

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 8.00pm.**

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

**108/22 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Whitfield (illness), Councillor M. Howes, (work commitments), Carlisle City Councillor A. McKerrill and Carlisle City Councillor J. Collier.

**109/22 Minutes**

**It was Resolved that** the minutes of the council meetings held on 9th January 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

**110/22 Public participation**

Two Great Orton residents attended the meeting but no issues were raised.

**111/22 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests**

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

**112/22 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests**

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

**113/22 Request for Dispensations**

No requests for dispensation were received.

**114/22 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- 1) A road traffic incident at the 4 Road Ends, Great Orton resulted in the 'Give Way' sign being demolished. Cumbria County Councillor T. Allison has been informed.
- 2) Carlisle City Councillor John Collier has been made a Freeman of the City of Carlisle.
- 3) An articulated lorry has broken the signpost at The Triangle, Great Orton. An estimate for repair work is to be sought.
- 4) Mrs Ann McKerrill will be finishing shortly as a Carlisle City Councillor; a card of thanks will be sent from the parish.

**115/22 Reports**

**County and District Councillor Allison Report**

Councillor Allison agreed to enquire about a further estimate for 20mph signage at Great Orton School. (Item 119/22 'Speeding in Great Orton')

**District Councillor Report**

There were no reports from Councillors McKerrill and Collier.

**School Report**

Mrs McGuffin, Chair of Governors, circulated the latest newsletter outlining the school activities. She was pleased to report that a recent Ofsted inspection had rated the school as 'Good' and that the roll now numbers 33. Mrs McGuffin also stated that negotiations were in progress for nursery provision to be recommenced.

**Village Hall Committee Report**

The Village Hall Committee representative reported that work on the emergency exit doors was planned, along with the erection of a barrier. It is hoped to install new windows and doors to improve the heat retention of the building in the near future.

### Watchtree Report

The Watchtree representative reported that Founder Director, Patricia Macdonald, had resigned from the board of Trustees after 21 years. DEFRA have completed some electrical work on site. At the moment, it is planned to drain 3 of the small pastures as reeds have started to grow.

### 116/22 Planning

*The following planning application was noted:*

- 1) Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of two storey rear extension to provide utility and shower room on ground floor with 1no. bedroom above at 4 Mains Fauld, Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6LP. Ref: 23/0048. *No objections.*

### 117/22 Financial Report

**It was Resolved that** the Financial Report of 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 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) North West Electricity (Wayleave) | £18.23 |
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### 118/22 Payment of Accounts

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

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| 1) Burgh by Sands Parish Council (Parish magazine) | £150.00 |
| 2) City of Carlisle (VAT for play area inspection) | £10.90  |
| 3) Rocket Sites Ltd (Web hosting)                  | £138.00 |
| 4) P. Macdonald (Salary)                           | £995.90 |
| 5) HMRC (PAYE)                                     | £248.98 |
| 6) P. Macdonald (Stamps & stationary 2021 – 2023)  | £28.09  |

### 119/22 Speeding in Great Orton and traffic on Orton Road

Various ways to reduce vehicular speeding in Great Orton were discussed. The possibility of recruiting volunteer Speedwatch Teams was also explored.

**It was Resolved that** a second estimate of cost for 20mph signs would be sought by County Councillor Allison and that this signage would have a 6 month trial period.

**It was Resolved that** Councillor Allison would ask if the speed camera van could come to Great Orton.

### 120/22 Coronation celebrations

The Chairman stated that it was planned to plant a time capsule, in conjunction with the school, and to arrange teas with a large screen television, in conjunction with The Wellington Inn. It was noted that there had been a limited response from parishioners, so far, willing to help organise local celebrations for the coronation.

### 121/22 Gypsy Lonning, Little Orton, damage to barriers

The contractor has promised to carry out the repair work to the barriers in the coming week.

### 122/22 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 but they will need to be varnished in the Spring.
- b) The noticeboard in Baldwinholme will be repaired in the near future.
- c) The ground is presently too wet to allow further investigations into the school and play area drains but attempts will be made to locate the problem once it becomes drier.

### 123/22 Great Orton Play Area equipment renewal project

**It was Resolved that** the parish council would continue to await written approval of the grant from ENTRUST, the government approval body, and Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust.

**It was Resolved that** Mr John Stevenson MP would be fully briefed about this matter.

**124/22 Proposed Increase in cost of Parish Magazine**

Greatly increased printing costs and the increased number of magazines required by the parish has meant that the cost is likely to rise by about 40% next year.

**It was Resolved that** the parish would continue to support the magazine and agreed to pay the increased cost.

**125/22 Correspondence**

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

**126/22 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 15th May 2023 in the Village Hall, Great Orton.

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

**CORRESPONDANCE MARCH 2023**

HSBC  
Play Inspection Company  
The Pensions Regulator

Product bundling rules.  
Annual inspection report  
Re-declaration reminder

*Coronation Mug Offer*  
*Harker Garden Buildings Ltd*  
*Solar Power Solutions*

*Trade literature*  
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