

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in Orton & District Public Halls, Great Orton on Monday 5th July 2021 at 7.30pm.

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

26/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor W. Reed (work commitments), Cumbria County & Carlisle City Councillor T. Allison (prior engagement) and Carlisle City Councillor J. Collier (family illness).

27/21 Minutes

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meetings held on 3rd May 2021 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

28/21 Public participation

No members of the public attended the Parish Council meeting.

29/21 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

Councillor G. Wills declared an interest with respect to agenda item 31/21 (2) as he is related to the applicant.

30/21 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

31/21 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

32/21 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman made the following announcements: -

- a) The noticeboard in Great Orton had numerous school notices posted; Councillors were reminded that the Parish Council notices take priority.
- b) Parliamentary constituency boundary changes are afoot: the Clerk was asked to lodge an objection on behalf of Orton Parish Council.

33/21 Reports

County and District Councillor Allison

Councillor Allison was unable to attend the meeting; no report was received.

District Councillor Report

Councillor McKerrill had nothing to report.

School Report

No report was received. The Clerk was asked to contact the Chair of Governors, as a matter of urgency, to request representation at the Parish Council meetings.

Village Hall Committee Report

A report was received and circulated to Councillors.

Watchtree Report

The Watchtree representative reported that a new café, 'The Shed', had opened at the far end of the site, to serve hot food: this was proving to be successful. Also, a new pond-dipping centre had been built in Pond Wood, which will be used mainly by school groups.

The 'Walks for Health' have recommenced with good attendances, although limited by the Covid-19 restrictions. The staff teams are now well established, ably assisted by a group of very enthusiastic volunteers.

34/21 Planning

The following planning applications were noted:

1. Erection of single storey rear extension to provide kitchen, dining & living room at 10 Custy Steps, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 21/0433. *No objections.*
2. Demolition of conservatory; erection of two storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation to ground floor with 1 no. en-suite bedroom above at 4 Midtown, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 21/0475. *No objections.*

Carlisle City Council approval of the following application was noted:

1. Siting of 1 no. shipping container for storage of tools etc., for woodland maintenance use in woodland South West of Linden House, Baldwinholme, Carlisle. Ref 21/0207.
2. Two storey side extension to provide sunroom on ground floor with en-suite bedroom above at The Gables, Little Orton, Carlisle, Ref 21/0239.
3. Erection of single storey side and rear extension to provide living room, utility & family kitchen/dining area; erection of detached outbuilding to provide store/gym at Dale View, Baldwinholme, Carlisle. Ref 21/0329.

35/21 Financial Report

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report of 30th June 2021 be approved and accepted. It was noted that there were no deviations from budget. The following monies were received:

a) Carlisle City Council (Precept)	£7,250.00
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36/21 Payment of Accounts

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

a) Zurich Insurance	£409.52
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37/21 Orton Parish seats and Great Orton Play Area

Reports were received regarding the play area and the council owned parish seats.

- a) The uneven parts of the playing field, have been levelled with topsoil and re-seeded,
- b) The drains in the vicinity of the play area are presently dry but it was **Resolved** that the school staff would be notified that there has been flooding in this area,
- c) More stones have fall out of the wall between the school and the play area: it was **Resolved** that the school staff would be notified.
- d) All parish seats were reported as being in good condition and thanks were expressed to Councillors Howes and Little for cleaning off the algae.

38/21 Great Orton Play Area

A discussion was held about the state of the play area equipment and it was **Resolved** that the Clerk would enquire into the possibility of grant funding to replace the existing equipment and the rubber surface. Councillor McKerrill offered to help with this process by contacting the Green Spaces Team at Carlisle City Council and also some preferred suppliers. It was **Resolved** that Cumbria Waste Management Environment Fund, Cumbria County Council 0 to 19 Fund and possibly the National Lottery could be contacted as possible funding sources.

39/21 Dog fouling in Great Orton

It was **Resolved** that everything that could be done, had been done at this time.

40/21 Poor state of repair of gullies, drains and pavements in Orton Parish

It was noted that the pot holes on Orton Road had been repaired by Cumbria County Council Highways Team but no further work appears to have been carried on the gully in the back road to Little Orton nor on the blocked or obscured road drains in the parish. In addition, the condition of the drain in Great Orton, which is bisected by a high voltage electricity cable, remains unknown.

41/21 Speeding traffic at The Pow

This item deferred until after the pandemic, however, it has been reported that road visibility has been improved.

42/21 Correspondence

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

43/21 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next ordinary Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 6th September 2021, at 7.30pm in the village hall, Great Orton.

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CORRESPONDANCE JULY 2021

Clerks & Councils Direct
HMRC
HSBC UK
ICO
Zurich Municipal Insurance

May 2021 Issue 135
Authorisation code for new payroll provider
Information on business overdrafts
Receipt for remittance
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