

## ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011 in the Market Hall at 7.30pm

**Present** Cllr K Blue (Chairman) Cllrs S Dunning, M Coates, M Jenkin, P Knowles and M Lewis  
Clerk, C J Elphick  
County Councillor Peter Thornton, District Councillor Adrian Todd.  
Internal Auditor, Jane Arckless

**Apologies for absence** had been received from Councillor E Potter and PCSO Stuart Brownrigg.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Coates declared an interest in planning application 11/0944. He is related to the applicant.

**Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

#### **Playground Repairs**

Two quotations for repair work to play equipment, as detailed in Annual Inspection Report, had been received. Steven Hodgson, a Playdale accredited installer quoted £100.00 less than Playdale. It was **resolved** that Steven Hodgson be instructed to carry out the work, including repair to fencing, for the sum of £1389.66 plus VAT. It was further **resolved** that Steven Hodgson Tree Services Ltd be authorised to carry out remedial safety works to two mature lime trees within the play area for the cost of £320.00 plus VAT.

A request had been received to remove the "kissing gates" on the playground access footpath to enable wider child buggies through. Clerk reported that this work had already been approved by Cumbria Highways and a contractor appointed. Work should be completed shortly.

#### **Precept 2012-2013**

This item was deferred until the January 2012 meeting.

#### **Finance**

Revision of bank mandate signatories to include new members.  
All members present appended their signatures to the new mandate.

##### Accounts for payment

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| A R Mason (Electrical)           | £ 35.00   |
| Enterprise (Grasscutting 2011)   | £1,248.36 |
| C J Elphick (November)           | £ 336.00  |
| C J Elphick (December)           | £ 347.60  |
| HMRC (Month 9)                   | £ 72.40   |
| Lynne Potter (Toilets, December) | £ 210.00  |
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| C J Elphick (Ink)                | £ 32.97   |
| C J Elphick (X Tree lights)      | £ 129.12  |

The foregoing nine accounts were approved for payment.

#### **Planning Applications**

No. 11/0944      Erection of Four Dwellings  
Type              Full Application  
Location        Land adjacent to Chestnut Garth, Orton  
Applicant       Holes Farm Partnership – Mr C Cox  
Parish Council   Recommend that all elevations facing the highway should be stone faced.

No. 11/0796 Proposed Extension above Existing Garage  
Type Full Application  
Location Haystacks, 2 Chapel Beck Close, Orton  
Applicant Mr N Gornell  
Parish Council No objections

No. 11/0879 Erection of External Fire Escape (rear elevation)  
Type Full Application  
Location North Scout Green, CA10 3QZ  
Applicant Prof. P Carling  
Parish Council No objections

### **Orton Liberal Club**

No new information was forthcoming since that recorded in the parish council minutes in October 2011. It appears that, since the youth club has not used the property for many years, the property should revert to the Donor's family in accordance with the "Conveyance and Lease" for the property, dated 16<sup>th</sup> July 1974. Cllr. Jenkin is in communication with one surviving relative. It was agreed that, although Orton Liberal Club is a significant building within the village, the Parish Council has no jurisdiction over it.

### **Boundary Commission for England**

The Boundary Commission for England had published a recommendation for a Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Cumbria. The government requirement is that the total number of Members of Parliament representing Cumbria be reduced from six to five and that each new constituency has approximately the same population number.

It was considered that the Boundary Commission proposal was a less than ideal solution. A local cross-party group had devised an alternative counterproposal. This would have Orton in a new Westmorland & Lonsdale constituency. It was **resolved** that Orton Parish Council should recommend acceptance of this proposal to the Boundary Commission. A map of the counterproposal is appended to these minutes.

### **Orton Beacon**

The Parish Council had proposed that Orton Beacon, commemorating the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria, should be renovated in time for the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in 2012. It was reported that repairs have already been put in hand and funded by Natural England. No further action to be taken.

### **Request for Funding**

A Request for Funding had been received on behalf of a combined Churches/Chapels group wishing to present a Passion Drama at Easter 2012. The event has now been postponed until 2013. Consideration of the request will be made at a later date.

### **Request for Support**

The Parish Council's expression of support has been requested by a local person applying for grant aid to re-open Orton Tea Room. It was considered that that renovation of the premises and the Tea Room facility would be beneficial to the village. It was **resolved** that a letter of support for the proposal be sent to Barbara Rumsey.

