

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 3rd July 2023 at 7.30pm.

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

26/23 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor N. Orchard, (work commitments) and Councillor E. Norman (illness).

27/23 Minutes

It was Resolved that the minutes of the council meetings held on 15th May 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

28/23 Public participation

Four Great Orton residents attended the meeting. A member of the public expressed concerns about the environmental and road safety impact of creating a footpath along the roadside South East of Roebuck Pastures, Great Orton, as described in planning proposal Ref:23/0222. There were also concerns expressed about the absence of drainage information and the implications of having vehicles reversing out of driveways into the main Great Orton road.

29/23 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests

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

30/23 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests

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

31/23 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

32/23 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- 1) On 23rd May 2023, the Chairman took part in a BBC TV programme looking at the role of Parish Councils. This was subsequently broadcast on the 28th May 2023.
- 2) A request was made that parish councillors kindly remove out-dated notices from the notice boards in order to keep them tidy and relevant.
- 3) The final CALC AGM will take place on Teams on Saturday 22nd July 2023 at 10am: all parish councillors are urged to attend.
- 4) Orton Parish Photograph will be taken on Sunday 9th July 2023 at 2pm on the green in Great Orton; all are encouraged to attend.
- 5) Riverside Housing Association seems to be unaware of the existing Section 106 agreement that they must notify the Parish Council of any vacancies which arise. This is to be investigated further in time for the next parish council meeting.

33/23 Reports

Cumberland Councillor Allison Report

Councillor Allison reported that:

- (a) A meeting between local residents, parish councillors and Cumberland Council Highways staff had been arranged to agree the location of 30mph signs at Mains Fauld.
- (b) Planning application ref: 23/0222 (Erection of 3no. detached dwellings, associated access & landscaping on land South East of Roebuck Pastures, Great Orton, Carlisle). had been called in.

School Report

The Chair of Governors, said that the school children have been carrying out a number of activities aimed incorporating them into the wider community. They have also undertaken a number of varied sporting activities. A recent trip to a synagogue was very informative and interesting. There was some discussion about car parking outside the school and also the possible impact of the forthcoming nursery provision. Various possibilities were discussed with regard to the walking school bus, parking at the village hall, on the green, at the Wellington Inn and shortening the zig zag lines.

Village Hall Committee Report

The Village Hall Committee representative reported that Whist has been cancelled but this should be temporary. A review of costs is to be undertaken at the next meeting and it is noted that electricity costs have risen by 140% this year.

Watchtree Report

The Watchtree representative reported that the 2024 calendar was now being produced. The 2023 Christmas Event is to be discussed in the near future. It was noted that the newly re-fenced entrance was attractive and that the new tree with sponsors' names on the leaves looks very effective.

34/23 Planning

The following planning application was noted:

- 1) Erection of 3no. detached dwellings, associated access & landscaping on land South East of Roebuck Pastures, Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6EQ. Ref: 23/0222 *Objections regarding access, surface water/foul drainage, ecology concerns, road safety & tree issues were made.*

35/23 Financial Report

It was Resolved that the Financial Report of 31st May 2023 be approved and accepted. It was noted that no monies had been received and there were no deviations from budget. However, the following bank charge had been levied:

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| (a) HSBC (Bank charges) | £10.00 |
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36/23 Payment of Accounts

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

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| a) G. Wills expenses (wood stain for seats) | £38.00 |
| b) BK Screenprint (Reflective signs) | £108.00 |

37/23 Review of council policies, procedures & protocols

It was Resolved that the following documents had been reviewed and adopted:

Great Orton Parish Council Standing Orders 2018
 Financial Regulations March 2018
 Code of Conduct March 2018
 Protocol for filming of Public Meetings
 Disciplinary Policy 2018
 Grievance Policy 2018
 Press and Media Policy 2018
 Website Privacy Notice
 Protocol for Public Participation
 Complaints Policy
 Data Protection Policy 2018
 Equal Opportunities Policy

It was Resolved that the documents would be next reviewed in 2026.

38/23 Gypsy Lonning, Little Orton, damage to barriers

Councillor Reed reported that, in conjunction with a contractor, repair work on the barriers had commenced.

39/23 Orton Parish street furniture & Great Orton Play Area

Following the receipt of reports, **it was Resolved that:**

- a) Very minor repairs were required by the Great Orton seats; Councillor Wills agreed to do this work in the near future. Most of the seats have now been pressure washed and stained. A volunteer has offered to wash and stain the remaining seats in the near future. The noticeboards in Baldwinholme and Little Orton have been repaired.
- b) The existing play area equipment has been inspected and found to be safe; the large swings have been disabled as they are in need of repairs.
- c) Councillor Reed plans to further investigate the drains in the school and play area during the summer holidays.

40/23 Great Orton Play Area equipment renewal project

It was Resolved that the project would go ahead, now that written confirmation of the CWMET grant had been received.

41/23 Rota of play area & seat inspections 2023

It was Resolved that the rota for Parish Councillor inspections for the remainder of 2023 would be as follows:

July 2023 WR	August 2023 MH,	September 2023 LJ
October 2023 WL, NO	November 2023 EN	December 2023 GW

42/23 Correspondence

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

43/23 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next ordinary Parish Council meeting would be at 7.30pm on Monday 4th September 2023 in Great Orton village hall.

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CORRESPONDANCE July 2023

Cumberland Council
CWMET
HSBC
House of Commons – JohnStevenson MP
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Zurich Municipal Insurance

Request for corrected Declarations
Play area - £40,000 Grant offer
Bank card fraud warning
Acknowledgement of letter
Disclosure Authorisation form
Holding letter
Payment receipt

Glasdon
NBB Recycled Furniture

Trade literature
Trade literature