

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17th September 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 M Coates,
S Dunning and M Lewis,
Clerk, C J Elphick
Internal Auditor Jane Arckless
County Councillor Peter Thornton
Annie Hamilton-Gibney, ACT
One member of the public

Declarations of Interest

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

Apologies for absence No apologies had been received.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th July 2012 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

Walking & Cycling Routes round Orton & Tebay

Annie Hamilton-Gibney, Development Officer with ACT, is co-ordinating production of Maps/Leaflets with the help of the local communities.

Annie outlined the format and proposed content for four information packs, one of each for cycling or walking, Orton or Tebay.

Anyone interested in helping with the project should attend one of the working meetings on the dates given by Annie and on the posters.

Finance

Accounts paid prior to meeting

Orton Village Store	£ 42.75
United Utilities (Surface water)	£ 53.59
Steven Hodgson Tree Services Ltd (Play repairs)	£ 593.40
C J Elphick (Toilet repairs)	£ 44.48
Lynne Potter (39)	£ 210.00

Sums received

HMRC (VAT reclaim)	£ 193.43
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Accounts for payment

Lynne Potter (40)	£ 210.00
C J Elphick (Admin Expenses)	£ 118.80

The foregoing payments were approved.

Planning

No. 12/0344	Agricultural Building, Yew Tree Cottage, Greenholme	GRANTED
No. 12/0479	Agricultural Building, Land near Fawcett Mill	GRANTED
No. 12/0384	Sunroom, rear elevation, Site 2, Birch Tree Cottage Orton	GRANTED
No. 12/0383	Sunroom, rear elevation, Site 1, Birch Tree Cottage Orton	GRANTED
No. 12/0557	General purpose & livestock building, Ghyll Bank, Raisbeck	GRANTED

- No. 12/0742 Application for Lawful Development Certificate for existing use as a residential dwelling.
Location Mostyn House, Orton
Applicant Mr & Mrs Bland
Parish council No objections
- No. 12/0672 Proposed raising of roof above first floor bedroom
Type Full Application
Location 1 West End Road, Orton
Applicant Rev & Mrs I D Elliot
Parish Council No objections
- No. 12/0627 Erection of oak framed conservatory and adjoining porch extension
Type Full Application
Location Chapel House, Greenholme
Applicant Mr & Mrs A Gray
Parish Council No objections
- No. 12/0698 Proposed agricultural building for the storage of silage
Type Full Application
Location Moor House, Orton
Applicant Mr M Mawson
Parish Council Recommend roof colour green to minimise visual intrusiveness.
- No. 12/0698 Fell 2 cherry trees, Coppice Hazel tree in Orton Conservation Area
Type Tree Works (CA)
Location Orton C of E school
Applicant Orton Primary School
Parish Council Regrets the loss of cherry trees but accepts the reasons given in the application.
- No. 12/0759 Request for removal of S106 condition.
Location Bank End, Greenholme
Applicant
- This application was received by the PC after the publication of the agenda for this meeting. It would, however, be beyond the consultation period by the next meeting of the PC and discussion was permitted.
Cllr Kyle Blue declared an interest in this item on the grounds that his firm is involved with the application and withdrew from the discussion.
It was generally agreed that the existing land holding attached to this house was too small for it ever to be viable as an agricultural enterprise. The requirement for an agricultural tenancy at this location was therefore considered to be redundant.
It was recommended that the S106 condition be removed.

Jubilee Bonfire

A letter from Crosby Ravensworth PC in appreciation of Jubilee Bonfire organisation on Beacon Hill was read out. A substantial number of people from both parishes had enjoyed this major event.

Wind Turbines

A letter received from a resident asking Parish Council's policy on small wind turbine installations. Particular note was made of the intrusive appearance of one at Moor House Farm, Orton. It was noted that the parish council, when considering this application, had recommended that the unit should be dark coloured to blend with the background trees. (Minutes January 2011, Application No. 10/0700).

Public Participation

Cllr Peter Thornton introduced information on the new formula for the funding of Cumbria's schools. There is no additional funding, just a revised system of distribution in which there would be winners and losers.

Small village primary schools such as Orton & Ravenstonedale were likely to benefit from the new scheme.

There was some discussion about the location of speed indicator signs which are due to be installed on the approach roads from Tebay and Appleby. It was suggested that the Appleby sign should be further out of the village than the site proposed. Peter Thornton volunteered to negotiate the site with County Highways. It was agreed that, if re-location was not an option, the existing site would be better than nothing.

Orton Manor Court had, at its September meeting, resumed its contention that the former Liberal Club should be made available for community use. The parish council had, at its meeting in November 2011, concluded that "although Orton Liberal Club is a significant building within the village, the Parish Council has no jurisdiction over it". Mary Jenkin volunteered to try to establish whether there are any surviving relatives of the original donor who may have a claim on the property.

Correspondence received.

Flora of the Fells – Fell Care Days - Poster
Clerks & Councils Direct
CCC - Local News & Views

Date of next meeting Monday 15th October 2012

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 15th October 2012