

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in Orton & District Public Halls, Great Orton on Monday 1st November 2021 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Councillor Mr W. Little (Chairman), Parish Councillors G. Wills, L. Johnston, M. Howes, Cumbria County & Carlisle City Councillor T. Allison and Carlisle City Councillor A. McKerrill.

**64/21 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors E. Norman (on holiday), M. Cork (illness), E. Whitfield (illness), W. Reed (family illness) and Carlisle City Councillor J. Collier (family illness).

**65/21 Minutes**

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meetings held on 6th September 2021 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

**66/21 Public participation**

No members of the public attended the Parish Council meeting.

**67/21 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests**

There were no declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests.

**68/21 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests**

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

**69/21 Request for Dispensations**

No requests for dispensation were received.

**70/21 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman expressed concerns about the safety of the stile on the footpath to the A595 road at Baldwinholme. County Councillor Allison has been asked to make further enquiries.

**71/21 Reports**

**County and District Councillor Allison**

Councillor Allison had nothing to report.

**District Councillor Report**

Councillor McKerrill had nothing to report.

**School Report**

No report was received.

**Village Hall Committee Report**

A report was received and circulated to Councillors.

**Watchtree Report**

The Watchtree representative reported that a Christmas Party was to be held at the Greenhill Hotel, Wigton, for the volunteers, without whose help it would be very difficult to manage the site. The adapted cycle fleet continues to grow in variety and size. Discussions with DEFRA continue to try to extend the lease on the site.

**72/21 Planning**

*The following planning applications were noted;*

1. Erection of general-purpose agricultural building at The Ginn Ring, Orton Rigg, Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6LL. Ref: 21/0879. *No objections.*
2. Conversion of existing outhouses to 1 no. residential unit at East Cottage, The Limes, Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6NA. Ref 21/0897. *No objections.*

**73/21 Financial Report**

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report of 31st October 2021 be approved and accepted. It was noted that there were no deviations from budget. The following monies were received:

a) HSBC (Interest)	0.03p
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**74/21 Payment of Accounts**

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

a) Cumbria Payroll Services Ltd. (Payroll)	£16.80
b) Clerk stationary expenses (2020/21)	£17.98

**75/21 Annual Budget and Precept**

It was **Resolved** that the precept for 2022/23 would be raised by 3.4% to £7,500 and submitted to Carlisle City Council as soon as possible.

**76/21 Review of Insurances**

It was confirmed that the council insurance policy with Zurich has been agreed for 2022/23.

**77/21 Orton Parish seats and Great Orton Play Area**

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

- a) The parish seats: Little Orton seat needs repairing: this will be carried out as soon as possible. No further repairs to any of the other seats was reported at this time.
- b) The drains in the vicinity of the play area and in the school-yard appear to be blocked. The Chairman agreed to discuss this issue with the Head Teacher.
- c) It was noted that the wall between the school and the play area needs to be repaired. It was **Resolved** that the cost of any repairs should be shared equally between Great Orton School and Orton Parish Council.

**78/21 Great Orton Play Area**

It was **Resolved** that a small group of Parish Councillors and a volunteer would meet on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to progress the Great Orton Play Area Renewal Project, by carrying out further community consultation and seeking additional funding sources. An amended quotation is expected from Wicksteed.

**79/21 HSBC Bank Account changes**

It was **Resolved** that the Council would change the bank account to the Unity Bank.

**80/21 Parking outside Croftlands Close, Great Orton**

Councillor Allison agreed to look into the possibility of signage to improve road safety in this area.

**81/21 Speeding traffic at The Pow**

An automatic traffic counter will provide data on the speed, volume and type of traffic at Woodhouses within the next 2 weeks.

**82/21 Correspondence**

To note items of correspondence received since the last meeting (schedule attached).

**83/21 Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next ordinary Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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

**CORRESPONDANCE NOVEMBER 2021**

Carlisle City Council  
Carlisle City Council  
Clerks & Councils Direct  
Cumbria County Council

*Littlethorpe*

RSC Grant £4,000 approved  
Parish precept & council tax 2022/23  
September 2021 Issue 137  
Community Grant £7,000 approved

*Trade literature*