

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in Orton & District Public Halls, Great Orton on Monday 6th September 2021 at 7.30pm.

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

44/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor E. Norman (work commitments), Councillor M. Howes (family illness) and Carlisle City Councillor J. Collier (family illness).

45/21 Minutes

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meetings held on 5th July 2021 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

46/21 Public participation

Two members of the public attended the Parish Council meeting. They were extremely concerned about the poor state of the boundary hedge at Moorclose. They requested a meeting with Ms J. Lennard, from Impact Housing Association, with a view to tidying the area.

47/21 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests.

48/21 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

49/21 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

50/21 Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's announcements.

51/21 Reports

County and District Councillor Allison

Councillor Allison had nothing to report but wished to speak on Agenda Item 61/21.

District Councillor Report

Councillor McKerrill had nothing to report.

School Report

The Joint Chairs of Governors, Mrs R. Watling and Mrs S. McGaffin attended the meeting and presented their report. They stated that there were only 20 children on the role at present but that a new curriculum had been put in place and a great deal of work had been done to the inside and outside of the school building to improve it for the new term. Every effort is being made by a very enthusiastic team to increase the profile and popularity of the school.

Village Hall Committee Report

A report was received and circulated to Councillors.

Watchtree Report

The Watchtree representative reported that 'The Shed' café had been fairly successful, despite the restrictions of the pandemic. There were future plans under discussion to improve some of the pastures and possibly plant more trees. The adapted cycle fleet has been enlarged and sales of cycles have increased. Discussions with DEFRA are under way to try to extend the lease on the site.

52/21 Planning

The following planning application was noted;

1. Erection of replacement dwelling, Red House Farm, Sceughmire, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 21/0767. *No objections.*

Carlisle City Council approval of the following applications was noted:

1. Erection of single storey rear extension to provide kitchen, dining & living room at 10 Custy Steps, Great Orton, Carlisle. Ref 21/0433.
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.

53/21 Financial Report

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report of 31st August 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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54/21 Payment of Accounts

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

a) P. Macdonald (Salary)	£952.64
b) HMRC (PAYE)	£238.16
c) St Giles' Church (Grant)	£500.00

55/21 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 was reported as needing new bolts in the top bar. This work will be completed 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 are to be investigated using a camera
- c) It was noted that the wall between the school and the play area needs to be repaired. Councillor Allison and Councillor Wills agreed to inspect the wall and notify the school.

56/21 Great Orton Play Area

It was **Resolved** that a small group of Parish Councillors would help the Clerk to manage the Great Orton Play Area Renewal Project by carrying out community consultation and seeking additional funding bodies.

57/21 New Code of Conduct

It was **Resolved** that the revised Carlisle City Council 2021 Code of Conduct was approved and adopted by Orton Parish Council.

58/21 HSBC Bank Account changes

It was **Resolved** that the Clerk would make enquiries at other banks and building societies to see if a free current account could be obtained.

59/21 Councillors unable to attend meetings

It was agreed that all Councillors would inform the Clerk, by email or text message, if they are unable to attend a Parish Council meeting.

60/21 Parking outside Croftlands Close, Great Orton

It was **Resolved** that the Clerk would write to Councillor Allison requesting that the Cumbria County Council Enforcement Team investigate the continued obstruction parking at the junction.

61/21 Speeding traffic at The Pow

It was **Resolved** that the Parish Council would contribute £10 towards the cost of an automatic traffic counter to provide data on the speed, volume and type of traffic at Woodhouses: Councillors Allison and McKerrill each agreed to contribute £100.

62/21 Correspondence

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

63/21 Date of Next Meeting

To note that the next ordinary Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 1st November 2021.

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Detailed quote for new play equipment

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