

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 8th July 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillor Mr W. Little (Chairman), Councillors M.Cork, A. Rickerby, W. Reed, G. Wills, L. Johnston, Carlisle City Councillor J. Collier, Cumbria County Councillor Trevor Allison.

27/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor E. Norman (unavailable). Councillor E. Whitfield was unable to attend. Apologies were received also from Clerk P. Macdonald (on holiday); Councillor M. Cork recorded the Council minutes.

28/19 Minutes

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meeting held on 13th May 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

29/19 Public participation

There were no items of interest or concern from members of the public.

30/19 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

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

31/19 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

32/19 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

33/19 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman made the following announcement: -

It was reported that the green at Orton Rigg had not been cut. The contractors were contacted by the Chairman and the situation rectified, to the satisfaction of members of the public. It was noted that the grass cutting had been inconsistent in recent months and the edges had not been trimmed: these matters are to be taken up with the contractor.

34/19 Reports

Councillor Allison Report

Councillor Allison stated that:

1. he had £260 available grant money to be spent on an environmental issue. It was felt that this money could contribute to the repair costs of the Little Orton signpost.
2. the speeding problems on the A595 Carlisle to Orton Road are being highlighted and it is hoped that a more appropriate speed limit can be put in place.
3. Peter Lane will be closed for 5 weeks whilst gas works are undertaken.
4. Road drainage and flood prevention work at Woodhouses is to be completed.

District Councillor John Collier Report

Councillor Collier stated that he also had £260 available grant money to be spent on an environmental issue. It was felt that this money could also contribute to the repair costs of the Little Orton signpost.

School Governor Report

The interim Head Teacher, Claire Griffin, and Chair of Governors, Dianne Bates, attended the meeting and reported that the school presently had 47 children on the roll. Concern was expressed that some children were moving away to other schools, however this summer, 5 children were leaving but 6 children were new starters.

The Ofsted report stated that the school required improvement.

It was reported that, following the oil spillage, all of the removed floor had been replaced and all of the oil contaminated material was to be removed during the holidays. Following this incident, it was felt that the police had been slow to respond once the vandalism and oil leak were reported. It was suggested that the school write to the police.

Village Hall Committee Report

A report was received.

Police Report

No report was received.

Watchtree Report

It was reported that on 7th December 2019 a Christmas Nativity Play with carols will take place between 10am and 3pm. The 2020 Calendar is in process and should be printed in the near future. The cycle track extension had now been completed.

35/19 Planning

There were no planning applications

36/19 Financial Report

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report of 30th June 2018 be accepted. There were no deviations from budget.

37/19 Payment of Accounts

There were no accounts to be paid.

38/19 Great Orton Play Area Equipment Repairs, Inspection Report & Parish Seats

Reports were received regarding the play area and the council owned parish seats. It was noted that no repair or remedial work was required at this time but the inadequate grass cutting was noted.

39/19 Untrimmed hedges in Great Orton

It was unclear whether the houses concerned are presently occupied. It was **Resolved** that Carlisle City Council would be contacted and asked to cut the hedges as they are intruding into the footpath and highway.

40/19 Exposed Water Pipe

The exposed water pipe on Orton Road, close to the Cummersdale/Orton parish boundary, has not yet been located. Councillor Allison will meet the householders concerned and locate the pipe.

41/19 Restoration of antique parish signposts

It was **Resolved** that there would be no funds available to carry out major works but Signpost Restoration Limited would be asked to cost the repairs needed for the Little Orton signpost.

42/19 Correspondence

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

43/19 Date of Next Meeting

To note that the next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 2nd September 2019.

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