

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 6th March 2017 at 8.00pm.**

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

**131/16 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor A. Rickerby (work commitments) and Councillor E. Norman (unavailable).

**132/16 Minutes**

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meeting held on 9th January 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

**133/16 Public participation**

Members of the public expressed concern about the misuse of local footpaths; people have been treating fields as if they are parks and have been abusive when challenged. A request was made that the Parish Council place a notice in the Parish Magazine to urge walkers to follow the countryside code.

**134/16 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interest**

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

**135/16 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests**

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

**136/16 Request for Dispensations**

No requests for dispensation were received.

**137/16 Chairman's announcements**

The Chairman announced that:

- a) No specific repairs were needed on this most recent inspection.
- b) Diane Malley has increased her fees but these rates will be held for the next 5 years.
- c) A tri-partite meeting is to be held between the parish councils, Carlisle City Council and Cumbria County Council: Councillor Little stated that he would raise issues about fly tipping and rubbish dumping on private land.

**138/16 County Councillor's report**

County Councillor, Mr Trevor Allison, reported that:

- a) The standing water at the entrance to Orton Grange could be a spring. A new Highways Steward has just been appointed but it could be that a new gulley could be needed at Orton Grange.
- b) Councillor Allison undertook to inspect a pot hole in the road at the "S" bend between Orton Grange and Baldwinholme road ends.
- c) Councillor Allison was informed about an agricultural contractor whose vehicle had destroyed a local verge and who had been spraying slurry over the hedge. He asked the parish council to write a letter of complaint to Cumbria County Council.
- d) Faulty lights, numbers 2 and 12, had been reported to the Highways Hotline.

**139/16 District Councillor's report**

Councillor Collier reported that he had visited the Sandygate Lonning site with Carlisle City Council Planning Enforcement Officer and taken photographs, see minute **152/16**.

**140/16 School Governor's Report**

No report was received,

**141/16 Village Hall Committee Report**

The Village Hall Committee representative reported that the AGM would take place at 7pm on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017. It was reported that the finances were good and that the refurbishment work should be completed in a few weeks' time. A plea was made for more helpers on the Committee.

**142/16 Watchtree Nature Reserve Report**

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

- a) 30,000 visitors have been to the site in the last year.
- b) The site has supported cycling events, running trials, nature walks and special events.
- c) An extra employee has been engaged because the site is so busy.
- d) The café continues to thrive and Watchtree finances remain healthy.

**143/16 General Power of Competence**

The eligibility of Orton Parish Council to use the General Power of Competence was recorded.

**144/16 Planning**

*To note the following planning application:*

- 1) Erection of shed at Stonerigg, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 17/0040. *No objections.*
- 2) Change of use of outbuildings to provide teaching space and 2 no. studios for etching and relief printmaking at Linden Farm, Baldwinholme, Carlisle. Ref 16/1091. *The apparent lack of toilet facilities and possible parking problems were noted by the council.*

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

- 1) Erection of steel framed agricultural building for use as a lambing shed in field 6313, Midtown Farm, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 16/1019.
- 2) Erection of single storey extension to provide sun lounge at The Bow, Little Orton, Carlisle. Ref 16/1032 & LBC ref 16/1026.
- 3) Erection of shed at Stonerigg, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 17/0040.

**145/16 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) Carlisle City Council (grant) | £50.00 |
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**146/16 Payment of Accounts**

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

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| a) P. Macdonald (reimbursed for newspaper tender advert.) | £109.06   |
| b) P. Macdonald (salary)                                  | £894.80   |
| c) P. Macdonald (travel expenses)                         | £30.00    |
| d) HMRC (PAYE)  | £223.60   |
| e) CGM (grass-cutting)                                    | £1,160.23 |
| f) SRL Ltd (Four Rd Ends repairs)                         | £600.00   |

**147/16 Unauthorised use of corner of Parish Green to store plant pots**

It was **Resolved** that parish councillors would rotivate this part of the green at the same time as the play area in the springtime.

**148/16 Dog fouling in Great Orton village and surrounding footpaths**

It was **Resolved** that flyers to discourage dog fouling would be circulated to all houses and that a notice would be published in the parish magazine. Councillor Allison agreed to provide 6 "No dog fouling" signs.

**149/16 Car Parking issues on the road outside Great Orton School**

Councillor Allison stated that the car parking options for Great Orton School had been explored. It was felt that Councillors would need to liaise with the school staff, should the grass area become a parking area, so that they would park here rather than on the road. A more definitive plan is to be presented at the next parish council meeting to identify which areas will be used, which driveways will be used and a firm idea of the costs. It was suggested that perhaps the school, the parish council and Cumbria County Council could share the costs.

**150/16 Grass-cutting tender for 2017 and 2018 seasons**

The grass-cutting tenders for the 2017/18 seasons were opened and the prices were, in order of highest cost first:

£6,300, £1,880 + VAT, £1260, £1,190 + VAT,

The contractors in alphabetical order were:

CGM Colvilles Grounds Maintenance, Envirocare and Nicholson.

The successful contractor was CGM Colville's Grounds Maintenance.

It was **Resolved** that a meeting would be arranged between the parish councillors and Mr Colville to discuss the contract and quality issues.

**151/16 Traffic calming measures and signpost repairs at Four Road Ends junction**

The safety issues at the junction were reported to the Police with a request that the question of missing rumble strips be raised at the next CRASH meeting.

**152/16 Buildings in field at Sandygate Lonning**

Councillor Collier stated that an enforcement order had been issued, giving the owners 2 weeks to explain the presence of vehicles and 4 caravans on the site and also to submit a planning application. It was noted that there were signs of habitation, which is an offence and could be the subject of police enquiries.

**153/16 Dates of 2017/18 Parish Council Meetings**

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

8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2017	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
6 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018		

**154/16 Correspondence**

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

**155/16 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting will be following the Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE LIST MARCH 2017**

Carlisle City Council (Corp.Support/Resources)  
National Grid  
Staples

*Broxap*

Play area repair grant £50.00  
Feedback acknowledgement  
Termination of all business accounts

*Trade literature*