

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th January 2012 in the Market Hall at 7.30pm

Present Cllr K Blue (Chairman) Cllrs E Potter, M Coates, P Knowles and M Lewis
Clerk, C J Elphick
, District Councillor Adrian Todd.
Internal Auditor, Jane Arckless

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor M Jenkin, County Councillor Peter Thornton and PCSO Stuart Brownrigg.

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 21st November 2011 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

Orton Playground

Repairs and tree works as recommended in Annual Inspection report will be carried out during January.

Kissing Gate frames have been removed from the East Lane to Market Hall footpath and one new gate installed. This will facilitate access by wider buggies and disability transport.

Rona Arkle who had been carrying out weekly playground inspections has moved from the village. The new volunteer inspector is Andy Cotton.

Precept 2012-2013

The Clerk presented a draft budget for consideration. Due to increased salaries, toilet costs and expenses for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations the precept for 2012-2013 was set at £18,000.

Finance

Accounts for payment

Lynne Potter (January 31)	£210.00
HMRC (Month 10)	£ 72.40
C J Elphick (Month 10)	£347.60
Scottish Hydro Electric (Toilets)	£124.03
C J Elphick (Admin Expenses to 31/12/11)	£ 75.99
C J Elphick (50% SLCC Subs)	£ 70.00

It was **resolved** that the foregoing sums be approved for payment.

Planning Applications

No. 11/0796	Proposed Extension above Existing Garage
Type	Full Application
Location	Haystacks, 2 Chapel Beck Close, Orton
Applicant	Mr N Gornell GRANTED
No. 11/0879	Erection of External Fire Escape (rear elevation)
Type	Full Application
Location	North Scout Green, CA10 3QZ
Applicant	Prof. P Carling GRANTED
No. 11/1032	Proposed roof over existing silage area
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No. 11/1015	Remove Alder tree
Type	Tree Works (CA)
Location	11 Frankland Park CA10 3RP
Applicant	J Potter
Parish Council	No objections
No. 11/1122	Change of use to works yard and siting of temporary structures for use by a tree surgery & landscaping business.
Type	Full Application
Location	Land close to Coatflatt Hall, Tebay, CA10 3SZ
Applicant	Mr J Hodgson
Parish Council	It was recommended that Planning Committee members should visit the site to express their opinions on its suitability for the uses proposed.

Orton Toilets

It was reported that a faulty toilet valve had caused excessive water consumption over a period of several months, resulting in a large bill from United Utilities. Repairs have now been carried out by the installing contractors. Negotiations are ongoing with UU and the contractors regarding responsibility for the excessive water bill.

Cumbria County Council – Have Your Say

The County Council has proposals to close several of its Household Waste Recycling Centres as a cost cutting measure. It was **resolved** that representations be made to the CC for the retention of the well used facility at Kirkby Stephen.

Orton Beacon

Orton Parish Council has, for several years, attempted to have Orton Beacon, which commemorates the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887, restored, in cooperation with Crosby Ravensworth. The project is now being implemented by English Heritage. The work has been delayed pending confirmation of the exact wording of the inscription which has become obscured. Suggestions were made that the missing words were probably “here erected”.
(See Appendix 1 for information found subsequent to meeting)

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The parish council will organise a boundary walk – details to be confirmed. In order to co-ordinate events and celebrations it was resolved that a meeting, to which all local groups would be invited, would be held in the market hall on Monday 5th March 2012 at 7.30pm. Clerk to notify all relevant local bodies. Some parish council funding may be available.

Boundary Commission for England

Acknowledgement had been received of the revised proposals submitted to the Boundary Commission, Ref BCE/IP/017777

North West Air Ambulance request for Funding

Resolved that a donation of £50.00 be awarded.

Grasscutting

Tenders for 2012 season was held over to next meeting.

Public Participation

There were no contributions from members of the public.

Correspondence Received

Eden Rivers Trust – Newsletter
CCC – Cumbria Rider
SELRAP – Newsletter
Clerks & Councils Direct

These items were circulated or noted as appropriate.

Date of next meeting – Monday 20th February 2012

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 20th February 2012

Appendix 1



Inscription, Beacon Hill monument

Originally, the inscription was probably formed using lead letters.

"On the 21st June 1887 this ancient beacon fire was here kindled by the loyal subjects of Crosby Ravensworth and Orton to commemorate the jubilee year of the beneficent reign of Her Gracious Majesty Victoria Queen and Empress"