

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15th April 2013 in the Market Hall at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Kyle Blue (Chairman) Cllrs S Dunning, M Lewis, P Knowles, M Coates
and E Potter
Clerk, C J Elphick
County Councillor Peter Thornton
District Councillor Adrian Todd
Two members of the public

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Mary Jenkin

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 18th March 2013 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

Planning

Chairman, with the approval of councillors, brought this item forward in the agenda due to the public interest in application no 13/0201.

No. 13/0201	Erection of 80Kw Wind Turbine on a 30m monopole mast
Type	Full Application
Location	Sproat Ghyll, Orton
Applicant	JA & ME Mawson
Parish Council	There was an overwhelming vote against this application.

It was considered that the location and size of this proposed wind turbine is unacceptable in open countryside, in an area of significant environmental quality which may shortly be within the boundary of the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

The visual impact of this erection, 40m (125ft) to the blade tip, from a wide area of the surrounding countryside would be unacceptable.

Located close to a public bridleway it would be potentially hazardous to riders as horses are known to be "spooked" by the rotating blades.

When compared in size with electricity pylons, etc. it is noted that these are static items. It is the movement of the blades which draws attention and interferes with the peace of the countryside.

The claim for production of "Green" energy is minimal compared with the negative effects on the environment. It is believed that the actual net quantity of power to be produced would be substantially smaller than claimed in the application documentation.

There is evidence that acceptance of this one installation would create a precedent leading to a proliferation of such units throughout the local area.

It was **resolved** that Orton Parish Council recommends that Application No. 13/0201 be REFUSED.

No. 13/0233 Fell conifer tree due to proximity to house & excessive shading
Type Tree Works (CA)
Location Newfield, 18 Frankland Park, Orton
Applicant Mr Matthew Wray
Parish Council No objections

Orton Liberal Club

Documentation is being prepared for the resignation of existing trustee(s) and appointment of Orton Parish Council.

Footway Lighting

An inspection of all footway lighting locations had been carried out by Jane Arckless, Menna Lewis and Mary Jenkin and provisional comments submitted to the Clerk. Final submission to EDC will be made shortly.

Finance

Accounts for payment

Gary Sedgwick Ltd (Toilet repair)	£	60.00
C J Elphick (Mugs & Stuff)	£	41.85
Lynne Potter (47)	£	210.00
C J Elphick (Month 1)	£	350.80
HMRC (Month 1)	£	69.20
Yoredale Computer Services (UPS Repair)	£	240.00
Scottish Hydro Electric	£	201.79 £63.80 (revised)
Running Imp International (Sports Medals)	£	35.70

The foregoing eight accounts were approved for payment

Hay Meadow Project

No new progress to report since March meeting.

Public Participation

Peter Thornton reported that the long awaited speed indicator display units (SIDs) would be installed this week.

The Chairman and all present thanked Councillor Thornton for all his work on behalf of the community of Orton during his period as County Councillor for the Kirkby Stephen Ward. Cllr Thornton is not seeking re-election to the County Council at the May election in order to concentrate on his duties as Leader of South Lakeland District Council.

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Date of next meeting (AGM & APM)

Monday 20th May 2013

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 20th May 2013