

## ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012 in the Market Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm

**Present** Cllr K Blue (Chairman) Cllrs, M Jenkin, M Coates, P Knowles E Potter and M Lewis,  
Clerk, C J Elphick  
Internal Auditor, Jane Arckless  
PCSO Stuart Brownrigg

#### **Election of Chairman for the year 2011-2012**

The outgoing chairman invited nominations for the position for 2012-2013.  
Kyle Blue was nominated and elected unanimously.

#### **Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2011-2012**

Stephen Dunning was nominated and elected in his absence.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.

**Apologies for absence** had been received from Cllr S Dunning and County Councillor Peter Thornton.

**Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

#### **Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

It was reported that meetings had been held with all participant bodies in the celebrations and a timetable prepared to co-ordinate events.  
Bunting, Mugs, Medals & Flags had been ordered by the parish council.  
Bonfire Safety instructions had been circulated, police and fire authorities notified of the lighting of Orton Beacon on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.  
Insurance cover for the bonfire event had been confirmed by the council's brokers.

#### **Finance**

##### Sum Received

Orton Manor Court	£ 100.00
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##### Accounts Paid prior to meeting

Flagstobuy (Bunting)	£ 44.46
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Running Imp (Mugs & Medals)	£ 147.84
Hampshire Flag Co Ltd (Flag & Flagpole)	£ 131.99
United Utilities (Water)	£ 65.74

##### Accounts for payment

Lynne Potter (May - 35)	£ 210.00
HMRC (Month 2)	£ 68.80
C J Elphick (Month 2)	£ 351.20

Consultation by the Audit Commission on the appointment of external auditor 2012 – 2017. BDO are prepared to continue this service after the demise of the Audit Commission.

Legal advice had been received from SLCC on tax treatment of clerk's expenses.

### **Localism Act 2011 – General Power of Competence (GPC)**

Sections 1-8 of the Localism Act 2011 confer additional powers on “qualifying councils”. These powers override existing restrictions on parish councils in respect, particularly, to expenditure.

Qualifying Councils must meet certain criteria, including having at least two thirds of members elected (not co-opted) and having a suitably qualified clerk.

### **Litter Pick**

A “Litter Pick” was carried out round the village and on approach roads during the week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Bags and equipment were obtained, at no cost, from Eden District Council. About a dozen councillors and volunteers collected more than ten bags of litter and several white plastic bins.

### **Planning Applications**

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.  
EDC Decision – GRANTED, Conditional  
It was noted that the decision was under “delegated powers”.

No. 12/0344      Proposed agricultural building  
Type              Full application  
Location        Yew Tree Cottage, Greenholme  
Applicant       Mr S Allen – ST & SE Allen  
Parish Council   No objections. Recommend green exterior finish.

Planning Compliance – EDC requests reporting of suspected infringements.

### **Public Participation**

It was reported that consultations are currently ongoing to consider potential routes for new electric pylons from Silloth. Option 5 suggests a route via the Lune Gorge and Orton Scar. Responses are required by 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

### **Correspondence Received**

CALC Circular – May 2012  
FoLD – Conserving Lakeland  
Clerks & Councils Direct

**Date of next meeting**              Monday 18th June 2012

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

Date 18th June 2012