

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in Orton & District Public Halls, Great Orton on Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30pm.

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

84/21 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors E. Whitfield (family illness) and Carlisle City Councillor J. Collier (family illness).

85/21 Minutes

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meetings held on 1st November 2021 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

86/21 Public participation

The meeting was attended by a member of the public who wishing to express his concern about fallen trees blocking the footpaths in Orton Moss and also about the destruction caused by recklessly driven quad bikes.

87/21 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests.

88/21 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

89/21 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

90/21 Chairman's Announcements

- a) The Chairman expressed his continued concerns about the safety of pedestrians using the stile on the footpath to the A595 road at Baldwinholme.
- b) The road gullies at the Four Road Ends junction and in the vicinity are blocked. These roads have been salted, following two recent vehicle accidents.
- c) The Chairman has made numerous telephone calls to the Riverside Housing Association regarding their responsibility for trimming the hedge to the rear of Moor Close, Great Orton.

91/21 Reports

County and District Councillor Allison

Councillor Allison reported as follows:

- a) He is considering signage to improve road safety outside Croftlands Close, Great Orton.
- b) An automatic traffic counter at The Pow will provide data on the traffic at Woodhouses once the Covid pandemic is over.
- c) No further progress has been made with the stile at Baldwinholme but a handrail at the roadside would improve safety.
- d) He has been unable to gain further information from the planning officers regarding proposal 21/0897, adjacent to The Limes in Great Orton.
- e) He had been named as a Substitute Councillor on the Planning Committee.

District Councillor Report

Councillor McKerrill had nothing to report.

School Report

School Governors Mrs S. McGaffin and Mrs V. Lowe attended the meeting and presented the latest, lively newsletter. The school has only 18 students now, which is a matter of great concern to all.

Village Hall Committee Report

There was no report following the Christmas holidays.

Watchtree Report

The Watchtree representative reported that a Christmas Party was held at the Greenhill Hotel, Wigton, for the volunteers. This year's calendars have sold extremely well and there are now very few left. A new strategy document is being prepared for the charity.

92/21 Planning

Carlisle City Council approval of the following planning application was noted;
Erection of general-purpose agricultural building at The Ginn Ring, Orton Rigg, Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6LL. Ref: 21/0879.

93/21 Financial Report

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

a) Cumbria County Council (Play area refurbishment grant)	£7,000.00
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94/21 Payment of Accounts

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

a) Carlisle City Council (Play area inspection)	£61.80
b) Cluaran Landscapes Ltd. (Grass cutting)	£1,380.00
c) Burgh by Sands PCC (Parish magazine)	£150.00

95/21 School wall repairs

There was discussion about the ownership of the wall between the play area and the school in Great Orton. Some repairs are now needed and a quotation has been sought. It was **Resolved** that the cost of any repairs could be shared between Great Orton School and Orton Parish Council.

96/21 Storm Damage to Bridleways in Orton Moss

It was **Resolved** that Cumbria County Council Access Officer would be contacted regarding the fallen trees in Orton Moss and blockage of bridleways.

97/21 The Queen's Green Canopy

It was **Resolved** that an oak tree would be planted on the Green in Great Orton to mark Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Carlisle City Councillor McKerrill agreed to look into the possibility of grant funding for the tree.

98/21 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 has been repaired. No further repairs to any of the other seats were reported at this time.
- b) The drains in the vicinity of the play area and in the school-yard appear to be blocked. It was **Resolved** that attempts would be made to unblock the drains using a Jetta.

99/21 Great Orton Play Area equipment renewal

It was **Resolved** that:

- (i) the play equipment would be renewed and the best value quotation accepted.
- (ii) Orton Parish Council would adopt the Safeguarding Policy.
- (iii) ongoing community feedback on the proposals would be recorded.
- (iv) applications would be made for additional sources of funding.

100/21 Bank Account changes

It was **Resolved** that the Parish Council would remain with the HSBC bank for the present time, because of ongoing grant applications and the monthly cost of a Unity Bank account.

101/21 Dates of 2022/23 Parish Council Meetings

It was **Resolved** that the dates for Parish Council Meetings in 2022/23 would be as follows:

7th March 2022, 9th May 2022, 4th July 2022,
5th September 2022, 7th November 2022, 9th January 2023.

102/21 Rota of play area & seat inspections 2022

It was **Resolved** that the rota for Parish Councillor inspections 2022 would be as follows:

January 2022 W. Reed	July 2022 W. Reed
February 2022 M. Howes	August 2022 M. Howes
March 2022 L. Johnston	September 2022 L. Johnston
April 2022 W. Little	October 2022 W. Little
May 2022 E. Norman	November 2022 E. Norman
June 2022 G. Wills	December 2022 G. Wills

103/21 Correspondence

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

104/21 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the Open meeting and the next ordinary Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm and 8.00pm, respectively, on Monday 7th March 2022.

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CORRESPONDANCE JANUARY 2022

Burgh by Sands PCC
Carlisle City Council
Clerks & Councils Direct
Cluaran Landscapes Ltd
Wicksteed

Glasdon

Parish Magazine contributions 2021
Council Tax Base Information 2022/23
November 2021 Issue 138
Grass cutting invoice
Amended quotation

Trade literature