	9th Jan 2019	£900. 4.2.19	Approved
17	Parish Council	£1200	Defibrillator for Hopton	Quotes awaited			