

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 2nd March 2020 at 8.00pm.**

**Present:** Councillor Mr W. Little (Chairman), Parish Councillors M. Cork, A. Rickerby, G. Wills, L. Johnston, E. Whitfield, E. Norman, Carlisle City Councillor Ann McKerrill & Cumbria County Councillor Trevor Allison.

**101/19 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor W. Reed (work commitment) and Carlisle City Councillor J. Collier (family illness).

**102/19 Minutes**

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

**103/19 Public participation**

Two members of the public attended the Parish Council meeting to inform the council that planning application Ref:19/0869 would go before the Carlisle City Council Planning Committee on either 20<sup>th</sup> March or 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

**104/19 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests**

There were no declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests.

**105/19 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests**

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

**106/19 Request for Dispensations**

No requests for dispensation were received.

**107/19 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman made the following announcement: -

1. The AGM and next parish council meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
2. The flooding in Baldwinholme has been resolved.
3. Flooding persists in the Mains Fauld area and at the North end of Great Orton. Flooding has also occurred at the Four Road Ends Junction because of a blocked cundith. County Councillor T. Allison has been informed of these problems and a site visit with parish councillors and the Highway Steward has been arranged.
4. Four small trees, in the play area, stand close to the drain. It was agreed that the clerk would complete an application to Carlisle City Council to fell these trees.
5. A Health & Well Being Conference took place in Wetheral Community Centre on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. This was well attended by Parish, District and County Councillors.

**108/19 Reports**

**County and District Councillor Allison Report**

Councillor Allison brought a 'No Tipping' notice for the Baldwinholme lay-by.

**District Councillor Report**

Councillor Ann McKerrill attended.

**School Report**

No report was received.

**Village Hall Committee Report**

The report was circulated to Parish Councillors

**Watchtree Report**

The Watchtree representative reported that a new dipping pond had been constructed; this will encourage more children and young people to explore the freshwater environment. The site continues to increase in popularity and attendances continue to increase.

**109/19 Planning**

No planning applications were received for this meeting.

**110/19 Financial Report**

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 be accepted. There were no deviations from budget and the following monies were received:

a) Carlisle City Council (Grant for noticeboard)	£400.00
b) Cumbria County Council (Grant for signpost repair)	£250.00
c) Carlisle City Council (Village Hall grant)	£1,500.00

**111/19 Payment of Accounts**

It was **Resolved** that the following accounts would be authorised for payment:

a) P. Macdonald (Salary)	£933.51
b) P. Macdonald (Travel expenses)	£30.00
c) HMRC (PAYE)	£233.38
d) P. Macdonald (Tender advert expenses)	£142.20
e) D H Joinery (Noticeboard)	£185.00
f) Great Orton Village Hall (Grant)	£1,500.00

**112/18 Clerk's salary review**

It was **Resolved** that the Clerk's salary would increase by the cost of living increase to the next salary point in September 2020.

**113/19 Great Orton Play Area inspection report & parish seat reports.**

Reports were received regarding the play area and the council owned parish seats. There were no actions arising from these reports.

**114/19 Drainage issues in Great Orton**

The following actions have been taken:

- the surface water drainage plan for the development adjacent to Smiddy Croft has been approved by Carlisle City Council; the surface water will discharge to a nearby gutter and foul water will be discharged to the sewer.
- Work is proceeding to resolve the flooding at the South end of Great Orton: a huge tree root has been pulled out of part of the drain. It is felt that this should alleviate the drainage problems near Croft House and Moorclose in Great Orton.

**115/19 Parish Councillor training**

It was agreed that 2 sessions of parish councillor training would take place in Great Orton Village Hall, the dates to be agreed with the Village Hall Committee.

**116/19 Grass-cutting Tender for 2020/21 season**

The grass-cutting tenders for the 2020 season were opened but a late application was expected. A decision was deferred until 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020.

**117/19 General Power of Competence**

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

**118/19 Correspondence**

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

**100/19 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next ordinary Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020, at 7.30pm, followed by the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council at 8.00pm.

.....Signed      .....Date

**CORRESPONDANCE MARCH 2020**

Carlisle City Council (Economic Development)  
 Carlisle City Council (Community Services)  
 Clerks & Councils Direct  
 Cumbria County Council

Village Hall capital grant notification  
 Small scale projects grant notification  
 January 2020 Issue 127  
 Grant remittance

*Glasdon*  
*Staples*  
*Wicksteed*

*Trade literature*  
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