

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 7th November 2016 at 7.30pm.**

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

**79/16 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mrs M. Cork (unwell), Mr E. Norman (unavailable), Mr A. Rickerby (at work), Mr M. Little (unwell).

**80/16 Minutes**

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meeting held on 5th September 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

**81/16 Public participation**

Five members of the public were in attendance at the meeting. They wished to point out that there is a dark area in the village where a street light was positioned on the side of a barn. The light was lost when the barn was demolished and not replaced. This matter was passed to County Councillor Allison for further investigation. They also wished to discuss the parking issues outside Great Orton School.

**82/16 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interest**

**Councillor W. Reed declared a pecuniary interest in item '92/16 Planning' on the agenda as he was related to the applicant.**

**83/16 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests**

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

**84/16 Request for Dispensations**

No requests for dispensation were received.

**85/16 Chairman's announcements**

The Chairman announced that:

- a) It was with great sadness that he had heard of the death of former parish councillor Mrs M. Ferguson. Mrs Ferguson had served the community in a variety of roles for many years and she would be sorely missed.
- b) One of the Impact Housing Association properties had become vacant and an application had been made by a local resident. The Chairman was hopeful that this applicant might be successful.
- c) The roadway at the entrance to the Village Hall had become very uneven; Cumbria County Council Highways Department had been notified and would hopefully take action to repair the road.

**86/16 County Councillor's report**

County Councillor, Mr Trevor Allison, reported that:

- a) Car parking options for Great Orton School had been explored, see minute **99/16**.
- b) The roadside salt bins should soon be filled by County Council staff.

**87/16 District Councillor's report**

Councillor Collier noted that there were no complex planning applications in the system and that there were no issues at present, from a Carlisle City Council point of view.

**88/16 Police Officer's report**

No report was received.

**89/16 School Governor's Report**

The School Governor representative had nothing to report other than the fact that the school capacity was 70 pupils but that the school roll was presently much less than this.

**90/16 Village Hall Committee Report**

The Village Hall Committee representative reported grant application forms are to be sought from Carlisle City Council and Cumbria County Council Neighbourhood Forum in order to help with the cost of repair work. The level of local interest in the Village Hall remains low and the viability of the hall remains in question.

**91/16 Watchtree Nature Reserve Report**

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

- a) During the last year 25,000 have visited the site.
- b) The Board of Directors have been subdivided so the specific Directors lead on defined aspects of the site management in order to better support the Site Manager.
- c) It is planned to advertise for an additional member of staff in the next few months.

**92/16 Planning**

**Councillor W. Reed left the room whilst this item was discussed.**

*To note the following planning application:*

- 1) Erection of 7 No. dwellings on land to the South of the Wellington Inn, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 16/0946. (This application was also discussed with Councillors M. Cork and A. Rickerby.)

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

- 1) Subdivision of dwelling to form 2 No. dwellings (Part retrospective) at South View Cottages, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 16/0528
- 2) Proposed extension to Agricultural building (Revised application) Little Orton Farm, Little Orton, Carlisle. Ref 16/0568.

**93/16 Financial Report**

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report for the month ending 30<sup>st</sup> September 2016 be accepted. There were no deviations from budget.

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| a) HSBC (interest) | 0.23p |
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**94/16 Annual audit report**

The external auditor's certificate for 2015/16 was received; the Council approved and accepted the annual return.

**95/16 Payment of Accounts**

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

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| a) Mr G Wills (Expenses) | £17.75 |
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**96/16 Changes to financial regulations**

Councillors discussed the new NALC Model Financial Regulations January 2016 and agreed to consider their adoption at the next meeting of the Council in January 2017.

**97/16 Annual Budget and Precept**

The budget was discussed and it was agreed that the precept for 2017/18 would be £6,500 and that this would be submitted in November 2016 for January 2017.

**98/16 Unauthorised use of corner of Parish Green to store plant pots**

It has now been established that Orton Parish Council does own this piece of land. Mr W. Adams has not restored it to its previous state, therefore it was **Resolved** that a letter be sent to Mr W. Adams notifying him that a contractor will be employed to reclaim the land, at

his expense. Carlisle City Council Solicitor, Ms C. Liddle, is to be asked for advice regarding the wording of the letter.

#### **99/16 Car Parking issues on the road outside Great Orton School**

Following a meeting between Mr J. Robertson, the Head Teacher, and Mrs E. Whitfield, Chair of the Governors, Parish Councillors Little, Wills and Lindsay and County Councillor Allison, Great Orton School the village hall car park was offered for staff parking but the uptake has been disappointing. Councillor Allison described the following options:

- 1) A Traffic Restriction Order could be sought; this could allow only 1hour parking outside Great Orton School. However, this would affect the whole village, it would be costly and could take up to 2 years to complete.
- 2) Hard standing areas could be a possibility but these would be unsightly.
- 3) Plastic grass protector could be placed on the grass opposite the school; this could accommodate 7 cars parallel to the road. The disadvantages with this option are that there would be a cost involved in dropping the kerbs and it might encourage others to park here as well as school staff. In addition, some vehicles may have to reverse onto the highway to get out.

It was **Resolved** that Councillor Allison would ask Cumbria County Council Highways staff whether reversing in and out of the area would be acceptable or whether a separate entrance and exit would be required; he would also enquire about the costs and any potential legal issues.

It was **Resolved** that the Clerk would invite a police officer to visit Great Orton to assess the safety issues.

#### **100/16 National Grid proposals for new electricity pylons in Orton Parish**

The proposed path of the National Grid pylons, to be built in 2019/21, had been released. The path passes very close to Field View, Great Orton; it is proposed to raise this issue with National Grid staff at a meeting with National Grid staff, to be held on 16th November 2016.

#### **101/16 Traffic calming measures and signpost repairs at Four Road Ends junction**

- 1) Following a recent road traffic collision where a runner was struck by a van, it was **Resolved** that a further written request for rumble strips at the Four Road Ends junction would be made to Cumbria County Council Highways Department.
- 2) It was **Resolved** that SRL would be asked to repair the sign post at the Four Road Ends junction, Great Orton.

#### **102/16 Buildings in field at Sandygate Lonning**

Councillor Allison agreed to find out the name of the Planning Enforcement Officer at Carlisle City Council.

#### **103/16 Correspondence**

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

#### **104/16 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be at 7.30pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE LIST NOVEMBER 2016**

CALC	Annual Report 2016
HSBC	Business banking terms/conditions changes
National Grid	Proposed application for development consent
National Grid	Environmental information report
PCC of St Giles, Great Orton	Thanks for grant award
<i>Greenfingers</i>	<i>Trade literature</i>
<i>Hags SMP</i>	<i>Trade literature</i>
<i>logsaltex</i>	<i>Trade literature</i>