

## ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009 in Orton Market Hall

**Present** Cllr Kyle Blue (Chairman) Cllrs M Coates, M Lewis.  
District Councillor Margaret Wilcox.  
County Councillor Peter Thornton  
Clerk, C J Elphick  
Market Hall Cttee member Phil Rigby  
1 Member of the public.

**Apologies for absence** had been received from Cllrs S Dunning, D Smith, W Parker and E Potter

#### **Declarations of Interest**

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

**Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

#### **Orton Public Toilets**

It was reported that the Chairman & Clerk had met Kevin Douglas, EDC Chief Executive and Keith Phillips, Eden District Council Leader to make a case for a further contribution (suggested figure £10,000) towards the upgrading of the toilets. The matter will now be included in the District Council's agenda for its November meeting. It was, however, noted that EDC is particularly short of funds at this moment due to the Penrith Squares development problems.

It was **resolved** that a draft lease for the toilets be requested from Orton Manor Court

It was suggested that a Committee comprising Councillors and Market Hall representatives be formed to advise on upgrading and operational matters.

Clerk to organise signs – Ladies-Gents, Council Contact details, etc.

Clerk to contact EDC re: change of responsibility for electricity and supplies.

A complaint had been received from the Market Hall Trustees that the standard of cleaning and servicing the toilets was unsatisfactory and that they were not being locked overnight, a time when vandalism was likely to occur.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council should employ a cleaner direct rather than outsourcing the contract. The current market hall cleaner had expressed a willingness to carry out the servicing. Clerk to make the necessary arrangements and terminate the current arrangement with the George Hotel.

#### **Finance**

##### Accounts for payment

Keith Golding (Tree Guard) £115.00

**Resolved** that the above payment be approved.

**Resolved** that the Clerk's salary be amended in accordance with NALC recommendations backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.

#### **Planning Applications**

No 09/0761 RETROSPECTIVE CONSENT FOR AMENDMENT TO PLANNING APPLICATION No 04/0271

Type Full Application

Location Bretherdale Hall

Applicant Mr J Anderson

Parish Council No further comment. No objections had been made to this section of the original application 04/0271.

### **Proposal for additional Public Seating round Orton Village**

A proposal for additional and replacement public seating was received from Orton Manor Court. The co-operation of the Parish Council was requested.

It is believed that the existing seats were installed by the Parish Council to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977.

It was suggested that the Parish Council should purchase and retain ownership of any new seats so that, as council property, they are covered by public liability insurance. A contribution towards the cost could be made by Manor Court. Details of location etc to be discussed with Orton Manor Court.

### **Proposals for Grazing Cattle at Gaythorne Plain**

Clerk reported that further consultation had been made by telephone and the Parish Council's comments made at the September meeting had been repeated to the new correspondent.

### **Public Participation**

Contributions from members of the public.

### **Correspondence Received**

CALC – County Circular October 2009

Cumbria Highways – Working Together

CALC AGM 14<sup>th</sup> November – Cockermouth

Highways Agency – Roadworks Information

FoLD – Conserving Lakeland

The foregoing items were noted or circulated as appropriate.

**Date of next meeting – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

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

Date 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009