

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 3rd September 2018 at 7.30pm.

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

60/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor W. Reed (work commitments). Councillor E. Whitfield was unable to attend.

61/18 Minutes

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meeting held on 2nd July 2018 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

62/18 Public participation

No concerns were raised by members of the public.

63/18 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

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

64/18 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

65/18 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

66/18 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman made the following announcements: -

1. Two further road traffic incidents have taken place at the Four road End junction on the Carlisle to Great Orton road. County Councillor Allison is to discuss, with Police Officers, the cutting of hedges and increasing the signage on the main Carlisle road. Cumbria County Council Highways Department correspondence is also to be checked for any comments with regard to the hedges and signage at this junction.
2. A parishioner has complained about farm machinery on the green at Little Orton. As the complaint was made by anonymous email, no further action will be taken.
3. The recent Rural Economy Survey has been completed and submitted by a number of Councillors.
4. Councillors were invited to complete the forthcoming Police survey.
5. The broken bus stop sign on the A595 has not yet been repaired: a further letter is to be sent to the bus operators.
6. It is with much regret that a resignation letter has been received from Councillor Lindsay as he is moving out of the area. Sincere thanks were given for his interest and time spent on the parish council.

67/18 Reports

Councillor Allison Report

Councillor Allison stated that:

1. Following flooding at Woodhouses last year, the area Steward has been asked to take part in a joint site visit.
2. A children's walking school bus is to be trialled to alleviate the parking problems in Great Orton: high visibility waistcoats have been obtained for the adults and funding is being sought for waistcoats for the children. Three teachers' cars are to be parked in the Wellington Inn car park. It had been noted that the school warning lights are presently obscured and that an additional light was needed on the road from Orton Grange. Councillor Allison agreed to investigate the cost of this.
3. The safety aspects of the walking bus were discussed and it was agreed to await the results of the trial then review again in November.

4. Councillor Allison was made aware that a potable water supply pipe on the Carlisle to Great Orton road needs to be concreted in as it has become vulnerable to frost and accidental damage.

District Councillor John Collier Report

Councillor Collier stated that:

1. He would look into the status of planning application Ref 18/0249.
2. The parish council should apply for grant funding to help with the cost of paint and supplies to restore the signposts at Sceughmire and Woodhouses.
3. The local government review of electoral wards was out for consultation and that parish councils should send their response to Carlisle City Council.

School Governor Report

No report was received at the time as the school staff were still on holiday.

Village Hall Committee Report

It was reported that the hall was financially healthy and bookings are going well. Next April, a new Chairperson and Secretary will be required. Some suggestions were made for appropriate pictures to hang on the walls and congratulations were given on the attractive state of the room. An upgrade of the electrics is to be undertaken in September. The committee had received two letters regarding the walking school bus and the members were happy to support this venture for a trial period initially and then review the situation.

Police Report

No report was received.

Watchtree Report

It was reported that the Countryfile TV presenters had reported from the site briefly to remember the FMD epidemic. The site continues to develop with over 45,000 visitors last year. More staff have been employed to cope with this and it is proposed to build more office accommodation in the near future. A tractor run was held recently; 63 vehicles took part and over £2,000 was raised for local charities. It was commented that more advertised nature activities would be popular.

68/18 Planning

To note Carlisle City Council approval of the following application:

Change of use from agricultural and to all weather arena (manege) for private equine use, land north of the Ginn Ring, Orton Rigg, Carlisle. Ref 18/0464.

69/18 Financial Report

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report of 31st July 2018 be accepted. There were no deviations from budget. The following monies were received:

a) HSBC (interest)	0.23p
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70/18 Payment of Accounts

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

a) P. Macdonald (Salary)	£894.40
b) P. Macdonald (Travel expenses)	£30.00
c) HMRC (PAYE)	£223.60
d) St Giles PCC	£500.00
e) P. Macdonald (Stationary expenses)	£29.60

71/18 Great Orton Play Area & parish seats

Reports were received regarding the play area and the council owned parish seats. Minor repair work was carried out on some of the play area equipment. No problems were found with the Great Orton seats. Councillor Little is to report on the Baldwinholme seat and Councillor Norman is to report on the Little Orton seat, in the future.

72/18 Annual Risk Assessment

It was **Resolved** that the annual risk assessment document would be amended to include more detail and a draft prepared for the next council meeting.

73/18 Orton Parish Council annual goal setting

It was **Resolved** that councillors would set aside some time at the next meeting to agree council priorities. It was also **Resolved** that details of the nearby defibrillator would be publicised in the parish magazine.

74/18 Gypsy Lonning, Little Orton, damage to barriers

Councillor Norman obtained two estimates for the replacement of the barriers across the Lonning. It was **Resolved** that a quotation of £623 would be accepted and the work commissioned. It was **Resolved** that the barriers would be added to the Parish Council insurance policy.

75/18 Land drainage issue at Baldwinholme

It was **Resolved** that Councillor Little would discuss the poor drainage in Baldwinholme with the NFU and Councillor Allison would seek guidance from Cumbria County Council.

76/18 Trees on the village green and in the play area, Great Orton

It was **Resolved** that the quotation from JR Tree Services would be accepted and a tree survey carried out on 4 trees on the Great Orton village green, a tree on the play area and a tree on the roadside, adjacent to the play area.

77/18 Parking in Great Orton village

It was reported that a walking school bus had begun, for a trial period, at the moment. Children are dropped off and collected at the village hall car park. In addition, 3 cars belonging to staff are parking at the Wellington Inn. It was hoped that the parking problems would now be considerably reduced.

78/18 Parking area adjacent to the telephone box in Great Orton

It was **Resolved** that an additional quotation from a local contractor for covering this area with tarmac would be obtained by the Clerk. It was also noted that the council had no available funds for this work.

79/18 Restoration of antique parish signposts

It was reported that the Sceughmire and Woodhouses signpost restorations were almost completed.

80/18 Correspondence

To note items of correspondence received since the last meeting (schedule attached).

81/18 Date of Next Meeting

To note that the next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 5th November 2018.

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CORRESPONDANCE SEPTEMBER 2018**CALC**

Carlisle City Council (Town Clerk & Chief Executive)
Clerks & Councils Direct
Great Orton Primary School
Local Government Boundary Commission
NFDC

Subscription review

Poster of Carlisle electoral review

Issue 118 July 2018

Details of Walking Bus & parking plans

Draft recommendations, Carlisle review

Demolition safety poster

HAGS

Parker's Wholesale Bulb Catalogue

Trade literature

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