

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in Orton & District Public Halls, Great Orton on Monday 7th March 2022 at 8.00pm.

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

105/21 Apologies

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

106/21 Minutes

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meetings held on 10th January 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

107/21 Public participation

There were no issues raised by members of the public who attended this meeting.

108/21 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests.

109/21 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

110/21 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

111/21 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- a) The steel barrier at the end of Gypsy Lonning has been damaged and needs to be repaired. A quotation will be sought.
- b) Concerns remain about the safety of pedestrians using the stile on the footpath to the A595 road at Baldwinholme as no action has been taken to date.

112/21 Reports

County and District Councillor Allison

Councillor Allison reported as follows:

- a) The 50mph speed limit on the A596 from Newby West to Thursby roundabout has now been implemented.
- b) Confirmation of the size of the proposed slurry lagoon at Baldwinholme is awaited and concerns have been raised about the impact of heavy vehicles on the access route through Birks Wood.
- c) No further progress has been made with the stile at Baldwinholme but a handrail at the roadside would improve safety.

District Councillor Report

Councillor McKerrill confirmed that further grant funding has become available specifically for play areas.

School Report

School Governors Mrs S. McGaffin and Mrs V. Lowe attended the meeting and reported that a permanent head teacher had now been appointed; Mr Matthew Walker, who previously taught at Upperby Primary School.

Village Hall Committee Report

There had been no further meetings since January but the AGM is planned. Various groups and clubs continue to utilise the hall.

Watchtree Report

The Watchtree representative reported hedge laying training has been delivered to a group of over 20 young people, who found the session interesting and informative. Discussions continue with DEFRA regarding the future lease arrangements for the site but no decisions have yet been reached.

113/21 Planning

To note the following planning application:

Erection of two storey front/side extension to provide larger garage & utility on ground floor with gym above at Beech House, Baldwinholme, Carlisle. CA5 6LJ. Ref: 21/1052 No objections.

114/21 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) Carlisle City Council (Play area refurbishment grant)	£500.00
b) Carlisle City Council (Grant for Jubilee tree)	£100.00
c) Electricity North West (Wayleave)	£18.23

115/21 Payment of Accounts

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

a) P. Macdonald (Salary)	£952.64
b) HMRC (PAYE)	£238.16
c) Rocket Sites Ltd (Web & email hosting)	£114.00
d) NETDC (Traffic monitoring data)	£252.00

116/21 School wall repairs

Further investigation is needed into the ownership of the wall between the play area and the school in Great Orton. It was **Resolved** that the Parish Council would give a grant to the school for 50% of the costs of the repairs, without any acceptance of liability, until ownership can be confirmed. It was **Resolved** that advice would be sought from CALC on this issue.

117/21 Storm Damage to Bridleways in Orton Moss

The damage to Orton Moss bridleways by quad bikes has been reported to the police, for further action. The problem of fallen trees in Orton Moss was raised with Mr K. Scott, Northern Reserves Manager for Cumbria Wildlife Trust. So far, it has not been possible to contact the Cumbria County Council Access Officer.

118/21 The Queen's Green Canopy

It was **Resolved** that the Chairman would procure a tree to be planted on the Green in Great Orton to mark Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The money for the tree and plaque was donated by Carlisle City Councillor John Collier.

119/21 Orton Parish seats and Great Orton Play Area

Reports were received as follows:

- (i) no repairs were required to the parish seats.
- (ii) A local contractor had agreed to investigate the drains in the play area and school playing field.

120/21 Great Orton Play Area equipment renewal

It was **Resolved** that:

- (i) the play equipment would be renewed and the Kompan quotation be accepted.
- (ii) Community feedback on the proposals would continue to be recorded, including the survey of several families conducted by Councillor Johnston.
- (iii) Applications for additional sources of funding would be made, also a request for the release of £4,000 of previously allocated funding from Carlisle City Council.

121/21 Bank Account changes

It was **Resolved** that whilst the Parish Council remained with the HSBC bank, that invoices would be paid by the electronic transfer of funds rather than using cheques, except for the Clerk’s salary, which would remain payable by cheque for the present time.

122/21 Four Road Ends Signpost

Councillor Allison reported that Cumbria County Council staff have agreed to look into the relocation of the signpost at the Four Road Ends junction so it is further back from the corner. Once this work is completed, the Insurers can be notified and the signpost.

123/21 Correspondence

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

124/21 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the Annual General Meeting and the next ordinary Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm and 8.00pm, respectively, on Monday 9th May 2022.

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CORRESPONDANCE MARCH 2022

Clerks & Councils Direct
 Cumbria Chamber of Commerce
 Eden Rivers Trust
 Kompan

January 2022 Issue 139
 Notice of online survey of skills provision
 25 year anniversary magazine
 Amended quotation

Sunshine Gym Equipment

Trade literature