

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 11th September 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

47/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor M. Little (unavailable).

48/17 Minutes

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meetings held on 3rd July 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

49/17 Public participation

- a) A member of the public stated that money was being raised in Great Orton to pay for a public bench in memory of Mr John Brown. A request was made for the new bench to replace the existing bench close to the Beacon. It was suggested that the existing bench be moved to the churchyard.
- b) It was noted that there is standing water again at Woodhouses: Councillor Allison was informed and he promised to visit the site.
- c) It was noted that grass cutting in Little Orton had taken place in the rain, with poor results. Progress on this issue will be monitored.

50/17 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

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

51/17 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

52/17 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

53/17 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman made the following announcement; that all reports to the Parish Council would be verbal in future so that members of the public could be informed of their contents.

54/17 Reports

County Councillor Trevor Allison's report

Orton Parish Council agreed that speed strips should be installed at Sceughmire on Orton Road in order to assess the speed of vehicles using the road.

District Councillor John Collier's report

Councillor Collier confirmed that the unlawful buildings had been removed from Sandygate Lonning. It was **Resolved** that a letter of thanks would be sent to Carlisle City Council Planning 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 Committee now had sufficient money for present needs but larger events were needed to sustain the hall. To this end, it has been agreed to enlarge

the marketing strategy. Councillors M. Cork and W. Lindsay have retired from the Hall Committee, after a considerable number of years' service and hard work. They were sincerely thanked for their efforts.

Watchtree Nature Reserve Report

A report was received stating that visitor numbers in 2017 were on track to be over 30,000. A number of new track events have been started on site and also walking theatrical events. It is planned to hold discussions with DEFRA to extend the present 25year lease to a 99year lease so that grant funds can be accessed more readily. At the moment, the pond and pathway edges are in need of attention: it is hoped to carry out this work in the near future.

55/17 Planning

To note the following planning applications:

- 1) Change of use of land to garden/patio (retrospective) at Low Garth, Orton Rigg, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 17/0642. *No objections.*

To note Carlisle City Council approval of the following applications:

- 1) Proposed single storey rear extension to form extended kitchen, utility/porch and day area at Sunnyleigh, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 17/0451.
- 2) Erection of steel framed agricultural building for cattle housing at Croft House, Great Orton. Ref 17/0526.
- 3) Erection of 2 storey extension to the front elevation providing a porch on the ground floor with bathroom above (revised application) at Beech House, Baldwinholme. Ref 17/0637.
- 4) Erection of 1No. agricultural farm manager's dwelling, Tempest Tower, Little Orton, Carlisle. Ref 17/0593.
- 5) Erection of 2 storey extension to the front elevation providing a porch on the ground floor with bathroom above (revised application) at Beech House, Baldwinholme. Ref 17/0637.

56/17 Grant to churchyard

It was **Resolved** that the annual grant to St Giles' PCC, for maintenance of the churchyard, would be increased to £500. In addition, an estimate of costs for repair of the lawnmower was requested.

57/17 Financial Report

The Financial Report of 31st August 2017 was approved. There were no deviations from budget and the following monies were received:

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| a) HSBC (interest) | 0.13p |
| b) Carlisle City Council (grant for village hall) | £2,000.00 |

58/17 2016/2017 Audit conclusion

The 2016/1017 annual return was approved and accepted. The certificate of the external auditors, BDO, was approved and accepted.

59/17 Payment of Accounts

It was **Resolved** that a cheque, payable to cash, would be given, as a donation to the village hall, in lieu of the uncashed cheque for £5.40 from 2013. The cheque for £5.40, payable to Orton Parish Council, agreed at the July 2017 meeting has been destroyed. It was **Resolved** that the following accounts be paid:

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| a) Cash (donation to village hall in lieu of uncashed cheque 2013) | £5.40 |
| b) P. Macdonald (Salary) | £894.40 |

c) P. Macdonald (Travel expenses)	£30.00
d) HMRC (PAYE)	£223.60
e) St Giles PCC	£500.00
f) P. Macdonald (Stationary expenses)	£59.38
g) Orton & District Public Hall	£2,000.00
h) Amico Limited (website domain annual fee)	£50.00

60/17 Orton Parish new website

It was reported that CALC had been contacted regarding a new website and an application made for NALC funding. The domain name will be ortonpc-carlisle.org.uk and the webpage designer will contact the Clerk in the near future.

61/17 Signpost at Field View, Great Orton

Councillor Rickerby has wire brushed and repainted the Field View signpost, to very good effect. The paint was donated by Mr M. Foster. it was **Resolved** that the Council would write a letter of thanks to Mr Foster. It was **Resolved** that the remaining intact old signposts would be considered for sandblasting and repainting at a future date.

62/17 Car parking issues outside Great Orton School

It was **Resolved** to close this matter, following reports from an independent officer, who suggested that given the lack of cooperation from the School to make any changes to the parking arrangements for staff and parents, including the use of the village hall car park, that the Parish Council was of the opinion that the risks to children and adults alike during peak periods for school parking remained high but reluctantly accepted that the Council was powerless to take matters further. Councillor Allison was thanked for all the time and effort that he has spent on this issue.

63/17 Traffic calming measures in Orton Parish, at the Four Road Ends junction & A595.

Following the inquest into a recent fatal accident at the Four Road Ends junction, Councillor Allison stated that he had requested slow signs on Orton Road, stop signs on the side roads at the junction, road markings, new signs and hedge trimming to be put in place. Cumbria County Council had previously refused to replace and renew the rumble strips, despite requests made by the Parish Council in 2016.

Councillor Allison also stated that he was looking into setting up a traffic monitoring system on Orton Road and would report back to the Parish Council.

64/17 Obtrusive trees adjacent to house in Moorclose, Great Orton.

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

65/17 Buildings in field at Sandygate Lonning

Councillor Collier was asked to look into whether the barricade fencing around the site could also be removed.

66/17 Correspondence

Items of correspondence received since the last meeting (schedule attached) were noted. It was **Resolved** that the Carlisle City Council Street Scene Manager would be invited to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss litter, fly tipping and dog fouling.

67/17 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be at 7.30pm on Monday 6th November 2017.

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

CORRESPONDANCE SEPTEMBER 2017

BDO

Carlisle City Council (Economic Dev. Dir)

Carlisle City Council (Corp. Support & Resources)

Carlisle City Council (Deputy Chief Exec's Team)

Clerks & Councils Direct

Fim-Expo

J. Parkers Wholesale Dutch Bulbs

Office Outlet

Notice of conclusion of audit

Capital Grant £2,000 for village hall

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