

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th February 2012 in the Market Hall at 7.30pm

Present Cllr K Blue (Chairman) Cllrs S Dunning, M Jenkin, 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 Cllr E Potter, 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 16th January 2012 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

National Park Extension – Business Survey

Kyle Blue had carried out a survey of sixty existing tourism orientated businesses in Orton and Ravenstonedale.

The collective turnover currently amounts to some seven million pounds annually. These businesses employ approximately one hundred and twenty full-time staff plus one hundred and fifty part-time and seasonal staff. Motorway services were not included in the survey.

It was concluded that inclusion in a National Park would result in a turnover increase conservatively estimated at 10 – 20% plus additional employment opportunities. Over 90% of the businesses contacted strongly support entry into the Park.

Orton Toilets

Report on building regulation compliance.

Finance

Following the closure of the Sedbergh branch of HSBC it was proposed that a change of banking arrangements to full internet banking would be more convenient. The service offered to local councils by the Unity Trust Bank complies with all the legal requirements for multiple authorisation of payments.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

It was also **resolved** that redundant, dormant, bank accounts for Orton Community Parkland and the Cicely Corless Trust be closed and balances transferred to dedicated sections within the PC accounts.

Sum Received

Orton Market Hall Cttee (Toilets donation)	£2,000.00
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Accounts paid prior to meeting

United Utilities (Water)	£ 299.14
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Accounts for payment

Lynne Potter (February - 32)	£ 210.00
HMRC (Month 11)	£ 72.40
C J Elphick (Month 11)	£ 347.60
Orton Village Store	£ 69.67
Orton Market Hall	£ 54.00

The foregoing accounts were approved for payment.

Orton Community Parkland

It was **resolved** that the Parkland Committee, which had not met for several years, be wound up.

Grasscutting 2012 & 2013

Two tenders had been received for grasscutting in the village. Enterprise, which had given satisfactory service for several years, was the cheapest @ £1061 and £1083 for the years 2012 & 2013 respectively.

It was **resolved** that the contract be awarded to Enterprise.

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 GRANTED - Conditions

Orton Playground

Repairs and tree works in the playground have been delayed due to the bad weather and some missing spare parts. Work is due to be completed in the week beginning 27th February.

Orton Beacon

The legend is currently being inscribed on the main stone which will be renewed. The original wording was found in an older photograph. (Appendix 1)

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

A Jubilee Celebrations Co-ordination Meeting, Chaired by Kyle Blue, will be held on Monday 5th March at 7.30 pm in Orton Market Hall

The meeting will be open to all Interested Bodies & Individuals

Many local groups are arranging their individual events to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of our Queen, Elizabeth II's Accession to the Throne

The Parish Council has suggested that it would be sensible to co-ordinate these events and develop a timetable of items and locations to maximise enjoyment and avoid, where possible, clashes and duplication.

Some funding may be available from the Parish Council

Notice Boards

The council Notice Boards on the Market Hall are in need of cleaning, staining and minor repairs. Clerk to organise as necessary.

The board at Raisbeck has been missing for some time. Ownership of that item is to be ascertained. A new board needs to be erected.

The notice board at Kelleth is badly decayed and needs replacement. Clerk will obtain a price for the work.

Public Participation

A resident of Sleagill requested the council's support for the inclusion of Sleagill and Reagill in the National Park extension. Two other letters had been received from residents of these parishes, one from the Chairman of the Parish Meeting.

It was agreed that the Clerk should send a letter of support.

Date of next meeting – Monday 19th March 2012

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 19th March 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"