

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 6th November 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

68/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Mr A. Rickerby (work commitments), Mr E. Norman (holiday) and Carlisle City Councillor John Collier (out of County).

69/17 Minutes

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meetings held on 11th September 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

70/17 Public participation

Three members of the public attended the meeting but no specific concerns were raised, other than to state that some of the grass outside Great Orton School looked untidy.

71/17 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

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

72/17 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

73/17 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

74/17 Chairman's announcements

There were no announcements from the Chairman.

75/17 Reports

County Councillor Trevor Allison's report

Councillor Allison stated that;

1. The flooding at Woodhouses had been reported to Cumbria County Council Highways Department and a job number assigned. It was hoped that this issue would be resolved in the near future.
2. A road traffic incident at the entrance to Baldwinholme had demolished the salt bin. The cost of a new bin is £129 + VAT but it is hoped that the driver of the car involved will pay for the replacement of the bin.
3. He noted that a number of potholes had developed on the roads at the North End of Great Orton and outside Huntington Place. Also, that a street light in Baldwinholme had gone out.

District Councillor John Collier's report

Councillor Collier left a report stating that the owners of the buildings in Sandygate Lonning had now complied with all of the requirements made by Carlisle City Council Enforcement Team.

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 had sufficient money for present needs and for the next few years, in all probability, but there was an urgent need for more Committee members, if the hall is to remain viable. A plan is to be made in the event that the hall has to close.

Watchtree Nature Reserve Report

A report was received stating that visitor numbers in 2017 were on track to be over 35,000. Crowd funding is being sought to help pay for an extension to the existing cycle track and is going well. The 2018 calendar is now available and being distributed. Many external speaking engagements have been fulfilled over the years but requests are now coming from a wider area, from South Cumbria, West Cumbria and Lancashire.

76/17 Planning

To note Carlisle City Council approval of the following applications:

Change of use of land to garden/patio (retrospective) at Low Garth, Orton Rigg, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 17/0642.

77/17 Financial Report

The external auditor's certificate for 2016/17 was received; the Council approved and accepted the annual return. The Financial Report of 31st October 2017 was approved. There were no deviations from budget and the following monies were received:

a) HSBC (interest)	0.13p
b) CALC (Transparency Fund grant)	£567.20

78/17 Annual Budget and Precept

The budget was discussed and it was agreed that the precept for 2017/18 would remain at £6,500 and that this would be submitted in November 2017 for January 2018.

79/17 Payment of Accounts

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

a) Mr G. Wills (paint expenses)	£13.23
b) Mr A. Rickerby (painting expenses)	£51.52
c) CALC (website development & training)	£250.00

80/17 Orton Parish new website

It was **Resolved** that Rocketsites would be asked to host the website in future and that Transparency Grant Funding would be sought to cover this cost for 2017/18.

81/17 Great Orton Play Area equipment repairs

It was noted that the cargo netting on the play area apparatus needs to be replaced. A quotation has been received from Playdale and it was **Resolved** that this would be purchased, if possible, using grant funding.

82/17 Donation of Beacon seat to St Giles' PPC & to discuss the replacement seat

It was **Resolved** that the Council would ask St Giles' PCC if they would like the existing Beacon seat to be placed in the graveyard.

83/17 Traffic calming measures in Orton Parish, at the Four Road Ends junction & A595.

Councillor Allison stated that Cumbria County Council had agreed to place rumble strips, signage and to trim nearby hedges.

84/17 Obtrusive trees adjacent to house in Moorclose, Great Orton.

It was **Resolved** that the Clerk would write again to Carlisle City Council and Electricity North West asking them to prune the conifers, sycamore and maple trees adjacent

Moorclose in Great Orton. It was also **Resolved** that the Parish Council would take any necessary action and to submit the bill to Carlisle City Council and North West Electricity.

85/17 Restoration of antique parish signposts

It was **Resolved** that the Clerk would compile a list of the signposts most in need of restoration and that a discussion paper covering the options for refurbishment would be prepared for the next Council meeting.

86/17 Buildings in field at Sandygate Lonning

It was **Resolved** that this item would no longer be included in the agenda as no further action could be taken at this time.

87/17 Correspondence

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

88/17 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be at 7.30pm on Monday 8th January 2018.

Signed.....Chairman.

Date.....

CORRESPONDANCE NOVEMBER 2017

CALC
CALC
Clerks & Councils Direct
Playdale
The Pensions Regulator

*Glasdon
Haggs
Saltex
Wickstead*

Transparency Fund successful application
Annual report & AGM notice 18/11/17
September 2017 Issue 113
Scramble net quotation
Increased pension contributions

*Trade literature
Trade literature
Trade exhibition, Birmingham
Trade literature*