

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held virtually on Zoom during the coronavirus pandemic, on Monday 2nd November 2020 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Councillor Mr W. Little (Chairman), Parish Councillors M. Cork, G. Wills, L. Johnston, E. Whitfield, W. Reed & Cumbria County Councillor T. Allison

**60/20 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor E. Norman, (work commitment), Carlisle City Councillors J. Collier (family illness) & A. McKerrell (previous meeting).

**61/20 Minutes**

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 be amended and resubmitted to the next meeting of the Parish Council on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**62/20 Public participation**

Mr Matt Howes and Mrs Catherine Bellas, Head Teacher of Great Orton School, attended the Parish Council meeting. Two items were brought before the council:

- a) There is uncertainty about the maintenance of the defibrillator. Councillor Little agreed to look into this issue.
- b) Vehicles have been causing damage by parking on the village green: Councillors Wills and Reed agreed to have discussions with nearby householders.

**63/20 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests**

There were no declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests.

**64/20 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests**

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

**65/20 Request for Dispensations**

No requests for dispensation were received.

**66/20 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that:

- a) Cluaran Landscaping Services had asked if the Council would like the Great Orton village green trees to have their lowest branches removed.
- b) Councillors should consider whether Cluaran Landscape Services should be invited to take the grass-cutting contract for 2021/2022.

**67/20 Reports**

**County and District Councillor Report**

Councillor Allison reported that:

- a) Orton Parish Council's grant application, for money towards the cost of tree stump removal in the play area, has been overlooked again. However, it is hoped that this will be resolved in the very near future.
- b) There is joint working between several statutory agencies to resolve an ongoing domestic situation in Great Orton.

**District Councillor Report**

No report was received.

**School Report**

The Head Teacher reported that an HSE inspection had taken place for Covid-19 compliance and all was found to be very good. Posters and fliers have been circulated locally, along with a questionnaire, asking for feedback about the

possibility of starting a nursery again. A new prospectus has been developed for the school, including drone footage; the website has been updated and it is hoped to have a new banner to advertise the school.

#### **Village Hall Committee Report**

It was reported that the AGM had not yet taken place. It was **Resolved** that Councillor Little would contact the Treasurer to discuss the accounts.

#### **Watchtree Report**

It was reported that there would be a Director's meeting tomorrow to agree the way forward during this second Covid-19 lockdown. It is hoped, however, that the site will remain open with the café operating on a take-away basis. The site is, otherwise, progressing well.

#### **68/20 Planning**

*The following planning applications were noted:*

1. Variation of condition 3 (materials) of previously approved application 16/0946 (erection of 7 no. dwellings) to change the external materials to the side & rear, relocate the utility and extend the garage to plot 4; land to the south of the Wellington Inn, Great Orton. Ref: 20/0617. *No objections.*
2. Erection of agricultural shed, Orton Grange Farm, Orton Grange, Carlisle. Ref: 20/0636. *No objections.*
3. Installation of a biomass boiler (part retrospective) at Criccieth, Woodhouses, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref: 20/0642. *No objections.*

#### **69/20 Financial Report**

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 be approved. There were no deviations from budget. It was noted that the following monies had been received:

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| a) Carlisle City Council (Grant) | £400.00 |
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#### **70/20 Payment of Accounts**

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

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| a) CALC (Councillor Johnston & Mrs P. Macdonald training) | £70.00    |
| b) The Wellington Inn (Meeting refreshments)              | £19.50    |
| c) McGuffie Plant Hire (Play area work)                   | £1,014.00 |
| d) G. Wills (Key expenses)                                | £4.00     |

#### **71/20 Annual Budget and Precept**

It was **Resolved** that the Parish Council precept for 2021/22 would be £7,250.00 and that this would be submitted on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

#### **72/20 Change of Payroll provider**

It was **Resolved** that the payroll provider for 2021/2022 would be Cumbria Payroll Services Limited.

#### **73/20 Parish Council vacancy**

It was unanimously **Resolved** that Mr Matt Howes would be co-opted to fill the vacancy on the parish council. Mr Howes was warmly welcomed to the council.

#### **74/20 Review of Insurances**

It was **Resolved** that the council would remain with the present insurance provider and then review next year for 2022/2023.

**75/20 Complaints from residents in Moor Close, Great Orton**

It was noted that the statutory agencies were working in partnership to resolve the issues raised by the residents.

**76/20 Poor state of repair of gullies, drains and pavements in Great Orton.**

Councillor Allison noted with considerable regret that no action had been taken by Cumbria County Council with regards to the drainage issues in Orton Parish. He will continue to monitor this issue.

**77/20 Speeding traffic at The Pow**

Councillor Allison stated that the cost of recording speed and frequency of traffic had now increased to £210 but, because of lockdown, the traffic flow at present would be unrepresentative. Therefore, it was agreed to defer this matter until March 2021.

**78/20 Orton Parish seats and Great Orton Play Area**

It was **Resolved** that no remedial actions had been identified in the parish seat reports.

**79/20 Correspondence**

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

**80/20 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next ordinary Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 4th January 2021, at 7.30pm.

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**CORRESPONDANCE NOVEMBER 2020**

Carlisle City Council (Finance & Res)  
Clerks & Councils Direct  
Eden Catchment Partnership  
HSBC

Parish Precepts & Council Tax 2021/22  
September 2020 Issue 131  
Revitalising Eden – the Eden Catchment Plan  
Changes to terms & conditions, prices etc.

*Staples*

*Trade literature*