

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 9th January 2017 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Councillor Mr W. Little (Chairman)  
Councillors Mr G.Wills, Mr W.Lindsay, Mr. W.Reed, Mrs M.Cork, Mr E.Norman,  
Mr A.Rickerby, Mr M.Little, District Councillor John Collier and Cumbria County  
Councillor Trevor Allison.

**105/16 Apologies**

Apologies were received.

**106/16 Minutes**

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meeting held on 7th November 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

**107/16 Public participation**

Four members of the public were in attendance at the meeting. It was reported that the speed of traffic on the Carlisle to Great Orton road was excessive and that visibility at the Sceughmire junction was limited because of the hedges. The speeding issue was passed to County Councillor T. Allison for further investigation. Councillor Wills agreed to contact the hedge owners with a view to lowering their height.

Members of the public also expressed concern at the North West Electricity suggested route for the new national grid pylons. It was also reported that there had been recent increased activity and frequent vehicle movements in Sandygate Lonning: this issue was passed to District Councillor J. Collier.

**108/16 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interest**

**Councillor W. Reed declared a pecuniary interest in item '92/16 Planning' on the agenda as he was related to the applicant.**

**109/16 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests**

There were no changes to personal interests declared by the Councillors.

**110/16 Request for Dispensations**

No requests for dispensation were received.

**111/16 Chairman's announcements**

The Chairman announced that:

- a) It was with great sadness that he had heard of the deaths of former parish councillor Mr E. Foster and former Parish Council Chairman Mr J.Holliday. They had both served the community for many years and they would be sorely missed.
- b) One of the Impact Housing Association properties has been allocated to a local person.

**112/16 County Councillor's report**

County Councillor, Mr Trevor Allison, reported that:

- a) Car parking options for Great Orton School had been explored, see minute **99/16**.
- b) Cumbria County Council Highways Department has been notified about the poor state of the roadway outside the Village Hall.
- c) Standing water has been noted at Woodhouses and at the entrance to Orton Grange, possibly as a result of cracked or broken drains. Councillor Allison agreed to visit.
- d) Councillor Allison was notified that Great Orton village lights number 2 and 12 were not working and that the ditches along the road to Moorhouse and between Tempest Tower and Little Orton needed to be cleaned.
- e) Councillor Allison undertook to record the speed of traffic on Orton Road and to request that Cumbria County Highways Department look into the possibility of installing mirrors and signage at Sceughmire junction.

**113/16 District Councillor's report**

Councillor Collier reported that:

- a) There remained £300 to be granted towards a community project and urged the Council to apply.
- b) That there were a number of objections to the North West Electricity proposals from a number of sources.

**114/16 Police Officer's report**

No report was received.

**115/16 School Governor's Report**

No report was received,

**116/16 Village Hall Committee Report**

The Village Hall Committee representative reported grant application forms had been submitted.

**117/16 Watchtree Nature Reserve Report**

A report was received from the Watchtree representative, as follows:

- a) 250 people visited the site on Christmas Day; this included 200 runners and 50 walkers.
- b) A new member of staff is to be engaged for the next year to assist the site manager.
- c) BBC Countryfile will be attending later in the month to film the starling murmurations for the programme.

**118/16 Planning**

*The following planning applications were noted:*

- 1) Erection of steel framed agricultural building for use as a lambing shed in field 6313, Midtown Farm, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 16/1019. *No objections.*
- 2) Erection of single storey extension to provide a sun lounge at The Bow, Little Orton, Carlisle. Ref 16/1032. *No objections.*

**Councillor W. Reed notified an interest in the following item.**

*Carlisle City Council approval of the following applications was noted:*

- 1) Erection of 7 No. dwellings on land to the South of the Wellington Inn, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 16/0946.

**119/16 Financial Report**

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report for the month ending 30<sup>st</sup> November 2016 be accepted. There were no deviations from budget.

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| a) Electricity North West (Wayleave) | £18.23 |
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**120/16 Payment of Accounts**

It was **Resolved** that the following account be paid:

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| a) Carlisle City Council (play area inspection fee) | £56.78 |
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**121/16 Changes to financial regulations**

The new NALC Model Financial Regulations January 2016 were approved and adopted.

**122/16 Unauthorised use of corner of Parish Green to store plant pots**

Following advice from Carlisle City Council Solicitor, Ms C. Liddle, a letter was sent to Mr W. Adams notifying him that a contractor would be employed in the spring to reclaim the land, at his expense.

**123/16 Car Parking issues on the road outside Great Orton School**

Councillor Allison stated that Cumbria County Council Highways staff had been contacted regarding parking on the village green opposite the school and no objections were raised. A separate entrance and exit would be required along with dropped kerbs. A 1.2m strip needs to be left along the edge and grass protector placed behind this. This should allow parking for 8 cars. It was **Resolved** that Councillor Allison would request a plan and also details of the potential cost of this option. It was also **Resolved** that the Clerk would invite a police officer to visit Great Orton to assess the safety issues.

**124/16 National Grid proposals for new electricity pylons in Orton Parish**

The proposed path of the new National Grid pylons passes very close to Field View, Great Orton. It was noted that the Council had written to North West Electricity to raise concerns about these matters.

**125/16 Grass-cutting tender for 2017 and 2018 seasons**

It was **Resolved** that the same tender would be put forward but Barras Green should be omitted. It was **Resolved** that all areas should be cut a minimum of 14 times per annum and strimmed around the edges, especially the playing area next to the wall. The grass on the playing field should be kept short at all times and the clippings removed. It was also **Resolved** that the contract would be paid for on a bi-monthly basis and policed by the council.

**126/16 Traffic calming measures and signpost repairs at Four Road Ends junction**

Councillor Allison reported that Cumbria County Council Highways Department would only agree to rumble strips at the Four Road Ends junction being replaced if there was a fatality or serious injury.

**127/16 Buildings in field at Sandygate Lonning**

Councillor Collier agreed to notify the Planning Enforcement Officer at Carlisle City Council of the reported activities in Sandygate Lonning.

**128/16 Dates of 2017/18 Parish Council Meetings**

It was **Resolved** that the dates of the 2017 Parish Council meetings would be as follows:

6 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2017	5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
7 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2017	4 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
5 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	

**129/16 Correspondence**

Items of correspondence received since the last meeting (schedule attached) were noted.

**130/16 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting will be following the Open Meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Signed.....Chairman.

Date.....

**CORRESPONDENCE LIST JANUARY 2017**

Carlisle City Council (Corp.Support/Resources)

Carlisle City Council (Governance & Reg. Services)

Electricity North West

Parish Precept 2017/18

Code of Conduct amendment needed

Wayleave cheque