

## ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012 in the Market Hall at 7.30pm

**Present** Cllr K Blue (Chairman) Cllrs S Dunning, M Jenkin, M Coates, and P Knowles  
Clerk, C J Elphick  
Internal Auditor, Jane Arckless  
District Councillor, Adrian Todd  
ACT Development Officer, Annie Hamilton-Gibney

**Apologies for absence** had been received from Cllrs E Potter and M Lewis, 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 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **Tebay & Orton Local Distinctiveness Development Project**

Annie Hamilton-Gibney, Development Officer for Action with Communities in Cumbria (ACT) spoke on the work of ACT and the current activities in which she is involved and her engagement with the Tebay & Orton Local Distinctiveness Project. Annie also noted that Orton is one of the few parishes in Eden District not to have developed a Parish Plan. It was suggested that her colleague at ACT, Carl Glynn, be invited to address the council on that topic. The May meeting of the parish council, which will also be the Annual Parish Meeting was thought to be an appropriate date.

#### **Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

An open meeting was held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March to discuss details of the Jubilee celebrations in Orton.

A provisional timetable of events was produced. The Parish Council agreed to buy bunting for the village, plus jubilee mugs as prizes and Jubilee medals for the schoolchildren.

#### **Finance**

A new Council Bank Account opened with Unity Trust Bank. This will permit internet banking including a multiple signatory facility.

##### Sum Received

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| HMRC VAT reclaim | £ 718.51 |
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##### Accounts for payment

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| Lynne Potter (April - 34)            | £ 210.00 |
| HMRC (Month 1)                       | £ 69.40  |
| C J Elphick (Month 1)                | £ 350.60 |
| C J Elphick (Norton Antivirus)       | £ 44.99  |
| CALC (Subs)                          | £ 164.00 |
| Gala Lights (Christmas LED Festoons) | £ 543.66 |

#### **Public Sector Mapping Agreement with Ordnance Survey**

New legislation entitles local councils to free access to the services of the Ordnance Survey through a Public Service Mapping Agreement (PSMA). This will permit the downloading of maps for parish council purposes, planning and other information.

### **School Safety Project**

Children in Class 3 at Orton School had been looking at ways of improving the local environment, as part of the curriculum. Several had written letters outlining safety issues outside the school such as footbridge improvements and road safety. Their suggestions have been passed on by the parish council to appropriate authorities i.e. police and highways. The responses have been forwarded to the school for information.

### **Planning Applications**

There were no local planning applications for discussion this month.

### **Public Participation**

It was suggested that a "Litter Pick" should be carried out round the village and on approach roads. It was agreed that Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April would be a suitable date. Clerk to organise bags and equipment from Eden District Council.

### **Correspondence Received**

CALC Circular – April 2012  
CPRE - Countryside Voice  
Lune Rivers Trust – Habitat Herald  
Cumbria CC – Travel Map

**Date of next meeting (Annual Parish Meeting/AGM) – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012**

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

Date 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012