

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th March 2009 in Orton Market Hall

Present Cllrs S W Dunning, E C Potter, M Coates, W Parker, and M Lewis.
County Councillor Tim Stoddard
Clerk, C J Elphick
Community Police Officer Nick Hodgkinson

In the absence of Kyle Blue, Cllr Stephen Dunning chaired the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in any item on this agenda.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs D Smith, K Blue and District Councillor M Wilcox.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th February 2009 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Finance

Accounts for payment

Orton Market Hall (Rent)	£ 35.00
C J Elphick (Admin Expenses to 31/03/09)	£108.19
CALC Subs for 2009-10	£155.50
Local Council Review	£ 13.50

Planning Applications

No. 08/0866	UP TO SIX RESIDENTIAL UNITS WITH 33% AFFORDABLE HOUSING	
Type	Outline Application	
Location	Silver Yard, Orton	
Applicant	Monastic Woodcraft Ltd	
Parish Council	Some reservations – Minutes 11/08	REFUSED

Orton Parish Council Website

Clerk reported that enquiries are ongoing with regard to Domain Name, format, etc.

Parkland Maintenance Programme

March: Grazing, Tree planting, Hedge laying.

Proposed Designation of Orton Village as a Conservation Area

Eden District Council's Conservation Officer, Bridget Turnbull, wishes to make a presentation at Annual Parish Meeting to explain the significance of designation and the effects for residents.

Grasscutting 2009-2012

A new contract covering the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 has been proposed by the current contractors, TFE Enterprise. The contract offered price increases of 1% per annum for the four year period.

Resolved that the contract be accepted.

Orton Annual Scarecrow Competition

A request for funding towards prizes for the Annual Scarecrow Competition was received from the Market Hall Committee.

Resolved that the sum of £100 be awarded.

Highways

The Highways Steward is due to carry out works in Orton next week. Clearance of blocked drains by Ashfield Court and filling of various potholes were to be brought to his attention.

Disposal of Waste from Holiday Properties

An enquiry had been received from Bampton Parish Council "does Orton have a problem with the disposal of waste from holiday properties". It appears that their concern is about the shredding of plastic waste sacks left out several days before collection.

It was suggested that, if the properties were run as a business, then EDC would probably provide wheelie bins, otherwise it was up to individual owners to address the problem through EDC.

Dog Fouling in and near All Saints Churchyard

A request had been received from Orton PCC for a waste bin or notices to combat incidents of owners not clearing up after their dogs.

District Councillor Margaret Wilcox had previously offered to arrange for an EDC dog warden to visit the area giving a high visibility presence. It was thought that notices, as had previously been erected, were ineffective.

Antique Signposts (fingerposts) in Orton

Enquiries had been made from a preservation society regarding antique signposts (fingerposts) particularly in the Raisbeck area for inclusion in a restoration programme. Cllr Dunning agreed to provide the information.

Public Participation

It was noted that Cllr Menna Lewis would be taking part in the London Marathon on Sunday April 26th 2009 and was seeking sponsorship on behalf of the Alzheimer's Society.

There were no other contributions from members of the public.

Correspondence Received

CALC Circular March 2009
Eden Local Heroes Awards
Cumbria Highways – Travel information leaflets
Calor Village of the Year Competition
Clerks & Councils Direct
Local Council Review
Town & Parish Standards – Newsletter
Neighbourhood Forum Tuesday 17th March – Brough
Digital Switchover Dates

The foregoing items were noted or circulated as appropriate

Date of next meeting and Annual Parish Meeting Monday 20th April 2009

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 20th April 2009