

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Councillor Mr W. Little (Chairman), Councillors M. Cork, A. Rickerby, G. Wills, L. Johnston, W. Reed, E. Norman.

**84/19 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors E. Whitfield, Carlisle City Councillor J. Collier (family illness) and Cumbria County Councillor/Carlisle City Councillor Trevor Allison (prior parish meeting).

**85/19 Minutes**

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

**86/19 Public participation**

Two members of the public attended the Parish Council meeting to express their concerns about heavy farm vehicles driving at speed along rural roads without due care and attention to other road users and pedestrians. These concerns were noted by the Council; it was agreed that local farmers would be contacted.

**87/19 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests**

**Councillor E. Norman declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item '92/19 Planning, Ref 19/0517' as he was the applicant.**

**88/19 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests**

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

**89/19 Request for Dispensations**

No requests for dispensation were received.

**90/19 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman made the following announcement: -

1. A copy of the Carlisle City Planning Rules was to be sought in connection with the proposed development adjacent to Smiddy Croft, Great Orton.
2. A letter of thanks had been sent to the owners of the Old Rectory for their prompt cutting of the hedge.
3. Other Parish Councils have been contacted with a view to arranging CALC training at Great Orton Village Hall.
4. Impact Housing staff have cut their hedge part way along but it is very untidy: the Chairman will request that it is completed properly, again.
5. A Health & Well Being Conference will take place in Wetheral Community Centre on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, all Councillors are invited.
6. Councillor Allison had been asked to look into (i) flooding in Baldwinholme, (ii) the poor state of repair of Fallow Field, Great Orton.

**91/19 Reports**

**County and District Councillor Allison Report**

No report was received.

**District Councillor Collier Report**

No report was received.

### School Report

Ms Claire Griffin reported that Mr Robinson had left Great Orton Primary School and that she was Acting Head Teacher until the end of March. Cumbria County Council staff and the School Governors will then agree the best way forward. The Mother and Toddler group will recommence and the Nursery is now able to take children again. School Facebook and Twitter accounts have been opened and the website has been improved. There are lots of new ideas for the future.

### Village Hall Committee Report

This was circulated to Parish Councillors.

### Watchtree Report

The Watchtree representative reported that the Christmas at Watchtree event had been very successful and had made a profit. Several people stated that they would return in 2020 and it was agreed that the event would be repeated this Christmas. All other activities on site continue to go well.

## 92/19 Planning

*To note the following planning applications*

1. Use of former stable building and erection of extension to provide storage facilities; reconfiguration of staff and visitor parking facilities; retention and extension of administration building; siting of polytunnel; erection of potting shed; erection of tray filling building; change of use of land from meadow to hardstanding; installation of standalone solar panels; erection of additional greenhouse (Part Retrospective) at Cumbria Wildflowers, The Stables, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref:19/0869. *Objection to the area of hard-standing and disquiet about the lack of information regarding the heavy plant activity on site.*

### Councillor E. Norman notified an interest in the following item.

2. Erection of dwellings (outline) on land adjacent to Fair Lea, Moorhouse, Carlisle. Revised submission. (Adjacent parish). Ref:19/0517. *No objections.*

*To note Carlisle City Council approval of the following application:*

1. Change of use of annex to dwelling at The Limes, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref:19/0860
2. Erection of 7 no. dwellings on land to the south east of Smiddy Croft, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 19/0302 amended. *The Council approved this application subject to a number of conditions regarding the surface water and foul drainage.*

## 93/19 Financial Report

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 be accepted. There were no deviations from budget and the following monies were received:

a) North West Electricity (Wayleave)	£18.23
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## 94/19 Payment of Accounts

It was **Resolved** that the following accounts would be authorised for payment:

a) SRL (Little Orton Signpost repair)	£394.80
b) CGM Colville's Grounds Maintenance	£1,416.17
c) City of Carlisle (Play area inspection)	£60.00
d) P. Macdonald (Expenses; printer paper)	£6.00
e) Rocket Sites (Web hosting)	£114.00

**95/19 Great Orton Play Area inspection report & parish seat reports.**

Reports were received regarding the play area and the council owned parish seats. There were no actions arising from these reports.

It was noted that the soft-play surfaces become slippery with green algae. Playdale Ltd., recommend the use of warm, household detergent solution as the most suitable cleaning agent for the removal of algae.

**96/19 Adoption of Baldwinholme seat**

It was **Resolved** that Orton Parish Council would adopt the public seat at Baldwinholme.

**97/19 Grass-cutting Tender for 2020/21 season**

It was **Resolved** that some slight amendments would be made to the terms of the grass-cutting tender for the 2020/21 season.

**98/19 Dates of 2020/21 Parish Council Meetings**

It was **Resolved** that Parish Council Meetings would take place on the following dates in 2020/21:

2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020,	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2020,	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2020,
7 <sup>th</sup> September 2020,	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020,	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**99/19 Correspondence**

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

**100/19 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next ordinary Parish Council meeting will be the Open Meeting on Monday 2nd March 2020, at 7.30pm, followed by the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council at 8.00pm.

.....Signed .....Date

**CORRESPONDANCE JANUARY 2020**

Carlisle City Council (Economic Development)  
Carlisle City Council (Finance & Resources)

Planning Application 19/0869  
Parish Precept 2020/21

*Glasdon*

*Trade literature*