

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th February 2008

Present Cllr. Kyle Blue (Chairman) Cllr S Dunning, W Parker, EC Potter and M I Lewis,
Clerk, C J Elphick
Internal Auditor, Jane Arckless, Manor Court Steward, Wendy Higgins and PCSO Stuart Brownrigg.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr M Coates, District Councillor Margaret Wilcox and County Councillor Tim Stoddard

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 21st January 2008 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Children's Playground

Clerk reported that the defaced sign had been repaired.

Finance

Accounts paid prior to meeting

Blachere Illuminations	£ 93.49
Raven Graphics (S & A Morriss)	£ 60.00

Accounts for Payment

CPRE Membership renewal	£ 28.00
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Resolved that the foregoing three items be approved for payment

Parkland Maintenance

It was agreed that a long term Management Programme for the parkland was needed. A meeting of the Parkland Committee will be arranged to discuss future management.

A new publication "Green Open Spaces" had been received from Friends of the Lake District. This contains guidelines for open space management.

Gravestone Safety

No response had been received from the PCC regarding ownership/responsibility for the gravestones considered unsafe by Eden District Council.

Market Hall Toilets

Wendy Higgins, Steward of Orton Manor Court and Market Hall Secretary, expressed concern that Eden District Council wants to secure a new lease from Manor Court, of the land on which the present toilets stand but would not commit to the long overdue upgrading. The toilets are essential both as a public facility and as a condition of the Hall's Premises Licence.

It was suggested that a meeting between the Manor Court, Market Hall Committee and EDC's Director of Technical Services, Steve Huddart might lead to determination of the problems.

Grasscutting 2008

The Clerk has requested a quote from TFE Endeavour for Grasscutting to the same specification as 2007.

Public Participation

PCSO Stewart Brownrigg reported that the new Community Police Officer for Orton is No.358 Nick Hodgkinson.

A late item of correspondence noted that Natural England has suspended work on proposals for National Park extensions pending the outcome of legal problems on the South Downs.

Correspondence Received

CALC – County Circular February 2008

Date of next meeting – Monday 17th March 2008

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 17th March 2008