

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

Present: Councillor Mr W. Little (Chairman), Councillors M. Cork, A. Rickerby, G. Wills, L. Johnston, W. Reed.

66/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors E. Norman (holiday), E. Whitfield (family illness), Carlisle City Councillor J. Collier (family illness) and Cumbria County Councillor/Carlisle City Councillor Trevor Allison (prior parish meeting).

67/19 Minutes

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meetings held on 8th July 2019 and 2nd September 2019 be signed by the Chairman as true records. (Copies enclosed).

68/19 Public participation

Two members of the public attended the Parish Council meeting to express their concerns about a forthcoming planning application for buildings adjacent to their property. These concerns were noted and shared with County and City Councillor T. Allison.

69/19 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

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

70/19 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

71/19 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

72/19 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman made the following announcement: -

1. The sympathy and condolences of the Parish Council were sent to Mrs Colville, following news of the sudden death of her husband, Mr Barry Colville.
2. Following discussions with the Village Hall Committee, it was agreed that the details submitted to the Charity Commission would be amended to correctly show the Parish Council as a Custodian Trustee.
3. Enquiries were being made about the maintenance of the defibrillator.
4. Attempts were being made to contact Impact Housing staff regarding the need to trim hedges.
5. The walking school bus is still successful so poncho-type capes will be ordered for winter.
6. Councillor Allison had been asked to look into (i) repairing the roadside styles, (ii) the bus stop sign at Orton Grange, (iii) the possibility of a camera with signage for the Baldwinholme lay-bye and (iv) flooding at Baldwinholme.

73/19 Reports

Councillor Allison Report

No report was received.

District Councillor John Collier Report

No report was received.

School Report

The interim Head Teacher, Claire Griffin, attended the meeting as Great Orton School Head Teacher remains on sick leave. She reported that the children had had a lovely harvest festival with food taken to members of the village community. The children will be singing and dancing at the village Craft Fair later this month. They will be dancing at the Sands Centre in Carlisle and the choir will be taking part in the Carlisle Music Festival later on. There are presently 32 children on the school roll. An Open Afternoon is to be held in

the very near future for those children starting school in September. Newsletters and Community lunches continue to take place every month.

Village Hall Committee Report

No report was received.

Watchtree Report

The Watchtree representative reported that the 2020 Calendars were already in circulation and were proving to be very popular indeed. 2,000 copies had been printed and many of these had been distributed already. A Halloween Event had been held, with great success. Many people asking when the next one was going to be! On 7th December, an all-day event - Christmas at Watchtree - will be held including a Nativity, Church Service, carol singing, Santa Claus, nature trail and children's activities. A new activity, archery, is presently being tried. If this is successful, it will become a regular feature at the site.

74/19 Planning

Carlisle City Council approval of the following application was noted:

Proposed underground slurry store at Tempest Tower, Little Orton, Carlisle. Ref 19/0552.

75/19 Financial Report

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report of 31st October 2019 be accepted. There were no deviations from budget and no monies had been received.

76/19 Payment of Accounts

There were no accounts to be paid.

77/19 Annual Budget and Precept

It was **Resolved** that the Parish Council precept for 2020/21 would be £7,000.00 and that this would be submitted on 5th November 2019.

78/19 Great Orton Play Area inspection report & parish seat reports.

Reports were received regarding the play area and the council owned parish seats. It was noted that the soft-play surfaces become slippery with green algae. It was **Resolved** that Playdale Ltd., would be asked for their recommendations for a suitable cleaning agent.

79/19 Training Schedule

It was **Resolved** that nearby Parish Councils would be contacted with a view to sharing the cost with Orton Parish so that bespoke training sessions for Councillors could be arranged.

80/19 Overhanging trees in Great Orton

It was **Resolved** that a letter of thanks be sent to the owners of the Old Rectory in Great Orton for their prompt actions regarding the overhanging trees.

81/19 Restoration of antique parish signposts

The repair of Little Orton sign post will take place and local authority grant funding will be sought for this project.

82/19 Correspondence

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

83/19 Date of Next Meeting

To note that the next ordinary Parish Council meeting will be 7.30pm on Monday 6th January 2020.

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CORRESPONDANCE NOVEMBER 2019

Action with Communities in Cumbria
CALC
Carlisle City Council (Resources Directorate)
Clerks & Councils Direct

Staples
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Emergency planning/resilience building
AGM invitation & Annual report
Parish Precepts 2020/2021.
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