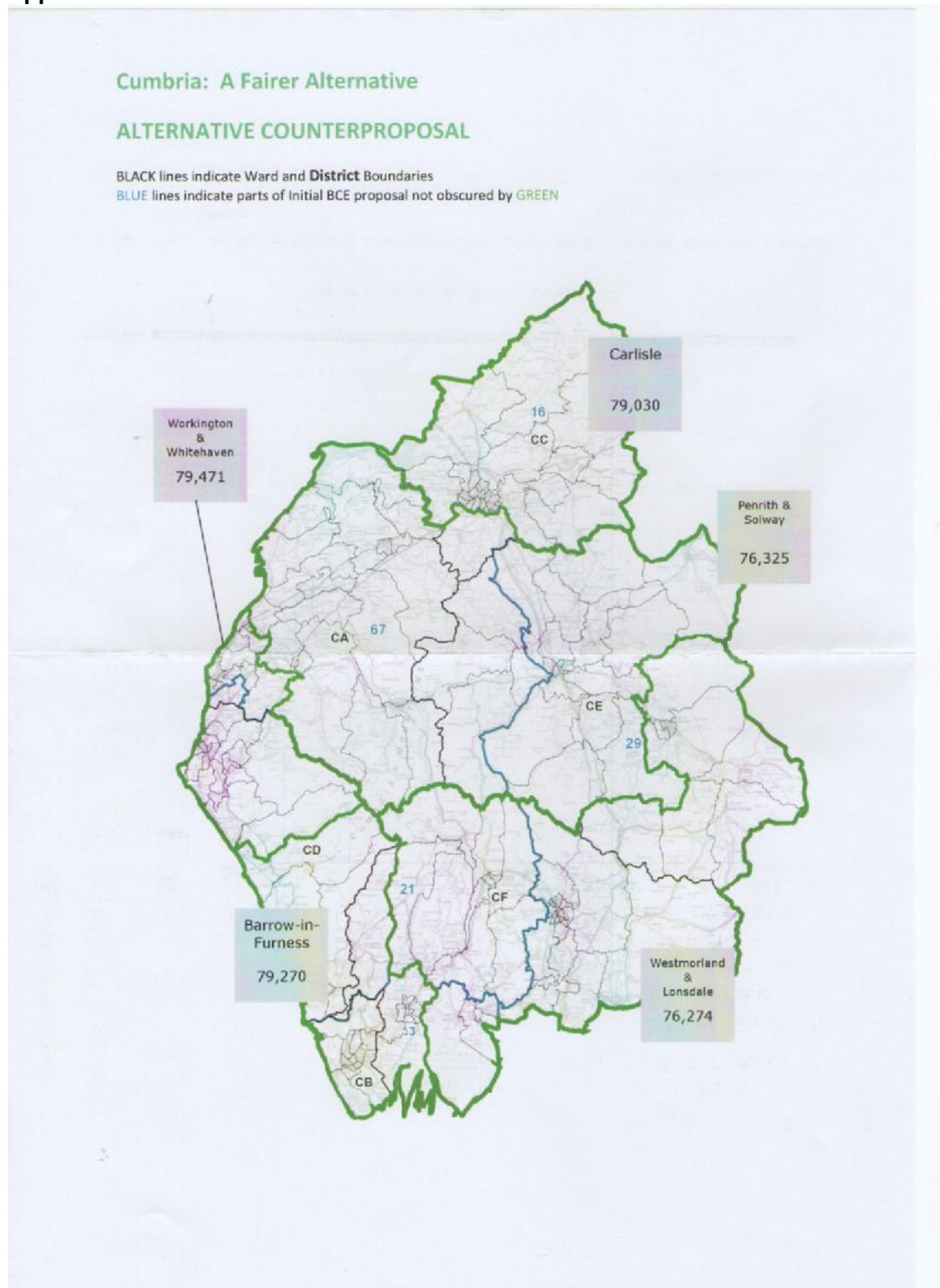
### **Public Participation**

There were no contributions from members of the public.

### **Correspondence Received**

CALC Circular – November 2011  
Chairman's Carol Service, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2011 – Cllr. Joan Raine  
EDC – Review of polling places  
CPRE - Countryside Voice

# Appendix 1



Date of next meeting – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012

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

Date 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012