

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held virtually on Zoom during the coronavirus pandemic, on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Councillor Mr W. Little (Chairman), Parish Councillors M. Cork, G. Wills, L. Johnston, E. Whitfield, E. Norman, W. Reed, M. Howes & Carlisle City Councillor A. McKerrell.

**81/20 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Carlisle City Councillor J. Collier (family illness) & Cumbria County Councillor T. Allison.

**82/20 Minutes**

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 be signed by the Chairman as true records. (Copies enclosed).

**83/20 Public participation**

Three items from residents were brought before the council:

- a) Vehicles have been causing a traffic hazard adjacent to the Wellington Inn in Great Orton, by reducing visibility at the road junction. Councillor McKerrell agreed to look into this issue and Cumbria Constabulary are to be informed.
- b) The minor road between Great Orton and Little Orton is now impassable because of flooding and potholes; also, a grating requires repairing. Councillor Allison is to be informed.
- c) The minor road between Great Orton and Sceughmire is impassable because of flooding. Councillor Allison is to be informed.

**84/20 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests**

There were no declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests.

**85/20 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests**

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

**86/20 Request for Dispensations**

No requests for dispensation were received.

**87/20 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that:

- a) Cars have stopped parking on Great Orton village green. The ruts will be levelled off in the spring time.
- b) Councillor Allison has been able to secure some Cumbria County Council grant funding towards the cost of tree stump removal in the play area. The possibility of any further work will be discussed at the next parish council meeting.

**88/20 Reports**

**County and District Councillor Report**

No report was received.

**District Councillor Report**

Nothing to report.

**School Report**

No report was received but the school remains closed.

### Village Hall Committee Report

No report was received but a meeting is to be held in the near future. A Treasurer's report was requested.

### Watchtree Report

It was reported that the site remains open but with strict social distancing in place. The café and overflow car park are closed. A number of staff are on furlough but it is hoped to remain open as long as possible.

### 89/20 Planning

*The following planning applications were noted:*

- a) Variation of condition 2 (approved documents) of previously approved permission 19/0302 (erection of 7 no. detached dwellings) to change plot 2 from a bungalow to a house; land to the south east of Smiddy Croft, Great Orton. Ref: 20/0786.  
*Objection was raised to this proposal on the grounds of loss of visual amenity.*
- b) Amended variation of condition 2 (approved documents) of previously approved permission 19/0302 (erection of 7 no. detached dwellings) to change plot 2 to a dormer bungalow; land to the south east of Smiddy Croft, Great Orton. Ref: 20/0786. *No objection.*

*Carlisle City Council approval of the following planning applications was noted:*

- a) Erection of agricultural shed, Orton Grange Farm, Orton Grange, Carlisle. Ref: 20/0636.
- b) 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.

### 90/20 Financial Report

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report of 30<sup>th</sup> November 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) | £270.00 |
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### 91/20 Payment of Accounts

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

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| a) Burgh by Sands PCC (Parish Magazine)                | £105.00 |
| b) Carlisle City Council (Play area inspection report) | £60.00  |
| c) CALC (PM training)                                  | £15.00  |
| d) Rocket Sites Ltd (Web hosting)                      | £114.00 |

### 92/20 Dog fouling in Great Orton

It was **Resolved** that the prohibition notices would be obtained and posted in Great Orton. In addition, it was **Resolved** that a notice would be sent to a Great Orton social media platform asking people to be vigilant and Carlisle City Council Environmental Health Department would be made aware of the situation.

### 93/20 Poor state of repair of gullies, drains and pavements in Great Orton.

It was **Resolved** that a letter would be sent to Cumbria County Council detailing all the blocked and obscured road drains, flooded areas and deteriorating walkways in the parish. It was **Resolved** that a letter be sent to Electricity North West requesting urgent repairs to rectify the long-standing hole in the pavement in Great Orton.

**94/20 Orton Parish seats and Great Orton Play Area**

It was **Resolved** that the Council's monthly inspection and recording process had identified that some seat bolts needed to be tightened and that this would be done. A small number of issues were identified in the play area inspection report, specifically, damage to the surface, slide timbers rotting at the base and possible rotting of the swing posts. It was **Resolved** that these issues would be addressed as soon as possible in the springtime.

**95/20 Trees in Great Orton**

It was **Resolved** that the trees at the edge of the play area would be retained but the root system of the tree nearest the gates would be monitored and trimmed, if necessary, by parish councillors, so as not to cause problems.

**96/20 Extension of grass-cutting contract**

It was **Resolved** that the Cluaran grass-cutting contract would be extended to include the 2021 season, for the same price, with the possibility of a further extension for the 2022 season.

**97/20 Dates of 2020/21 Parish Council Meetings**

It was **Resolved** that the Parish Council Meetings would meet as follows in 2021/22:  
 1st March 2021,                      10<sup>th</sup> May 2021,                      5<sup>th</sup> July 2021,  
 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021,                      1st November 2021,                      10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**98/20 Rota of play area & seat inspections 2021**

It was **Resolved** that the Councillor inspection rota for 2021 would be as follows:

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| January 2021  | W. Reed     | July 2021      | W. Reed     |
| February 2021 | W. Little   | August 2021    | E. Norman   |
| March 2021    | E. Norman   | September 2021 | W. Little   |
| April 2021    | G. Wills    | October 2021   | M. Howes    |
| May 2021      | L. Johnston | November 2021  | L. Johnston |
| June 2021     | M. Howes    | December 2021  | G. Wills    |

**99/20 Correspondence**

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

**100/20 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the Open meeting and the next ordinary Parish Council meeting would be on Zoom at 7.30pm and 8.00pm, respectively, on Monday 1st March 2021.

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

**CORRESPONDANCE JANUARY 2021**

Carlisle City Council  
Carlisle City Council (Finance & Resources)  
Clerks & Councils Direct  
Office for National Statistics

*Elan City Ltd*

Annual play area inspection report  
Play area grant & traffic recording grant  
November 2020 Issue 132  
Census 2021 information

*Trade literature*