

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm.**

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

**87/22 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Whitfield (illness), Councillor Reed (family commitments) and Carlisle City Councillor J. Collier.

**88/22 Minutes**

**It was Resolved that** the minutes of the council meetings held on 7th November 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

**89/22 Public participation**

A number of Great Orton residents attended the meeting and several issues were raised, as follows:

- (1) The 'School' signs were being obscured by a Leylandii hedge. The owners attended the meeting and were going to trim the hedge.
- (2) The potential cost of any future election in the parish was discussed.
- (3) The meeting was informed that Cumbria County Council Highways Department was dealing with some issues in Orton Rigg.
- (4) The road at the North end of Great Orton has been flooded in recent weeks.
- (5) The road at Orton Rigg has been flooded for the last two weeks with a number of vehicles needing to be towed away.

**90/22 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests**

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

**91/22 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests**

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

**92/22 Request for Dispensations**

No requests for dispensation were received.

**93/22 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

**94/22 Reports**

**County and District Councillor Allison Report**

Councillor Allison reported on item 98/22 'Speeding in Great Orton'; see below.

**District Councillor Report**

Councillors McKerrill had nothing to report.

**School Report**

Mrs McGuffin, Chair of Governors, circulated the latest newsletter outlining the school activities. She was pleased to report that the school had had a very successful nativity with lots of singing and a visit to St Giles Church. The school roll now numbers 30. Councillor Reed is assisting with the drainage problems at present.

### **Village Hall Committee Report**

The Village Hall Committee representative reported that new bookings were being received. Repair work to the building has been proceeding well and that additional grant money is being sought for further improvements.

### **Watchtree Report**

The Watchtree representative reported that all is going well on site. The Christmas event was very successful and attracted a large number of visitors. DEFRA have been carrying out some electrical work on site which should be completed soon. There has been no further progress with the renewal of the lease.

### **95/22 Planning**

*There were no planning applications to review.*

*Carlisle City Council approval of the following planning application was noted:*

- (1) Formation of hardcore machinery/livestock track location at The Ginn Ring, Orton Rigg, Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6LL. Ref: 22/0801.
- (2) 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.

*It was noted that the following application was withdrawn:*

- (1) Conversion of agricultural building to 1no. dwelling at Croftlands, Orton Rigg, Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6LL. Ref: 22/0812

### **96/22 Financial Report**

**It was Resolved that** the Financial Report of 31<sup>st</sup> December 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) Zurich Municipal (Four Road Ends signpost repairs) | £1,026.00 |
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### **97/22 Payment of Accounts**

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

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| 1) Cluaran Landscapes Ltd (Grass cutting)                  | £1,380.00 |
| 2) Great Orton Primary School (Grant towards wall repairs) | £102.50   |
| 3) HSBC (Bank charges)                                     | £9.00     |

### **98/22 Speeding in Great Orton and traffic on Orton Road**

Vehicular speeding in Great Orton and the volume of traffic on the Orton Road were discussed.

**It was resolved that** 20mph signs be added to the existing amber flashing lights signs outside Great Orton School.

**It was Resolved that** enquiries be made to move the 30mph signs at Mains Fauld to the village boundary.

Orton Parish Councillors did not agree to the 30mph signs at the South end of Great Orton being moved closer to the Four Road Ends.

An email had been received from a parishioner suggesting that increasing traffic volumes and speeds on Orton Road were caused by the 50mph speed limit on the A595. Councillor Allison stated that the incidence of fatalities and road traffic incidents on the A595 led to the imposition of a 50mph limit. Subsequent investigations have shown that the speed limit only adds a few seconds onto the journey time. However, road works on the A595 could be responsible for increased traffic using Orton Road in recent times.

**99/22 Coronation celebrations**

**It was Resolved that** Parish Councillors, the village hall committee and the School Governors would meet to arrange the local celebrations for the coronation of King Charles III on 6th May 2023.

**100/22 Grass-cutting Tender for 2023 and 2024 seasons**

**It was Resolved that** Cluaran Landscapes Ltd would be asked to continue grass-cutting for the 2023 and 2024 seasons.

**101/22 Gypsy Lonning, Little Orton, damage to barriers**

**It was Resolved that** the contractor would be contacted again and asked to repair the barrier.

**102/22 Orton Parish street furniture & 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) The noticeboard in Baldwinholme will be repaired in the near future. Councillor Norman has repaired the noticeboard in Little Orton.
- c) The play area drains, and probably some of the school drains, remain blocked.

**103/22 Great Orton Play Area equipment renewal project**

It was reported that approval of the £37,000 grant is still awaited from ENTRUST, the government approval body, through Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust.

**104/22 Dates of 2023/24 Parish Council Meetings**

**It was Resolved that** Parish Council Meetings in 2023/24 would be held as follows :

6th March 2023,	8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023,	3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2023,
4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023,	6th November 2023,	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**105/22 Rota of play area & seat inspections 2023**

**It was Resolved that** the rota for Parish Councillor inspections in 2023/24 would be as follows:

January 2023 (W. Reed)	February 2023 (M. Howes)	March 2023 (L. Johnston)
April 2023 (W. Little)	May 2023 (E. Norman)	June 2023 (G. Wills)
July 2023 (W. Reed)	August 2023 (M. Howes)	September 2023 (L. Johnston)
October 2023 (W. Little)	November 2023 (E. Norman)	December 2023 (G. Wills)

**106/22 Correspondence**

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

**107/22 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 6th March 2023 in the Village Hall, Great Orton.

.....Signed .....Date

**CORRESPONDANCE JANUARY 2023**