

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th March 2013 in the Market Hall at 7.30pm

Present S Dunning (Chairman) Cllrs, M Lewis, M Jenkin, P Knowles, M Coates and E Potter
Clerk, C J Elphick
District Councillor Adrian Todd
Internal Auditor Jane Arckless
Annie Hamilton-Gibney
Two members of the public

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Kyle Blue, County Councillor Peter Thornton

Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Mary Jenkin and Peter Knowles each declared an interest in the future of the Orton Liberal Club building. Clerk advised that a dispensation should be granted as the outcomes of any action would affect the whole village.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th February 2013 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

Orton-Tebay Walk-Cycle information packs

Annie Hamilton-Gibney displayed the new Orton & Tebay walking and cycling guides which has been developed by members of both communities for free distribution to visitors. The project, which was initiated by ACT (Action with Communities in Cumbria) had been funded by the European Regional Development Fund. Annie thanked everyone for their help and co-operation with the project.

Orton Liberal Club

The Clerk had established that, if asked, it would be permissible for the Parish Council, as a corporate body, to be appointed Trustee of the premises known as Orton Liberal Club or Orton Youth Club. Local Government Act 1972 s139 and the Charities Act 1993 s79 being the relevant legislation. It was **resolved** that arrangements for the Parish Council to be appointed Trustee be put in hand.

Internal Auditor

Mark Renwick-Smith has been asked if he will take over from Jane Arckless as the Council's Internal Auditor when she retires from the post after this year's audit. Mark has provisionally accepted subject to being fully appraised of the duties involved. Jane has offered to speak to Mark and advise him.

Finance

Sums received

Land Registry (Refund)	£	40.00
HMRC Refund VAT	£	526.01

Accounts for payment

Orton Market Hall (Rent)	£	50.00
CPRE Subscription	£	29.00
Steven Hodgson (Disabled Gate Latch)	£	132.00
United Utilities (Water)	£	56.41
J T Atkinson (Thermostatic Tap)	£	191.17
Gary Sedgwick Ltd (Plumbing)	£	75.60

C J Elphick (Admin Expenses)	£ 153.20
Lynne Potter (46)	£ 210.00
C J Elphick (Month 12)	£ 351.00
HMRC (Month 12)	£ 69.00

The foregoing sums were approved for payment

Planning

Cumbria County Council

Consultation on Planning application 3/13/9002 to allow extraction of stone to be extended to 2023 at Pickering Quarry, Orton Scar. Variation of condition No.2 of planning permission 3/03/9001.

Natural England, Friends of the Lake District and Eden District Council have expressed no objections to this application.

Following consultations with Kyle Blue and Peter Knowles the following comments were submitted to Cumbria CC:

“It is noted that this application “may affect the Public Right of Way (Footpath No.319042)”.

Orton Parish Council would be opposed to any restriction of public access as provided by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

No. 13/0155 1) Fell 1 Sycamore, 1 Larch, 1 Rowan, 2 Willow, 1 Alder, 1 Norway Spruce; 2) Remove large limb from Ash; 3) Crown thin Sycamore by 15%; 4) Reduce Beech to 4m; in Orton Conservation Area.

Type Tree Works (CA)

Location 2a Chapel Beck Close, Orton

Applicant Ms B Jackson

Parish Council No objections

Eden Local Plan consultation – Housing Preferred Sites & Policies Statement

Eden DC state that the documents relating to this consultation are too large to distribute in hard copy to all councils. Copies are available in main Public Libraries and on the website www.eden.gov.uk/preferredhousingallocations

The consultation is open until Monday 22nd April 2013.

Parish Council Minute Books

Judy Dunford has been scanning the parish council's original minute book starting in 1894 and has presented the results on a DVD. Judy will now continue with the next volume from 1971.

New Hay Meadow Project

Claire Cornish, Meadow Restoration Ecologist with Cumbria Wildlife Trust has obtained some funding which may be used to help revitalise the hay meadow species in Orton Community Parkland. Claire will liaise with Paul Arkle and anyone else who wishes to become involved.

May Day Games

A sample of a mug commemorating sixty years since the Queen's Coronation was displayed which could be appropriate for prizes. Menna Lewis to liaise with Anna Robinson.

Footway Lighting

EDC revised policy. Jane Arkless, Menna Lewis and Mary Jenkin volunteered to survey the existing lights and submit suggestions and observations for future requirements in Orton.

Public Participation

It was reported that year 8 students at Kirkby Stephen Grammar School had been producing reports on local issues including Affordable Housing, Traffic Calming and Parking.

Correspondence & Publications

CALC Circular March 2013 (circulated)
Came & Company (Insurance) Parish Matters

Date of next meeting Monday 15th April 2013

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 15th April 2013