

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Orton Parish Council followed by the Ordinary Meeting, Great Orton, on Monday 8th May 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

01/17 Election of Chairman for Council Year 2017/18

It was **Resolved** that Councillor W. Little be elected Chairman for council year 2017/18.

02/17 To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor W. Little signed a Declaration of Acceptance (enclosed) of the office of Chairman for council year 2017/18 and agreed to abide by the Code of Conduct.

03/17 To appoint a Vice Chairman for Council Year 2017/18

It was **Resolved** that Councillor M. Cork be elected as Vice Chairman for council year 2017/18.

04/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor W. Reed (on holiday).

05/17 Minutes

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meeting held on 6th March 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

06/17 To appoint representatives to Sub-Committees

It was **Resolved** that the following be appointed to the Planning Sub-Committee for council year 2017/18: Councillors W. Little, G. Wills, E. Norman, M. Cork, A. Rickerby, M. Little, W. Lindsay and W. Reed.

07/17 To appoint representatives to outside bodies

It was **Resolved** that the following be appointed for council year 2017/18:
The Watchtree Committee: Councillor W. Little and Mrs P. Macdonald.
The Board of Governors of Great Orton School: Mrs E. Whitfield.
Orton & District Public Halls Committee: Mr I. Grace and Mrs B. Grace.

08/17 Annual subscriptions

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

a) CALC subscription	£160.14
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09/17 Public participation

Members of the public attended the meeting and raised concerns about vehicles speeding through Great Orton and also along Orton Road. The lack of warning road signs at the Four Road Ends junction was also noted.

10/17 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

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

11/17 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

12/17 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

13/17 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman asked for it to be recorded that:

1. The Parish Councillors wished to express their condolences and sympathy to the families of the bereaved following the recent road traffic incident at the Four Road Ends crossroads.
2. That the tri-partite meeting between Parish Councils, Carlisle City Council and Cumbria County Council had been postponed until after the election.

14/17 Reports**County Councillor's report**

County Councillor Trevor Allison reported that Cumbria County Council Highways staff had been asked to provide additional signage for the crossroads at the Four Road Ends junction, including repeated slow signs. Councillor Allison also hopes to attend the next CRASH meeting. In addition, Councillors Allison and Lindsay will carry out a survey of danger spots on the parish roads and circulate a questionnaire to residents. Local farmers are to be asked to lower roadside hedges.

District Councillor's report

District Councillor John Collier, reported that he is investigating whether the stockade at Sandygate Lonning complies with the planning consent.

Police Officer's report

No report was received.

School Governor's Report

The School Governor representative reported that the school was receiving additional support from Cumbria County Council following the recent absence of the Head Teacher. Mr Robinson has now returned from sick leave but some staff absences still remain. The SATS tests have just taken place and it is expected that Ofsted will arrive in the near future. 55 children are presently on the school roll.

Village Hall Committee Report

The Village Hall Committee representative circulated a separate report. Some new volunteers have come forward to help run the facility and it is hoped that, with good support for a small number of events, the hall can continue to flourish.

Watchtree Nature Reserve Report

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

- a) A successful bid for £50,000 was made for funding from Sellafield. This money will be used to tarmac more of the cycleway track.
- b) Visitor numbers last year were over 30,000.
- c) Various sports events, theatre events, and charcoal marketing activities are being held again, this year, to boost visitor numbers and revenue.

15/17 General Power of Competence

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

16/17 Planning

To note the following planning application:

- 1) Erection of agricultural storage shed at Merlewood, Nealhouse, Carlisle. Ref 17/0251.
No objections.
- 2) Cladding of west gable wall with 'polar white' K-Rend, Orton and District Public Hall, Great Orton. Ref 17/0227. *No objections.*
- 3) Proposed 2 storey extension to the front elevation providing a garden room and cloakroom on ground floor with playroom and bathroom above, Beech House, Baldwinholme, Carlisle. Ref 17/0336. *No objections.*

To note Carlisle City Council approval of the following applications:

- 1) 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.

17/17 Financial Report

It was **Resolved** that the Annual Governance Statement, the Annual Return and the audited accounts for 2016/17 be accepted. It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report of the year ending 31st March 2017 be accepted. There were no deviations from budget. The following monies were received:

a) Burgh by Sands Parish Council (grant)	£280.00
b) HMRC (VAT refund)	£371.76
c) Carlisle City Council (Precept)	£6,244.52
d) Carlisle City Council (CTRS grant)	£255.48

18/17 Payment of Accounts

It was resolved that the following accounts be paid:

a) CALC	£160.14
b) Mr L. Hayton	£36.00
c) Diane Malley (PAYE service)	£63.50
d) Zurich Insurance	£671.10
e) Burgh by Sands PCC	£150.00
f) Mr A. Rickerby (Gravel and grass-seed expenses)	£71.67
g) Mr G. Wills (Paint expenses)	£26.87
h) Soft Surfaces (play area filler)	0.72p
i) Great Orton Parish Council	£5.40

19/17 Annual Risk Assessment and Internal Audit

It was **Resolved** that the annual risk assessment document was appropriate and that the internal audit process was effective.

20/17 Review Insurances

It was **Resolved** that the Council's insurance schedule and level of cover for 2017/18 was appropriate but alternative quotes would be sought during the coming year.

21/17 Parish Council Website

The Parish Council's website was discussed and deemed to be inadequate. It was **Resolved** that help would be sought from CALC to acquire a new website and hopefully, also, apply for funding from the Transparency Fund.

22/17 Restoration of corner of the Parish Green

It was noted that this work had now been completed and that an invoice for the grass seed costs would be sent to Mr Bill Adams.

23/17 Car Parking issues on the road outside Great Orton School

The parking issues outside Great Orton School were discussed at some length with some new suggestions put forward. It was **Resolved** that a joint meeting be arranged between the school staff, the school governors, the Parish Councillors and County Councillor Allison in early June. It was noted that police patrol cars had been seen parked outside Great Orton School at key times, following requests from the Parish Council.

24/17 Traffic calming measures at Four Road Ends junction

See Minute 14/17, page 337, County Councillor Allison's report.

25/17 Buildings in field at Sandygate Lonning

District Councillor John Collier reported that the Carlisle City Council Planning Enforcement Officer is continuing to actively monitor the legality of the structures on this site.

26/17 Correspondence

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

28/17 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be at 7.30pm on Monday 3rd July 2017.

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

CORRESPONDENCE LIST MAY 2017

CALC	Annual subscription notice 2017/18
Carlisle City Council (Returning Officer)	County Council election notice of poll
Carlisle City Council (Returning Officer)	Election notice of poll - withdrawn
Cumbria County Council	Receipt for archive document
Cumbria County Council	Connecting Cumbria update
<i>Glasdon</i>	<i>Trade literature</i>
<i>Hags</i>	<i>Trade literature</i>
<i>Norris & Fisher, Insurance Brokers Ltd</i>	<i>Trade literature</i>
<i>Office Outlet</i>	<i>Trade literature</i>
<i>Wicksteed</i>	<i>Trade literature</i>

