

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held virtually on Zoom during the coronavirus pandemic, on Monday 6th July 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillor Mr W. Little (Chairman), Parish Councillors M. Cork, A. Rickerby, G. Wills, E. Norman.

25/20 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors L. Johnston (on holiday), E. Whitfield (family illness), W. Reed (work commitment), Cumbria County Councillor T. Allison and Carlisle City Councillors J. Collier & A. McKerrell.

26/20 Minutes

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meeting held on 4th May 2020 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

27/20 Public participation

No members of the public attended the Parish Council meeting.

28/20 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests.

29/20 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

Councillor Little stated that he had sold an area of woodland: this to be notified to Carlisle City Council. There were no other changes to personal interests declared by the Councillors.

30/20 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

31/20 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman made the following announcement: -

- a) The road at Ortongrange was to be closed for repairs but there were uncertainties over the specific dates.
- b) Parish Councillors were reminded that all of the policies and procedures should be reviewed before the next parish council meeting.
- c) Sincere thanks were sent to Councillor Rickerby for all his hard work in maintaining the churchyard; it is beautifully maintained.
- d) A decision regarding planning application 19/0869, in Great Orton, has been deferred until later in the year.

32/20 Reports

County and District Councillor Report

Councillor Allison reported by telephone that applications for grant monies were available for environmental projects.

District Councillor Report

Councillors Collier and McKerrell had nothing to report.

School Report

No report was received as the school was closed because of the pandemic.

Village Hall Committee Report

No report was received as the village hall was closed because of the pandemic.

Watchtree Report

It was reported that the site is opening slowly to members. The activities are outdoors, the management centre is closed, but a mobile catering unit is on site to provide refreshments.

33/20 Planning

There were no planning applications to review.

34/20 Financial Report

The Financial Report of 30th June 2020 was approved. There were no deviations from budget. No further monies had been received.

35/20 Payment of Accounts

It was noted that the annual play scheme had been cancelled and the £100 cheque, payable to Beaumont Parish Council, had been destroyed. It was **Resolved** that the following account would be authorised for payment:

a) CALC (Zoom Pro application, inc. VAT) £94.08

36/20 Great Orton Play Area inspection report & parish seat reports.

The play area has been closed throughout the epidemic but it was **Resolved** that the apparatus would be cleaned by volunteers and application would be made for grant money to clear tree roots and reseed parts of the playing field.
There were no actions required as result of the parish seat reports.

37/20 Correspondence

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

38/20 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next ordinary Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 7th September 2020, at 7.30pm.

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Clerks & Councils Direct
The Pensions Regulator

Email offer of reduced cost Zoom
Borderlands internet funding emails
Consultation on new code of conduct
May 2020 Issue 129
Confirmation of compliance

Staples

Trade literature