

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 4th July 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillor Mr W. Little (Chairman), Parish Councillors M. Cork, E. Whitfield, E. Norman, M. Howes, Cumbria County and Carlisle City Councillor T. Allison, Carlisle City Councillor A. McKerrill.

29/22 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors G. Wills (family commitment), W. Reed (work commitment) and L. Johnston (on holiday) also from Carlisle City Councillor J. Collier (family illness) .

30/22 Minutes

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the council meetings held on 9th May 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

31/22 Public participation

- a) A Great Orton resident raised concern about the speed of traffic leaving and entering the southern end of the village, inside the 30mph zone. Speeds in excess of 50mph had been recorded, mainly at 8am to 9am but also at 4pm. This matter was referred to County Councillor Allison for further investigation.
- b) It was noted that the Cumbria County Council drainage grate in the middle of the Great Orton to Little Orton back road is presently visible and could be unblocked. Councillor Allison was asked to refer this to the Highways Team as a matter of urgency.
- c) A Great Orton resident stated that the fence between Smiddy Croft and the Maris building site needs to be repaired. Councillor Little agreed to contact the relevant housing association officer.

32/22 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

Councillor Mr E. Whitfield declared a notifiable pecuniary interest in item '37/22 (1), Planning' on the agenda as she is the applicant.

33/22 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

34/22 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

35/22 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman made the following announcements:-

- a) The drainage work on the play area has been delayed briefly whilst spare parts are obtained to repair the digger.
- b) Local volunteers hope to reposition the damaged signpost at the 4 Road Ends crossroads at the forthcoming weekend.

36/22 Reports

County and District Councillor Allison Report

Councillor Allison reported that:

- a) The road traffic counts for The Pow would be presented at the next parish council meeting.
- b) Two 'No Parking' signs will be erected in Great Orton.
- c) The lack of a bus service in Great Orton might indicate that a Rural Wheels service could be a possibility: a request for volunteer helpers would be advertised in his next Newsletter.

District Councillor Report

Councillors McKerrill and Collier had nothing to report.

School Report

A newsletter was circulated to parish councillors outlining the school activities. There are now 26 children on the school roll and the new Head Teacher, who starts in September 2022, was invited to the next parish council meeting.

Village Hall Committee Report

The Village Hall Committee continues to work hard, the fire doors have been installed and work to provide a ramp at the rear of the hall is in progress.

Watchtree Report

The Watchtree representative reported that speed bumps have been installed at the entrances of the site, with the help of Messrs Balfour Beatty, as a necessary road safety feature. The catering team is now up to full strength as new staff have been engaged.

37/22 Planning

To note the following planning applications:

Councillor Mr E. Whitfield notified an interest in the following item:

- 1) Change of use of field to provide hard standing, shelter for horses and outdoor arena for turnout in winter months; to include a counselling business using horses; siting of static caravan to provide shelter for clients taking part in wellbeing days at Woodhouses Farm, Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6LN. Ref: 22/0427. *No objections.*
- 2) Erection of new section of garden wall at The Old Rectory, Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6NB Ref: 22/0492 and Listed Building Consent Application Ref: 22/0399. *No objections.*
- 3) Erection of replacement dwelling at Red House Farm, Sceughmire, Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6JS. Ref: 21/0767. *No objections.*

To note Carlisle City Council approval of 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.

38/22 Financial Report

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Report of 31st May 2022 would be approved and accepted. It was noted that there were no deviations from budget and that the following monies had been received:

1) Carlisle City Council (Precept)	£7,500.00
2) HMRC (VAT refund)	£312.23

39/22 Payment of Accounts

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

1) HSBC (Bank charges)	£10.00
2) P. Macdonald (Tree commemorative plaque expenses)	£60.80
3) W. Little (Tree fence posts expenses)	£25.92

40/22 School wall repairs

Councillor Reed sent a verbal report to the meeting to confirm that the builder would commence repairs to the wall in the near future.

41/22 Bank Account changes

It was **Resolved** that this no action would be taken on this item and it would be deferred until after the outcome of the play area refurbishment project was known.

42/22 Damage to Gypsy Lonning barrier

It was **Resolved** that an estimate for £210.00 to repair the barrier would be accepted and the contractor asked to carry out this work.

43/22 Orton Parish seats and Great Orton Play Area

Reports were received regarding the play area and the council owned parish seats. It was **Resolved** that:

- a) No repairs were needed by the parish seats, but some will need to be painted with wood preservative in the near future.
- b) Councillor Reed would assist with the drain investigation of the play area.

44/22 Great Orton Play Area equipment renewal

It was reported that all of the grant applications had been submitted with the majority being successful: £15,700 having been raised or pledged so far. The results of the Cumbria Waste Management Environment Fund application for £30,000 would be announced later in July 2022.

45/22 Correspondence

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

46/22 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next ordinary Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 5th September 2022, at 7.30pm in the village hall, Great Orton.

.....SignedDate

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