

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orton Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Great Orton, on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm.**

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

**44/23 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors W. Reed (work commitments), E. Norman (on holiday) and M. Cork (on holiday).

**45/23 Minutes**

**It was Resolved that** the minutes of the council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Copy enclosed).

**46/23 Public participation**

- a) A member of the public expressed concern about the granting of planning approval to application Ref: 23/0222, at Roebuck Pastures, Great Orton, even though no drainage information was submitted and there are road safety concerns created by vehicles reversing out of driveways into the main road and the lack of a footpath.
- b) A member of the public expressed concern about the safety of Council owned trees in Great Orton, see Minute 57/23 on page 486, below.
- c) Councillor Orchard raised concerns about speeding vehicles on Orton Road. It was agreed that any roadside signage would require planning approval.

**47/23 Declarations of notifiable pecuniary interests**

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

**48/23 Parish Councillors Notification of Change to Personal Interests**

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

**49/23 Request for Dispensations**

No requests for dispensation were received.

**50/23 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- 1) Messrs Moore, external auditors, agreed that they had incorrectly accused the parish council of late submission of the AGAR Part 2.
- 2) Orton Parish Photograph was taken on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 2pm on the green in Great Orton; about 40 people attended.
- 3) The time capsule is being completed and the contents can then be agreed.
- 4) The fencing at Smiddy Croft has been moved back from the road and reflectors are to be fitted.
- 5) It was confirmed that a Section 106 agreement exists regarding Smiddy Croft, Great Orton, thus Riverside Housing Association must notify the Parish Council of any vacancies which arise in the future.
- 6) The drains in the school yard have been inspected and new pipework has been installed. The school will reimburse the Chairman for any incurred expenses.
- 7) The commemorative plaque on the Jubilee tree has disappeared.

**51/23 Reports**

**Cumberland Councillor Allison Report**

Councillor Allison reported that:

- (a) The flooding issue at Orton Rigg had been submitted to Cumberland Council, however, more photographs and a further report would be submitted in the near future.
- b) The Orton Rigg flooding issue would be raised at the Community Panel on October 11<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**School Report**

The Chairs of Governors, stated that there are now 36 children on the school roll. The Nursery is about to open with 10 children hoping to start later this week. The nursery equipment is to be reviewed for safety and exterior lights are to be installed at the school. Parish Councillors were thanked for their equipment and help with the recent drainage work. It was stated that there is no evidence of faulty concrete in the school buildings.

### **Village Hall Committee Report**

The Village Hall Committee representative reported that no recent meetings had taken place but grant funding was being sought to make a storage area inside the ladies toilets.

### **Watchtree Report**

The Watchtree representative reported that the 2024 calendar was now complete and was to be sent to the printers. DEFRA have now completed work on various pipelines so the whole site is open to the public once again. Public attendances remain high.

### **52/23 Planning**

*The following planning application was noted:*

Change of use from agricultural land to secure pet exercise enclosure at The Ginn Ring, Orton Rigg, Great Orton, Carlisle. CA5 6LL. Ref: 23/046. *No objections.*

*Carlisle City Council approved the following application was noted:*

Erection of 3no. detached dwellings, associated access & landscaping on land South East of Roebuck Pastures, Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6EQ. Ref: 23/0222

### **53/23 Financial Report**

**It was Resolved that** the Financial Report of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 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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| a) Cumbria Community Foundation (Grant) | £1,000.00 |
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### **54/23 Payment of Accounts**

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

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| a) Clerk salary (March – September 2020) | £995.90 |
| b) HMRC (PAYE)                           | £248.98 |
| c) St Giles' PCC (Grant)                 | £500.00 |
| d) HSBC (Bank charges)                   | £9.00   |

### **55/23 Gypsy Lonning, Little Orton, damage to barriers**

**It was Resolved that** this item would be deferred to the next meeting as no further information was available.

### **56/23 Road flooding at Orton Rigg**

The highway problems at Orton Rigg corner have been reported several times since December 2022 and have been reported again recently. **It was Resolved that** progress with this issue would be discussed at the next parish council meeting.

### **57/23 Tree safety survey**

**It was Resolved that** quotations would be sought to carry out a safety survey on the council owned trees in Great Orton. The Clerk would also explore the possibility of joining other nearby parish councils in this search.

### **58/23 Orton Parish street furniture & Great Orton Play Area**

Following the receipt of reports, it was noted that:

- a) All of the seats have now been pressure washed and stained, apart from Little Orton seat which still needs to be stained. The noticeboards in Baldwinholme and Little Orton have been repaired.
- b) The new play area equipment is presently being installed.

c) Investigations into the drains in the school and play area are ongoing.

**59/23 Great Orton Play Area equipment renewal project**

The renewal project is nearing completion; only a single piece of play apparatus is awaited and the surface needs to be laid. It is hoped to finish before the end of September. **It was Resolved that** an opening ceremony would be arranged, involving Great Orton school children and the Press.

**60/23 Play area equipment maintenance schedule**

**It was Resolved that** the present inspection regime would continue.

**61/23 Correspondence**

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

**62/23 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next ordinary Parish Council meeting would be at 7.30pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in Great Orton village hall.

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

**CORRESPONDANCE September 2023**

Clerks & Councils Direct  
House of Commons – John Stevenson MP  
Royal Mail Swap Out

July 2023 issue 148  
Confirming £40,000 grant acceptance  
Exchange of non-barcode stamps

*Harker Garden Buildings Ltd  
J. Parker*

*Trade literature  
Trade literature*