

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 4th July 2016 at 7.30pm.

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

33/16 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor A. Rickerby, (illness).

34/16 Minutes

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meeting held on 9th May 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

35/16 Public participation

Four members of the public attended the meeting in order to hear the discussion about the school parking problems.

36/16 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

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

37/16 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

38/16 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

39/16 Chairman's announcements

- a) The Chairman thanked Councillors Wills and Rickerby for the high quality repair work that they have completed in the play area.
- b) A defibrillator has been installed free of charge, by the ToCH Charity, on the wall of Mr Mulholland's shop in Great Orton. Its presence is to be advertised on the notice board, the Parish Magazine and on social media.

40/16 County Councillor's report

County Councillor, Mr Trevor Allison, reported that:

- a) He had made a site visit to Baldwinholme along with the Area Steward, to look at the ditches and drains. It was noted that the water could not escape further down the Wampool system. Councillor Allison will further liaise with local residents and with the Environment Agency.
- b) He would investigate the condition of the road around manhole covers in Great Orton.

41/16 District Councillor's report

District Councillor, Mr John Collier, reported that the post of Planning Enforcement Officer is presently vacant and that a new appointment will be made in due course.

42/16 Police Officer's report

No report was received.

43/16 School Governor's Report

The School Governor representative reported that the school numbers will decrease slightly in September, as several children leave for secondary school but it is hoped that there will be new starters joining the school role too. At present, the results of the SATS tests are awaited, particularly as the standard of the new curriculum is much higher than the previous one.

44/16 Village Hall Committee Report

The Village Hall Committee representative reported that a joint meeting with the Parish Council had been held to discuss the future of the Hall. A survey of the Parish was carried out and despite receiving only 20 replies, 2 people came forward with offers of help. In view of this, it was agreed to accept Carillion's offer of compensation for the damaged rear walls and to continue with the Village Hall for the immediate future.

45/16 Watchtree Nature Reserve Report

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

- a) There are now about 75 cycles on site, in various styles and sizes.
- b) Visitor numbers continue to increase and the membership scheme continues to work well.
- c) The café continues to be successful and it is hoped to have sandwiches and wraps in the near future.

46/16 Planning

The following planning applications were noted:

- 1) Outline application for residential development of 8 dwellings on land to the south of Smiddy Croft, Great Orton village. Ref 2015/1051. Amended application. *No objections.*
- 2) Relocation of underground sump and pipe crossing to collect water from existing land drainage system (part retrospective) at Tempest Tower, Little Orton. Ref 16/0379. *Objections regarding several issues.*
- 3) Relocation of underground sump and pipe crossing to collect water from existing land drainage system (part retrospective) at Tempest Tower, Little Orton. Ref 16/0447. *Withdrawn.*

Carlisle City Council approval of the following applications was noted:

- 1) Erection of single storey rear extension to provide orangery, demolition of garden wall and rebuilding at the Old Rectory, Great Orton. Ref 16/0244.
- 2) Erection of single storey rear extension to provide orangery, demolition of garden wall and rebuilding at the Old Rectory, Great Orton. Ref 16/0245.
- 3) Erection of replacement garage, part retrospective, Overgreen, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 16/0215.

47/16 Financial Report

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report of the month ending 30th June 2016 be accepted. There were no deviations from budget.

48/16 Payment of Accounts

It was resolved that the following accounts be paid:

a) Staples	£95.70
b) Soft Surfaces Limited	£100.08

49/16 Cumbria County Council list of Registered Land

It was **Resolved** that the following areas of land would be registered with Cumbria County Council:

Great Orton Village Green
Great Orton Play Area
Woodhouses Green
Orton Rigg Green
Little Orton Green
Barras Green

50/16 Unauthorised use of corner of Parish Green to store plant pots.

A letter has been sent to Mr W. Adams asking him to remove his items from parish land and to restore the area to its previous state, within one calendar month. No response has been received, to date.

51/16 Parking issues opposite the school

Several options to alleviate school traffic congestion were discussed including use of the school playing field as a staff parking area, use of the Village Hall parking area and the installation of grass protection to allow parking on the Green. It was **Resolved** that a meeting would be arranged between Councillor Allison, Councillor W. Little, the Head Teacher, Mr J. Robertson and the school staff to discuss alternative parking suggestions. In addition, Mr Robinson would be invited to the next Parish Council meeting.

52/16 Buildings in field at Sandygate Lonning

Cumbria Constabulary has notified that it no longer has any interest in this site.

53/16 Correspondence

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

54/16 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be at 7.30pm on Monday 5th September 2016.

Signed.....Chairman.
Date.....

CORRESPONDENCE LIST JULY 2015

Carlisle City Council – Returning Officer
Carlisle City Council – Executive
Cumbria Constabulary
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Referendum 16th May 2016 notices
Notice of Key Decisions June 2016
Sandygate Lonning buildings interim letter
Sandygate Lonning buildings letter

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Trade literature