

## ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM) Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009 in Orton Market Hall

**Present** Cllr Kyle Blue (Chairman) Cllrs M Coates, W Parker, D Smith and M Lewis.  
County Councillor Tim Stoddard  
Four representatives of the Market Hall and Manor Court committees.  
Clerk, C J Elphick

**Apologies for absence** had been received from District Councillor Margaret Wilcox.

#### **Election of Chairman for the year 2009-2010**

Cllr Blue asked for nominations for the position of chairman for the year 2009-2010. Cllr Blue was nominated and elected unanimously. Cllr Blue signed a Declaration of Acceptance of the office of Chairman.

**Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2009-2010** In the absence of the outgoing vice-chairman, Cllr Dunning, this item was deferred to a future meeting

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr D Smith declared a personal interest in the Corless Bursary Award as a family member had applied.

Cllr D Smith declared a prejudicial interest in planning application No. 09/0240. His company had quoted for the building work.

**Minutes of Meeting** held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

#### **Finance**

##### Sum received

EDC Precept £7,900.00

##### Accounts for payment

Allianz Cornhill Insurance £ 664.97

Troutfly.net (setting-up fee) £ 250.00

Troutfly.net Website maintenance Standing Order @ £20.00 per month from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.

The draft Statement of Accounts 2008-2009 was approved without comment.

#### **Cicely Corless Bursary 2009**

Applications for 2009 award

Applications received from Ben Pearson (14) Riding training

Jennifer Pearson (19) Equestrian Eventing

Bethany Wearmoth School Exchange (Durban SA)

Orton CofE School Residential Outdoor Centre Visit

All applications were valid. It was **resolved** that the Corless Bursary of £50.00 be awarded to Bethany Wearmouth. It was noted that Jennifer and Ben Pearson had benefited the previous year.

It was resolved that a grant of £100.00 be made to Orton C.E. School towards the outdoor centre visit in accordance with the provisions of LGA 1972 s137 from council funds.

### **Orton Community Website**

All councillors and interested parties had been given access to the newly evolving community website, **Orton.org.uk**. All comments to date have been favourable and suggestions incorporated in the construction. It is expected that the website will be fully operational within a few days.

### **Planning Applications**

No. 09/0240 REPLACEMENT PORCH TO SIDE OF HOUSE  
Type Full Application  
Location Hill House, Orton  
Applicant Mr P Arckless  
Parish Council No objections or observations

No. 09/0285 CONTINUATION OF DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH  
CONDITION No.3 ATTACHED TO CONSENT REF. 08/0908 – LOCAL  
OCCUPANCY CONDITION  
Type Full Application  
Location Holes Farm, Orton  
Applicant Mr D Potter  
Parish Council Support this application on the grounds that the condition imposed covered the whole of Eden District and South Lakeland which is much more than the true local area and is therefore ineffective.

### **Orton Conservation Area**

Supporting the proposal to declare Orton a Conservation Area a Character Appraisal received from EDC. This may also be viewed on the EDC website and on a link from Orton.org.uk.

Comments forms were distributed at the Annual Parish Meeting or may be downloaded from the EDC website. Deadline for comments is 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

### **Orton Beacon**

Renovation and updating proposals had been pending for a considerable period. Clerk to obtain quotations for alternative procedures. Either reinstate lead work, attach a further plaque recording recent beacon lighting, or full replacement of damaged stone. Current photographs will be required.

### **Orton Toilets**

At the Annual Parish Meeting it was unanimously voted by the forty or so people present that the toilets must be re-opened. This was with the information that, for the parish council to manage the toilets it would cost approximately £10.00 on the parish precept for each elector.

It was resolved that, subject to the agreement of Orton Manor Court plus suitable insurance and cleaning arrangements, the council would operate the toilets on a temporary basis until more permanent arrangements are made. A newsletter will be delivered to each household in the parish seeking approval for this action and its financial implications.

### **Public Participation**

There were no contributions from members of the public that had not been covered during the discussion on public toilets..

### **Correspondence Received**

CALC – County Circular May 2009  
Clerks & Councils Direct  
Local Council Review  
Equality & Human Rights Commission – Public Sector Equality Duties  
Lune Rivers Trust – Habitat Herald

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Date 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009