

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 7th November 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillor Mr W. Little (Chairman), Parish Councillors M. Cork, E. Whitfield, E. Norman, G. Wills, W. Reed, M. Howes and L. Johnston.

67/22 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Carlisle City Councillor J. Collier (family bereavement).

68/22 Minutes

It was Resolved that the minutes of the council meetings held on 5th September 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

69/22 Public participation

Several Great Orton residents attended the meeting; no specific issues were raised at this point but there was interest in several agenda items including no.78/22 'Speeding in Great Orton'.

70/22 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest from members, in respect of items on the agenda.

71/22 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

72/22 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

73/22 Chairman's Announcements

The following announcements were made by the Chairman:-

- a) At the South end of the village, a fence had been constructed very close to the road. The owner has been contacted by Cumbria County Council Highways Department and he has agreed to move the fence 1 metre further back and to add reflectors.
- b) The Four Road Ends signpost has been fully reinstated and remains insured against future damage.
- c) The fence at Smiddy Croft has now been replaced by Riverside Housing Association.
- d) Baldwinholme lay-bye has been briefly closed by Cumbria County Council Highways Department to discourage overnight parking.
- e) All Councillors were asked to read the Safeguarding Policy on a regular basis.
- f) All Councillors were reminded that they were all members of the Planning Working Group.
- g) Councillor Norman had kindly volunteered to fit a new post to the Little Orton noticeboard.

74/22 Reports

County and District Councillor Allison Report

Councillor Allison reported on item 78/22 'Speeding in Great Orton'; see below.

District Councillor Report

Councillors McKerrill and Collier had nothing to report.

School Report

Mrs McGuffin, Chair of Governors, attended the meeting and circulated the latest newsletter outlining the school activities. She was pleased to report that the school was

now on Facebook and Instagram. It was also stated that Cumbria County Council had been contacted regarding the drainage situation, a reply was awaited.

Village Hall Committee Report

The Village Hall Committee representative reported that the hall continues to thrive, with many new bookings being received. The possibility of constructing a ramp, for people with disabilities, at the rear of the building is being explored. Additional grant money will be required if this proposal is to proceed.

Watchtree Report

The Watchtree representative reported that the site continues to flourish. The Halloween events were extremely popular and attracted many visitors, from a wide age range. It is anticipated that the Christmas event on 10th December will be equally popular.

75/22 Planning

The following planning applications were noted:

- (1) Installation of 4no. rapid electric vehicle charging stations & associated equipment within car park at Orton Grange Farm, Orton Grange, Carlisle, CA5 6LA. Ref: 22/0716.
No objections.
- (2) Erection of 1no. dwelling on land north of Tanglewood, Grange Park Road, Orton Grange, Carlisle. Ref: 22/0710. *No objections.*
- (3) Formation of hardcore machinery/livestock track location at The Ginn Ring, Orton Rigg, Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6LL. Ref: 22/0801. *No objections.*
- (4) Conversion of agricultural building to 1no. dwelling at Croftlands, Orton Rigg, Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6LL. Ref: 22/0812 *No objections.*

To note Carlisle City Council approval of the following planning applications:

- (1) Erection of replacement dwelling at Red House Farm, Sceughmire, Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6JS. Ref: 21/0767.
- (2) Change of use of part of agricultural field for use as a soft golf course: retrospective consent for the use of adjacent area as overflow car park for both golf course and existing farm shop land to the west of Orton Grange Farm, Great Orton. Ref:21/0214.

76/22 Financial Report

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

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| 1) Carlisle City Council (Grant for Jubilee) | £200.00 |
| 2) HSBC (Interest) | £0.33 |

77/22 Payment of Accounts

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

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| 1) Cumbria Payroll Services Ltd | £16.80 |
| 2) Rocket Sites Ltd (Operation London Bridge fee) | £48.00 |
| 3) W. Little (Expenses) | £3.53 |
| 4) Signpost Restoration Limited (Four Road Ends repairs) | £1,351.20 |

78/22 Speeding in Great Orton & The Pow

a) Great Orton speeding

Cumbria County and Carlisle City Councillor Allison requested that Orton Parish Council join the CALC consultation into 20 mph speed limit.

It was resolved that the possibility of putting the consultation out to the villagers, for feedback, would be explored.

It was Resolved that an expression of interest would be made into the introduction of a 20mph limit through Great Orton village.

b) The Pow speeding

Cumbria County and Carlisle City Councillor Allison stated that he would take the traffic data, showing excessive speeding, to the Casualty Reduction and Safer Highways (CRASH) group and requested that Orton Parish Council consider making a contribution towards the cost of electronic signage and road markings.

It was Resolved that Orton Parish Councillors agreed in principle to make a contribution.

79/22 Annual Budget and Precept

It was Resolved that the precept for 2023/24, in light of possible election costs, would be set at £8,500 and this figure would be submitted promptly.

80/22 Review of Insurances

It was Resolved that Zurich Municipal would be retained as the council insurance provider for 2023/24.

81/22 Coronation celebrations

It was Resolved that all Parish Councillors, in conjunction with Great Orton village hall committee and Great Orton School Governors, would help with parish events to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III on 6th May 2023.

82/22 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 at the time of reporting.
- b) All of the play area drains, and probably some of the school drains, remain blocked.

83/22 Great Orton Play Area equipment renewal

It was reported that the request for funding from Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust (CWMET) had been increased to cover the price rises since the application was first lodged. Confirmation from ENTRUST, the government approval body, is being actively sought by CWMET.

84/22 Proposed Windfarm & Solar Panel development

It was Resolved that no further action could be taken by the parish council until an application for planning permission was made. Should this take place, the council would press for a 106 agreement to be made with the developers.

85/22 Correspondence

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

86/22 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next ordinary Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 9th January 2023, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Orton.

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