

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.30pm. and 8.00pm respectively.

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

01/23 Election of Chairman for Council Year 2023/24.

It was Resolved that Councillor W. Little be elected Chairman for council year 2023/24.

02/23 To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor W. Little signed a Declaration of Acceptance (enclosed) of the office of Chairman for council year 2023/24 and agreed to abide by the Code of Conduct.

03/23 To appoint a Vice Chairman for Council Year 2023/24

It was Resolved that Councillor L. Johnston be elected as Vice Chairman for 2023/24.

04/23 To appoint representatives to Sub-Committees

It was Resolved that the following be appointed to the Planning Working Group for council year 2023/24: Councillors W. Little, G. Wills, E. Norman, M. Cork, W. Reed, L. Johnston, M. Howes and N. Orchard.

05/23 To appoint representatives to outside bodies

It was Resolved that the following be appointed for council year 2023/24:
The Watchtree Committee: Councillor W. Little and Mrs P. Macdonald.
Great Orton School: Joint Chair of Governors, Mrs McGuffie.
Orton & District Public Halls Committee: Councillors G. Wills and M. Howes.

06/23 Annual subscriptions

It was Resolved that the following subscription be paid:
a) CALC subscription £184.60

This marked the end of the AGM & the commencement of the ordinary meeting.

07/23 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Orchard, (work commitments).

08/23 Minutes

It was Resolved that the minutes of the council meetings held on 6th March 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

09/23 Public participation

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

10/23 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

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

11/23 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

12/23 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

13/23 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- 1) With the help of Cumberland Councillor T. Allison, 2 x 20mph speed limit signs have been placed on the school signs in Great Orton.
- 2) Former Carlisle City Councillor John Collier brought his 'Freeman of the City of Carlisle' scroll to show the Councillors.
- 3) A time capsule is to be buried in this Coronation Year. Some discussion took place as to the contents, the cost of the capsule and the time scale of the burial.

14/23 Reports

Cumberland Councillor Allison Report

Councillor Allison reported that:

- (a) Two 20mph signs had been installed adjacent to Great Orton School.
- (b) A meeting between local residents, parish councillors and Cumberland Council Highways staff would be arranged to agree the location of 30mph signs at Mains Fauld.

School Report

Mrs McGuffin, Chair of Governors, circulated the latest newsletter outlining the school activities. She was pleased to report that the school roll now numbers 35 and that nursery provision is to be begin in September. Recommencement of the walking school bus was also requested as parking is becoming difficult at peak times again.

Village Hall Committee Report

The Village Hall Committee representative reported all is going well. The latest energy bills are awaited. Work on the emergency exit doors continues. New windows and doors are to be installed and the possibility of fitting a loop hearing system is being explored.

Watchtree Report

The Watchtree representative reported that DEFRA had completed the electrical work on site. At the moment, a new water pipe is being installed.

15/23 Planning

The following planning applications were noted:

- 1) Erection of 1 no. dwelling and associated external works including new vehicular access on land adjacent to The Gables, Little Orton, Carlisle. CA5 6EP. Ref: 23/0143. *No objections.*
- 2) Erection of 3no. detached dwellings, associated access & landscaping on land South East of Roebuck Pastures, Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6EQ. Ref: 23/0222 *Objections raised regarding foul/surface water drainage, access/egress, ecological issues and ribbon development.*

Carlisle City Council approval of the following applications 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
- 2) Erection of 1no. dwelling and associated external works including new vehicular access on land adjacent to The Gables, Little Orton, Carlisle. CA5 6EP. Ref: 23/0143.

16/23 Financial Report

- a) It was **Resolved** that the 2022/23 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR Part 2) be approved and accepted.
- b) It was **Resolved** that the 2022/23 AGAR Part 2 Certificate of Exemption be approved and accepted.
- c) It was **Resolved** that the 2022/23 AGAR Part 2 Annual Governance Statement be approved and accepted.
- d) It was **Resolved** that the 2022/23 AGAR Part 2 Accounting Statements be approved and accepted.

It was Resolved that the Financial Report for the year ending 31st March 2023 was approved and accepted; there were no deviations from budget.

It was Resolved that the Financial Report of 30th April 2023 would be approved and accepted. It was noted that there were no deviations from budget and that the following monies had been received:

(a) Carlisle City Council (Village Hall grant)	£1,500.00
(b) Cumberland Council (Precept)	£8,500.00
(c) HMRC (VAT refund)	£1,304.81

17/23 Payment of Accounts

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

1) CALC (subscription)	£184.60
2) ICO fee	£40.00
3) D. Couling (Internal audit)	£40.00
4) Orton & District Village Hall (Grant)	£1,500.00
5) CPSL (PAYE Services)	£16.80
6) Zurich (Insurance)	£436.72

18/23 Speeding in Great Orton and traffic on Orton Road

It was reported that two 20mph signs had been erected either side of Great Orton School. Illegal parking is still occurring at the Wellington Inn road junction and the “No Parking” signs have been removed. These signs will be replaced and the safety issues highlighted by Councillor Allison in his Newsletter. **It was resolved that** a Traffic Restriction Order would be considered if this unsafe parking persists.

19/23 Gypsy Lonning, Little Orton, damage to barriers

There has been no response from the contractor in this matter so **it was Resolved that** another contractor would be sought.

20/23 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:

- No repairs were required by the parish seats at the time of reporting. Councillors Wills and Howes agreed to pressure wash and stain the seats in the near future. The noticeboards in Baldwinholme and Little Orton have been repaired.
- The existing play area equipment has been inspected and unsafe items secured.
- Councillor Wills hopes to further investigate the drains in the school and play area soon.

21/23 Great Orton Play Area equipment renewal project

Mr John Stevenson MP and Mr Mark Jenkinson MP have been asked to look into the delay in funding by Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust Fund.

22/23 General Power of Competence

It was Resolved that the Council is eligible to use the General Power of Competence.

23/23 Annual Risk Assessment and Internal Audit

It was Resolved that the annual risk assessment document was appropriate and that the internal audit process was effective.

24/23 Correspondence

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

25/23 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next ordinary Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 3rd July 2023 in Great Orton village hall.

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CORRESPONDANCE MAY 2023

CALC
Clerks & Councils Direct
The Pensions Regulator
The Information Commissioner's Office

Annual subscription notice
Issue No. 147, May 2023
Re-declaration confirmation
Renewal reminder 2023/24

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