

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 5th March 2018 at 7.30pm.

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

109/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from the Carlisle City Councillor John Collier (unavailable)

110/17 Minutes

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meetings held on 8th January 2018 be amended and represented at the next meeting.

111/17 Public participation

Concerns were raised about the untidy hedge cutting at the Four Road Ends junction and about leakage of sewage effluent into a ditch on the left-hand side of the road from Great Orton to the road junction at Field View.

112/17 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

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

113/17 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

114/17 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

115/17 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman stated that Councillor Lindsay had made enquiries into the possibility of broadband reaching the area in the near future. This had been confirmed by BT Open Reach and work was ongoing. The Chairman also stated that it would be most effective if parishioners would individually write to BT to express their views in this matter.

116/17 Reports

County Councillor Trevor Allison's report

The following points were noted:

- a) A grit bin has been placed at the Four Road Ends road junction but it was noted that the parish council will need to maintain this bin in the future.
- b) Potholes are being gradually repaired but Councillor Allison agreed to take photographs of the hole outside Great Orton village hall and inform the Highways Department.
- c) The flooding at Woodhouses is believed to be caused by a collapsed drain; Councillor Allison will re-inspect this later in the year.
- d) Councillor Allison is to meet Councillor Rickerby to discuss the road markings outside the telephone box in Great Orton.
- e) Councillor Allison has conducted a survey to show how poorly the rural areas are served by broadband; he plans to lobby the Cumbria County Council portfolio holder for improvement.

District Councillor John Collier's report

Councillor Collier sent notice that Orton Parish had been given a grant of £340 towards the cost of repairs to the play equipment.

Police Officer's report

No report was received.

School Governor's Report

No report was received.

Village Hall Committee Report

A report was received that the Village Hall Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman will resign in March 2018 and volunteers are being sought to assist with hall activities. All of the structural repairs to the hall have now been completed except for some minor electrical work. The hall is in a sound financial position, especially after a recent legacy from a will trust. The hall is utilised by a number of local clubs but any future plans will be discussed at the forthcoming AGM. Orton Parish Council donated £5.40 to the Village Hall committee, as agreed.

Watchtree Nature Reserve Report

A report was received from Councillor W. Little. Watchtree visitor numbers continue to increase and also the number of volunteers has increased. Many activities take place, including track events and various club events, of interest to walkers, cyclists and photographers. The forward plan for the next 5 years is presently being agreed.

117/17 Planning

To note the following street naming and numbering

1. Land south of the Wellington Inn, Great Orton, Carlisle, 7 no. dwellings to be named 1-7 Croftlands. *No objections.*

To note the following planning applications

1. Erection of detached garden room within front garden, Beech House, Baldwinholme, Carlisle. Ref 18/0028. *No objections but the council commented regarding the sewerage and garden status.*

To note Carlisle City Council approval of the following applications:

1. Formation of a slurry lagoon, land to the south of Tempest Tower, Little Orton, Carlisle. Ref 17/1026.
2. Formation of a roof water storage reservoir, Tempest Tower, Little Orton, Carlisle. Ref 17/1099.

118/17 Financial Report

The Financial Report of 31st January 2018 was approved. There were no deviations from budget and the following monies were received:

a) CALC (Transparency Fund)	£567.20
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119/17 Payment of Accounts

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

a) Carlisle City Council (Play area safety inspection)	£58.80
b) P. Macdonald (Clerk's salary)	£894.40
c) P. Macdonald (Travel expenses)	£30.00
d) HMRC (PAYE)	£223.60
e) Mr D. Couling (Internal Auditor)	£40.00

120/17 Great Orton Play Area equipment repairs

A new cargo net has been purchased using grant money from Carlisle City Council and Cumbria County Council. It was **Resolved** that the play area would continue to be inspected every month and the village seats would also be inspected, by the nearest Councillor, every 2 months. Appropriate records will be kept.

The play area inspection rota is as follows:-

Mar 2018 – A. Rickerby	Sep 2018 – A. Rickerby
Apr 2018 – A. Rickerby	Oct 2018 – G. Wills
May 2018 – G. Wills	Nov 2018 – W. Little
Jun 2018 – W. Little	Dec 2018 – W. Lindsay
Jul 2018 – W. Reed	Jan 2019 – W. Reed
Aug 2018 – E. Norman	Feb 2019 – A. Rickerby

The seat inspections will take place every 2 months as follows:-

Great Orton – G. Wills
 Little Orton – E. Norman
 Baldwinholme – W. Little
 Orton Rigg – A. Rickerby

121/17 Donation of Beacon seat to St Giles' PPC & to discuss the replacement seat

There has been no further progress with this item as a response is still awaited from St Giles' PCC stating whether or not they would like the existing Beacon seat to be placed in the graveyard.

122/17 General Power of Competence

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

123/17 Potholes in the roads of Orton Parish

It was agreed that Cumbria County Council had a huge number of potholes to repair across the county but it was **Resolved** that Councillors would continue to report these issues in the hope that they would perhaps then be given a higher priority on the work schedules.

124/17 Broadband in Orton Parish

The situation regarding parish broadband was discussed. Councillor Lindsay stated that he had had some discussion with Open Reach and Connecting Cumbria staff, who planned to increase the broadband speed in the parish. Unfortunately, part of the necessary work was sub-contracted to Carillion, who subsequently went into receivership. They apologised and stated that this work is now being done. It is planned to build the network in March/April then install the fibre optic cables and the cabinet.

125/17 Parish Councillor vacancy

It was **Resolved** that Carlisle City Council returning officers would be notified of this vacancy and the appropriate advertisements posted. It was also **Resolved** that a letter of best wishes and thanks be sent to Mr Matthew Little for his years of hard work on Orton Parish Council.

126/17 Data Protection Act changes

The forthcoming introduction of the amendments to the Data Protection Act were discussed.

127/17 Equal Opportunities

It was **Resolved** that the Equal Opportunities Policy be approved and adopted.

128/17 Broken noticeboard at Orton Rigg

It was **Resolved** that the new Orton Rigg notice board would be placed on the wall of Mr Whitfield's barn in Orton Rigg. It was also **Resolved** that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr John Oldman for his kindness in donating the board to the Parish Council.

129/17 Trees on the village green and in the play area, Great Orton

It was **Resolved** that the Clerk would contact Carlisle City Council and Dalston Parish Council to ask who might carry out a safety survey of the trees on the village green.

130/17 Parking in Great Orton village

It was **Resolved** that no further action can be taken on this matter until further details are received from P.C.S.O. G. Kirkpatrick.

131/17 Obtrusive trees adjacent to substation, Great Orton.

It was **Resolved** that the Clerk would contact Electricity North West to inform them that the trees adjacent to the sub-station in Great Orton are over hanging and dangerous.

132/17 Restoration of antique parish signposts

It was **Resolved** to discuss the quotations from Mr T. Moore and SRL Ltd., for the dismantling, shot-blasting, priming and re-assembly of the Sceughmire and Woodhouses signposts at the next parish council meeting.

133/17 Correspondence

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

134/17 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting will be following the Annual General Meeting on Monday 14th May 2018, at 7.30pm.

Signed.....Chairman.

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CORRESPONDANCE MARCH 2018

Mr D. Cook
 Mr D. Couling
 Cumbria Choice
 HSBC

Request for housing in Great Orton
 Internal Audit 2017/18
 Application forms
 Notice of formation of HSBC UK

*Glasdon
 HAGS
 Lloyd Ltd*

*Trade literature
 Trade literature
 Trade literature*