

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.30pm.

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

106/18 Apologies

No-one was absent.

107/18 Minutes

The minutes of the council meetings held on 3rd September 2018 and the 5th November 2018 were approved and it was **Resolved** that they be signed.

108/18 Public participation

A member of the public was reassured that the sewage discharge into the ditch between Great Orton village and Field View had been investigated by Carlisle City Council and a number of property owners had been asked to empty their septic tanks.

Ms Jane Lennard and Ms Deborah Hewitson from Impact Housing Association attended the meeting to clarify the process whereby local residents might apply for accommodation in Smiddy Croft and Moorclose, Great Orton. They stated that applicants still needed to apply through a choice-based lettings system. This system was going online but Impact Housing staff would be very happy to visit applicants who might find this process difficult. Applications are now submitted from all over the county but the Section 106 agreement still applies in Great Orton; local people still have preference for the houses in Great Orton. Local applicants need to be directed straight to Ms Lennard and Ms Hewitson. It was agreed that Ms Lennard would notify the Parish Council of all Great Orton vacancies, as they arise.

It was stated that the hedges between the properties would be cut in the spring and the autumn, also that Impact Housing staff would be doing a walkabout in Great Orton on 11th February 2019.

109/18 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest from members in respect of items on the agenda.

110/18 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

111/18 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

112/18 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman made the following announcements: -

1. A road traffic collision had taken place at the entrance to Baldwinholme village, which had damaged the salt bin and village signs.
2. Councillors were reminded that only items on the published agenda could be discussed at council meetings. Any additional items must be notified to the Clerk for inclusion in the agenda at least 14 days prior to the next meeting.
3. Councillors were reminded that the annual review of the Clerk's salary needs to take place at the March 2019 meeting.
4. Copies of the council minutes from 1918 were available if anyone wished to look at them.
5. A police mobile van visited Great Orton village hall car park on 20th November 2018.
6. The school walking bus continues to go well. Several local companies are to be asked if they would sponsor foul weather ponchos for the children. It was noted that all of the children should be wearing their high visibility jackets.

7. A considerable quantity of refuse and rubble has been tipped in the lay-by at Baldwinholme. County Councillor Allison and District Councillor Collier were asked to look into the possibility of new signs and possibly cameras for the area.

113/18 Reports

County Councillor Report

Councillor Allison stated that:

1. He would look into the issues surrounding the broken bus stop at Orton Grange as no action has been taken, despite repeated letters from the Parish Council.
2. Councillor Allison will examine the exposed water pipe on Orton Road; along with the Highways Steward.
3. Following the road traffic collision at Baldwinholme, senior Highways staff had been contacted regarding signage at this junction.
4. Councillor Allison agreed to investigate how fly tipping at Baldwinholme lay-by could be reduced and to hopefully get more grit for the salt bins.

District Councillor John Collier Report

Councillor Collier stated that the final boundary review submission had gone in and the number of District Councillors would be reduced from 51 to 39.

School Governor Report

No report was received in time for this meeting.

Village Hall Committee Report

It was reported that the hall 50/50 club has been very successful; it has brought over 10 new members and provides £400 for hall funds. The AGM takes place in March and the accounts are being finalised. New committee members are still needed.

Police Report

No report was received.

Watchtree Report

It was reported that the planning application for an office space has been approved. Visitor numbers continue to increase. The cycle fleet is being refreshed, as usual, and it is hoped to add some family cycles this year. The possibility of installing more security cameras on site is being explored. This coming Christmas it is hoped to hold a Nativity Play at the site.

114/18 Planning

To note Carlisle City Council approval of the following application:

Erection of first floor balcony to rear of dormer bungalow (part retrospective) at High Bow Cottage, Bow, Carlisle. Ref 18/0939.

115/18 Financial Report

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report of 31st December 2018 be accepted. There were no deviations from budget.

116/18 Payment of Accounts

It was **Resolved** that the following accounts would be paid:

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| a) Rocket Sites (Web hosting) | £114.00 |
| b) A. Rickerby (signpost restoration expenses) | £30.00 |

117/18 Grass-cutting Contract for 2019 and 2020 seasons

It was **Resolved** that the grass-cutting specification would remain the same as the 2017/18 seasons and that tenders would be sought by advertising in the local press and parish magazine. The tenders are to be sealed and opened at the March Council meeting.

118/18 Orton Parish Council annual goal setting

It was **Resolved** that the council's goals would be:

1. To improve the entrance to Little Orton including the installation of kerbs.
2. To ultimately restore all of the parish antique signposts, completing 2 per year.
3. To produce information leaflets on the parish.

119/18 Great Orton Play Area & Parish Seats

It was **Resolved** that an estimate for the repairs to the play area swing equipment be approved and the order place in the next two weeks. Reports on the play area and the parish seats were received. Councillors were also asked to note the state of the grass areas at the same time that they carry out their inspections.

120/18 Gypsy Lonning, Little Orton, damage to barriers

Councillor Norman reported that the construction of new barriers was in hand.

121/18 Slurry umbilical pipe across the road in Little Orton

This matter was discussed in the light of a letter of explanation received from the farmer concerned.

122/18 Road safety issues at the Four Road Ends junction, Great Orton

It was reported that Carlisle City Council had removed the plastic accident debris from the verges and that a local farmer had been requested to cut back the hedges at the junction

123/18 School Parking in Great Orton village

As there were no school parking issues at this time, it was **Resolved** that no further action be taken.

124/18 Parking area adjacent to the telephone box in Great Orton

As this area has now been covered in tarmac, it was **Resolved** that no further action be taken.

125/18 Dates of 2019 Parish Council Meetings

It was **Resolved** that Council meetings would be held on the following dates:

4th March 2019, 13th May 2019, 1st July 2019, 2nd September 2019, 4th November 2019.

126/18 Correspondence

To note items of correspondence received since the last meeting (schedule attached).

127/18 Date of Next Meeting

To note that the next Parish Council meeting will be the Open meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 4th March 2019, followed by the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council at 8.00pm..

.....SignedDate

CORRESPONDANCE JANUARY 2019

Carlisle City Council (Corporate Support & Resources)
 Clerks & Councils Direct
 Great Orton Primary School
 Great Orton Primary School
 Local Government Boundary Commission

Parish Precepts & Council Tax 2019/20
 Issue 120 November 2018
 Thanks for support for walking bus
 Success of Walking Bus
 Final recommendations

Play & Leisure
Wicksteed

Trade literature
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