

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Councillor Mr W. Little (Chairman), Councillors M.Cork, A. Rickerby, G. Wills, L. Johnston, E. Norman, E. Whitfield and Cumbria County Councillor/Carlisle City Councillor Trevor Allison.

**44/19 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor W. Reed (on holiday) and Carlisle City Councillor J. Collier (prior council meeting).

**45/19 Minutes**

It was noted that the times stated in item 34/19, Watchtree Report, were incorrect and it was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 be amended and signed by the Chairman at the next Parish Council meeting. (Copy enclosed).

**46/19 Public participation**

There were no items of interest or concern from members of the public.

**47/19 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests**

**Councillor E. Norman declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item '52/19 Planning, Ref 19/0517' as he was the applicant.**

**48/19 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests**

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

**49/19 Request for Dispensations**

No requests for dispensation were received.

**50/19 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman made the following announcement: -

1. It was reported that the style on the A595 at Cardewlees is dangerous because it is high, sloping and slippery. Cumbria County Councillor Allison to be asked if the style could be modified.
2. Following expressions of dissatisfaction with the quality of the grass cutting in recent months, the contractor has been contacted and invited to come to the next parish council meeting to discuss the issues.
3. Following a complaint that the gullies in Great Orton were not being emptied, the Chairman and Cumbria County Councillor Allison visited all of the gullies but they were found to be clear and free flowing at the time of the inspection.
4. A collapsed drain at Mains Fauld, blocked drains at the Four Road Ends junction, Baldwinholme and Orton Grange were reported to Councillor Allison.

**51/19 Reports**

**Councillor Allison Report**

Councillor Allison stated that:

1. He, along with Councillors W. Little and M. Cork, went to the Planning Committee site visit regarding the proposed housing development on land near Smiddy Croft, Great Orton. It was noted that no drainage plan had been submitted and that nearby properties had recently been flooded. There was also concern expressed about the recent felling of trees. The application was deferred to the next Planning Committee meeting and information about the drainage proposals was requested.
2. He would investigate the issues surrounding the style at Cardewlees, the drain at Mains Fauld, the drains in Great Orton, the Four Road Ends, Baldwinholme and Orton Grange.
3. He noticed that the pavement in Great Orton was lifting and needed a spray of sealant: this to be passed to the relevant department.

### 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 is on sick leave. She reported that the oil spillage had now been dealt with satisfactorily and that lots of improvements and staff training had been undertaken in recent weeks. The walking school bus will be restarted but there could be a risk that a shortage of staff and governors might make it difficult to continue. Ms Griffin thought she would ask parents to park at the village hall and walk the children down to school themselves. The school presently has 40 children on the roll but more school governors are needed.

### Village Hall Committee Report

No report was received as the meeting had not yet taken place.

### Watchtree Report

It was reported that it had been a splendid summer for the site with over 50,000 visitors recorded over the last 12 months. More than 7,000 people visited in August alone. This number of visitors has meant that additional staff have been employed to ensure that safety and quality of service can be maintained.

### 52/19 Planning

1. Erection of 9 no. dwellings on land to the south east of Smiddy Croft, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 19/0302. *The Council objected to this application because of the density of the housing, the design of the houses and drainage issues.*
2. Erection of 7 no. dwellings on land to the south east of Smiddy Croft, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 19/0302 amended. *The Council objected to this application because of the number of the houses and lack of information regarding surface water drainage issues.*
3. Proposed underground slurry store at Tempest Tower, Little Orton, Carlisle. Ref 19/0552. *No objections were raised by the Council but the need for a protective fence around the site was noted.*
4. (Burgh-by-Sands Parish courtesy notification) Erection of dwellings (outline) on land adjacent to Fair Lea, Moorhouse, Carlisle. Ref 19/0517.

### 53/19 Financial Report

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 be accepted. There were no deviations from budget. The following monies were received:

a. Carlisle City Council Precept	£6,500.00
b. HMRC (VAT refund)	£1,036.90
c. HSBC (Interest)	£0.72

### 54/19 NALC Updated Model Financial Regulations 2019

It was **Resolved** that Orton Parish Council would adopt the updated NALC Model Financial Regulations 2019.

### 55/19 Clerk's Salary Review

It was unanimously agreed and **Resolved** that the Clerk's salary would be increased, in line with NALC guidelines, from £10.75 per hour to £11.22 per hour.

### 56/19 Payment of Accounts

It was **Resolved** that payment of the following accounts would be authorised:

a. G.Wills (Concrete expenses)	£38.00
b. A. Rickerby (Expenses)	£6.40
c. P. Macdonald (Salary)	£933.51
d. P. Macdonald (Travel expenses)	£30.00
e. HMRC (PAYE)	£233.38
f. P. Macdonald (Stationary expenses)	£40.27
g. St Giles' Church (Grant)	£500.00

**57/19 Public Telephone in Great Orton Village**

It was **Resolved** that a submission would be made to the BT consultation requesting retention of the public telephone box in Great Orton.

**58/19 Great Orton Play Area Equipment Repairs, Inspection Report & Parish Seats**

Reports were received regarding the play area and the council owned parish seats. It was noted that no repair or remedial work was required at this time but the inadequate grass cutting was noted.

**59/19 Training Schedule**

The 2019/2020 training schedule for Councillors and Clerk was discussed and Councillor Johnston volunteered to attend the Effective Councillor (1) module.

**60/19 Staff Appraisal**

It was **Resolved** that the Clerk would complete an annual self-appraisal form.

**61/19 Untrimmed hedges in Great Orton**

It was noted that one of the relevant properties was now vacant; it was Resolved that a letter would be sent to the new owner requesting that the hedge be trimmed. An overhanging hedge at a second property had been trimmed. It was **Resolved** that Impact Housing Association would be contacted and asked to cut the overgrown hedge to the side of the village hall.

**62/19 Exposed Water Pipe**

Councillor Allison agreed to revisit the exposed water pipe on Orton Road, close to the Cummersdale/Orton parish boundary along with a nearby resident.

**63/19 Restoration of antique parish signposts**

Signpost Restoration Limited estimated that the cost of repairs to Little Orton signpost would be £329:00. It was **Resolved** that this signpost would be repaired, using grant funding from Carlisle City Councillors Collier and Allison.

**64/19 Correspondence**

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

**65/19 Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next ordinary Parish Council meeting will be 7.30pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

.....Signed .....Date

**CORRESPONDANCE SEPTEMBER 2019**

Carlisle City Council (Governance & Regulatory Services)	All Councillor interest forms completed.
Carlisle City Council (Governance & Regulatory Services)	Planning site visit to Smiddy Croft.
Clerks & Councils Direct	July 2019 Issue 124
D. Couling	Internal audit report/recommendations
HSBC	Business banking variations
<i>Parkers Wholesale Ltd</i>	<i>Trade literature</i>
<i>Staples</i>	<i>Trade literature</i>
<i>Wicksteed</i>	<i>Trade literature</i>