

## ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012 in the Market Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm

**Present** Cllr K Blue (Chairman) Cllrs, M Jenkin, P Knowles E Potter and M Lewis,  
Clerk, C J Elphick  
Internal Auditor Jane Arckless  
County Councillor Peter Thornton

#### **Declarations of Interest**

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

**Apologies for absence** had been received from Cllrs S Dunning and M Coates

**Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

#### **Councillors' Code of Conduct**

The Clerk presented a report on a new Code of Conduct in a form recommended by Eden District Council to accord with requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

It was **resolved** that the recommended Code of Conduct for Orton Parish Councillors be adopted. (Appendix 1)

#### **Councillors' Declaration of Interests**

Councillors are required to complete a new Declaration of Interests form to comply with provisions of the Localism Act 2011. Forms were distributed for completion by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012.

#### **Orton with Tebay First Responders**

A request for a contribution towards the cost of beepers had been received. It was **resolved** that the sum of £150.00 be granted.

#### **Finance**

##### Accounts for payment

Lynne Potter (July - 37)	£ 210.00
Lynne Potter (Aug - 38)	£ 210.00
HMRC (Month 4)	£ 69.20
HMRC (Month 5)	£ 69.20
C J Elphick (Month 4)	£ 350.80
C J Elphick (Month 5)	£ 350.80
Scottish Hydro Electric	£ 63.28
M Coates & Sons Ltd (Seat Bases)	£ 120.00
Chris Bland (Ceilidh)	£ 240.00
Orton with Tebay First Responders	£ 150.00
Orton Market Hall	£ 47.00

The foregoing sums were approved for payment.

#### **Play Area**

Repairs are in hand. Some delays had occurred due to non availability of one spare part from Kompan – this has now been resolved. Safety surface repairs require suitable weather conditions – not wet or freezing.

#### **Carsa Brow (Orton Community Parkland)**

Paul Arkle, who was a leading founder member of the Orton Community Parkland Committee, had been contacted by Cumbria Wildlife Trust who have been putting together a bid for more funding to do further meadow restoration work. It had

been suggested that the meadow area of Orton Community Parkland (Carsa Brow) may be a suitable area to include in the project. In our case it might mean support to collect meadow seed from nearby and spread it on Carsa Brow to increase the diversity of meadow plants there.

Paul reports that "the meadow is currently doing quite well in terms of increasing diversity through simply spreading seed from the neighbouring verges and elsewhere so I am not entirely sure how beneficial it would be, but it may be of interest".

It was **resolved** that Paul Arkle be requested to fill in the "Interest Form" and return it to CWT on behalf of Orton Parish Council.

It was noted that the boundary hedge, which was planted more than ten years ago, is now well established and in need of laying. Sources of expertise and volunteer labour to be investigated.

### **Cumbria Waste Depository Consultation**

It was considered that parishes situated nearer to the proposed depository site were better placed to comment on the proposals. No response will be made from Orton Parish Council at this stage.

### **Proposed designation of Upper Eden as a Neighbourhood Area**

Orton is not included in the proposed Upper Eden Neighbourhood Plan area. There were no comments on the proposal

### **Planning**

Notification had been received from the Land Registry that various areas of common land around Greenholme and Bretherdale had been the subject of application to register ownership by Lowther Estates. Several farmers were concerned about potential loss of grazing and other rights.

The Clerk had contacted the Land Registry and had been advised that commoners' rights would not be affected. Reference had been made to original Commons Registration documents and it appeared that similar claims of ownership were made at that time alongside the grazing rights.

It was agreed that this was beyond the scope of parish council expertise and commoners were advised to take professional legal advice if doubts persisted.

No. 12/0557	Erection of general purpose agricultural building.
Type	Full Application
Location	Ghyll Bank, Raisbeck
Applicant	Mr D Holme
Parish Council	No objection. Recommend that roof colour should be specified green to avoid visual intrusiveness.

### **Public Participation**

A request was made that the parish council should arrange for the grass to be cut alongside the footpath across school field from East Lane. Clerk to arrange.

Complaints were made about dog fouling and inconsiderate disposal by some of those who did clear up after their animals.

Complaints were made about vehicles speeding through the village. Cllr Peter Thornton volunteered to check on progress of speed indicator scheme.

### **Correspondence Received**

CALC Circular – July/August 2012  
Eden Rivers Trust Magazine

**Date of next meeting**                      Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012

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

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Chairman's Initials