

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 4th March 2019 at 7.30pm.

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

128/18 Apologies

Councillor E. Whitfield and Carlisle City Councillor John Collier (family illness) were absent.

129/18 Minutes

The minutes of the council meetings held on 14th January 2019 were approved and it was **Resolved** that they be signed.

130/18 Public participation

A member of the public reported that the 30mph sign at the entrance to Great Orton had been demolished but that this had been reported to Cumbria County Council Highways Department.

131/18 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

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

132/18 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

133/18 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

134/18 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman made the following announcements: -

1. Sponsors were still being sought to help finance ponchos for the school children's walking bus.
2. This year, Orton Parish Council would be 125 years old, (one of the oldest in the country), and CALC hopes to arrange a celebratory event in the near future.

135/18 Reports

County Councillor Report

Councillor Allison stated that:

1. Persistent flooding at Woodhouses would be resolved within this financial year.
2. Cumbria County Council was responsible for bus stop signs and that he had reported the broken sign at Orton Grange.
3. He had found the exposed water pipe on Orton Road and will pursue this matter.
4. Following the road traffic collision at Baldwinholme, senior Highways staff are looking at improving the entrance to the village. It is also intended to relay the road from Orton Grange to the Four Road Ends junction this summer and hopefully improve the signage.
5. During a visit to Little Orton, he noted the ramp over the road and that the required signage was in place.
6. He hoped to get a new 'No Tipping' sign for the lay-by at Baldwinholme and look into the possibility of a camera.
7. A visit to Little Orton was planned, to look at standing water at the Moorhouse side of the village.
8. Councillor Allison was informed about potholes in the road between Great Orton and Thurstonfield and also the hedges at the Four road Ends junction remain relatively high.

District Councillor John Collier Report

No report was received.

School Governor Report

A newsletter was received, giving details of the school activities. The Walking School bus continues, despite harsh weather conditions, and everyone is urged to look at the school Facebook page.

Village Hall Committee Report

It was reported that the AGM will take place on 22nd March 2019. The hall received its annual legacy. New committee members are still needed but, otherwise, there are no apparent problems.

Police Report

The Police mobile van visited Great Orton on 4th March 2019 and will be visiting nearby villages on a regular basis.

Watchtree Report

It was reported that the new office building for the Site Manager had been completed. New staff are presently being recruited to act as Team Leaders for various aspects of site activities including, in the future, an Education Officer. In a few weeks, Watchtree will be taking part in a national lottery draw and votes will be needed from local people.

136/18 Planning

To note the following planning applications

Change of use of disused agricultural barn to 1no. dwelling: erection of 1no. dwelling without compliance with condition 2 imposed by planning permission 16/0054 to allow for a revised layout and alterations to the elevations. North Sky Barn, Orton Rigg, Great Orton. Ref 19/0045. (No objections)

137/18 Financial Report

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report of 31st January 2019 be accepted. To note the following deviations from budget:

Ralph Hedley (Tarmac Great Orton)	£1,656.00
Playdale (Swing repairs)	£568.49
SRL (Signpost repairs)	£324.00
SRL (Signpost restoration)	£1,335.60

The following monies were received:

a) Electricity North West (Wayleave)	£18.23
b) HSBC (Bank interest, year to date)	£1.18

138/18 Payment of Accounts

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

a) P. Macdonald (Clerk's salary)	£894.40
b) P. Macdonald (Travel expenses)	£30.00
c) HMRC (PAYE)	£223.60
d) P. Macdonald (Tender advert expenses)	£142.20
e) Ralph Hedley (Tarmac Great Orton)	£1,656.00
f) Playdale (Swing repairs)	£568.49
g) CGM (Grasscutting)	£1,353.60
h) SRL (Signpost repairs)	£324.00

139/18 Grass-cutting Contract for 2019 and 2020 seasons

The grass-cutting tenders for the 2019 and 2020 seasons were opened and the prices ranged from: £3,950.00 per annum to £915.00 + VAT per annum.

The successful contractor was CGM Colville's Grounds Maintenance.

140/18 Clerk’s salary review

The Clerk’s salary for 2019/20 was reviewed and agreed but the Clerk requested that the increase be deferred until March 2020. It was agreed and **Resolved**.

141/18 Orton Parish Council annual goal setting

It was **Resolved** that the council’s goals would remain as:

- 1. To improve the entrance to Little Orton including the installation of kerbs.
- 2. To ultimately restore all of the parish antique signposts, completing 2 per year.
- 3. To produce information leaflets on the parish.

However, no further work would be carried out until the next financial year.

142/18 Great Orton Play Area & Parish Seats

Reports on the play area and the parish seats were received. It was **Resolved** that some damage to one of the seats in Great Orton would be repaired, once the weather improves.

143/18 General Power of Competence

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

144/18 Parish Councillor vacancy

A member of the public stated that they wished to be considered as a potential member of the Parish Council. The appropriate documentation was completed.

145/18 Gypsy Lonning, Little Orton

It was noted that the new barrier, to prevent off road vehicles destroying the habitats, was now in place. It was **Resolved** that this would be added to the Parish insurance policy.

146/18 Road safety issues at Baldwinholme road end

To discuss and agree any actions required to increase road safety in the vicinity of this road junction.

147/18 Correspondence

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

148/18 Date of Next Meeting

The date and times of the Annual General Meeting and next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting were noted as 7.30pm and 8.00pm, respectively, on Monday 13th May 2019.

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CORRESPONDANCE MARCH 2019

Beaumont Parish Council
Carlisle City Council (Returning Officer)
Clerks & Councils Direct
Cumbria County Council
Great Orton Primary School
Great Orton Primary School
Great Orton Primary School
Messrs Martin

Glasdon

Summer play scheme proposals
Parish Council Election 2nd May 2019
January 2019 Issue 121
Proposal to expand Thursby School
Walking bus update & newsletter
Invitations to visit school
February news update
Little Orton areas of concern

Trade literature