

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 5th September 2016 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, Mr. W. Reed and Cumbria County Councillor Trevor Allison.

55/16 Apologies

No apologies were received.

56/16 Minutes

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meetings held on 9th May 2016 and 4th July 2016 be signed by the Chairman as true records. (Copies enclosed).

57/16 Public participation

No members of the public were in attendance at the meeting.

58/16 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

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

59/16 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

60/16 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

61/16 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman announced that:

- a) Another road traffic collision had occurred at the Four Road Ends junction, involving the police.
- b) The Orton Grange wind turbine appeal had not been successful and hence would not be proceeding.

62/16 County Councillor's report

County Councillor, Mr Trevor Allison, reported that:

- a) Three manhole covers in Great Orton had been identified as needing attention from the Better Highways Team; a job number is to be obtained by Councillor Allison so they will be improved at some point in the work schedule.
- b) The house wall adjacent to the Little Orton roundabout has been damaged because of poor signage. Large lorries pull over and then reverse when they realise they have taken a wrong turn. Councillor Allison is to request that Highways Department staff install an "M6" sign to avoid this happening again.
- c) He had recently investigated a complaint of flooding in Little Orton, caused by a blocked gully on the corner of the road. This will be followed up and hopefully, resolved.

63/16 District Councillor's report

No report was received.

64/16 Police Officer's report

No report was received.

65/16 School Governor's Report

The School Governor representative reported that a joint in-service training day was held between the school staff and the governors, with success. The percentage of children with special educational needs who attend the school remains high the school still has capacity; this means that all children who apply to join the roll must be accepted. This could well

reduce the SATS results as some of the children have joined the school late in their school careers and have some ground to make up before they are at the same level as their peers.

66/16 Village Hall Committee Report

The Village Hall Committee representative reported that the Carillion money had been received and estimates for repairs to the damaged rear wall had also been received. It is also planned to waterproof the rear wall, at the same time. Grant assistance is to be sought from Cumbria County Council in order to help with the cost of this work. Following a recent appeal, the Hall Committee has now been strengthened and a new Chairman has been appointed. An event is being arranged for 16th November 2016 and it is hoped that there will be strong local support for this.

67/16 Watchtree Nature Reserve Report

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

- a) The Annual General Meeting was held recently along with a barbeque for the volunteers as a 'Thank You' for all their hard work over the year..
- b) An outdoor theatre production of 'The Wizard of Oz' was held on site, with great success. Over 100 people attended the performance and a great evening was enjoyed by all.
- c) All Watchtree staff and volunteers are to learn sign language so that communication difficulties with anyone with a hearing impairment can be minimised.

68/16 Planning

The following planning applications were noted:

- 1) Subdivision of dwelling to form 2 No. dwellings (Part retrospective) at South View Cottages, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 16/0528 *No objections but comments made regarding the foul drainage.*
- 2) Proposed extension to Agricultural building (Revised application) Little Orton Farm, Little Orton, Carlisle. Ref 16/0568. *No objections but comments made regarding foul seepage and surface water drainage.*

Carlisle City Council approval of the following applications was noted:

- 1) Relocation of underground sump and pipe crossing to collect water from existing land drainage system (part retrospective) at Tempest Tower, Little Orton. Ref 16/0379.
- 2) Subdivision of dwelling to form 2 No. dwellings (Part retrospective) at South View Cottages, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 16/0528
- 3) Erection Of Porch To Front Elevation | Beech House, Baldwinholme, Carlisle Ref 16/0578

69/16 Financial Report

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report for the month ending 31st July 2016 be accepted. There were no deviations from budget.

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| a) HSBC (interest) | 0.23p |
| b) First Central Insurance (4 Road Ends signpost damage) | £244.26 |

70/16 Payment of Accounts

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

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| a) P.Macdonald (salary) | £894.40 |
| b) HMRC (PAYE) | £223.60 |
| c) P. Macdonald (travel expenses) | £30.00 |
| d) St Giles PCC (grant) | £400.00 |

71/16 Cumbria County Council list of Registered Land

It was **Resolved** that the following items would be clarified with Cumbria County Council:

- a) Great Orton Play Area is owned by the Parish Council beyond the fence, right up to the tarmac footpath.
- b) Woodhouses Green is maintained by the Parish Council but is actually owned by Cumbria County Council.

72/16 Unauthorised use of corner of Parish Green to store plant pots.

No further action has been undertaken to restore this area of the Green to its previous state. It was **Resolved** that a further letter is to be sent to Mr W. Adams notifying him that a contractor will be employed to reclaim the land, at his cost.

73/16 Parking issues opposite the school

It was **Resolved** that a meeting would be arranged 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 when the concerns of local people could be explained and possible solutions discussed.

74/16 Traffic calming measures at 4 Road Ends junction

Councillor Allison reported that a runner was recently struck by a van at the Four Road Ends junction. It was **Resolved** that the road safety issues at this junction would again be taken up with the Highways Department staff.

75/16 Buildings in field at Sandygate Lonning

Cumbria Constabulary has notified that it no longer has any interest in this site.

76/16 Changes to financial regulations

Parish Councillors were informed of recent changes to the financial regulations regarding bankruptcy and also regarding the use of electronic banking. It was **Resolved** that any amendments to the Financial Regulations would be considered at the next meeting.

77/16 Correspondence

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

78/16 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be at 7.30pm on Monday 7th November 2016.

Signed.....Chairman.

Date.....

CORRESPONDENCE LIST SEPTEMBER 2016

Carlisle City Council – Chief Exec Team
Cumbria County Council
HSBC
Mr A. Martin
Mr Norman
Mrs M. Rickerby
Staples
Mr J. Stevenson MP

Hags SMP
Parkers Bulb catalogue
Printerbase

Tour of Britain posters
Rumble strips, 4 Road Ends, Great Orton
Reduction of interest rates on current account
Parish minutes & meeting dates requested
Drainage issue details Planning app 16/0568
Letter of appeal re: Black Brow wind turbine
No longer able to use business card online
Black Brow Wind turbine appeal letter

Trade literature
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