

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 17th March 2014 in the Market Hall at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Kyle Blue (Chairman) Cllrs M Lewis, M Coates, S Dunning, E Potter and M Jenkin
Clerk, C J Elphick
County Councilor Libby Bateman
District Councilor Adrian Todd
One member of the public

Apologies for absence. had been received from Cllr P Knowles

Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Potter declared an interest in planning application No. 14/0155. He is related to the applicant.

Cllr Dunning declared an interest in planning application No. 14/0122. He is the applicant.

Neither councillor took any part in the relevant discussions.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17th February 2014 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

Planning

It was reported that Application No. 13/0197 for a wind turbine at Raisgill Hall had been rejected at an EDC Planning Meeting held on 13th March 2014.

No. 14/0122 Erection of Agricultural Building
Type Full Application
Location Raisgill Hall CA10 3UB
Applicant Mr S Dunning
Parish Council. Concerns were raised regarding the dimensions, particularly the height, of the proposed building but it was appreciated that the scale of building was essential for the farming business to remain competitive in the 21st century. No objections were made subject to a satisfactory colour external finish.

No.14/0155 Removal of trees from rear garden
Type Tree Works (CA)
Location 2 Manor Cottages, Orton
Applicant Mrs H Carrick
Parish Council No objections.

Finance

A letter from Kate Arnold, Headteacher at Orton School, thanking the council for its donation towards the school's extra-curricular activities, was read out

Accounts for payment

C J Elphick (Month 12)	£	338.80
HMRC (Month 12)	£	81.20
C J Elphick (Expenses to 31/03/14)	£	167.83
C J Elphick (Norton Antivirus)	£	44.99
Lynne Potter (59)	£	210.00
Orton Market Hall	£	75.00
United Utilities (Wastewater)	£	58.19

The foregoing seven items were approved for payment.

Orton Grasscutting 2014

Enterprise, who had held the Grasscutting contract for the past twenty years had quoted a price increase of just 1% over the 2013 figure with a further increase of 0.5% for the 2015 season. It was resolved that, in view of the modest increase plus the many years of satisfactory service, it was unnecessary to put the contract out to tender.

Finger Post Restoration

It was noted that Cumbria County Council is to renovate two traditional direction signs, one at Raisbeck and the other at Greenholme during the current financial year.

Carsa Brow Restoration Programme

Following last year's assessment of the haymeadow and distribution of additional meadow grass seed, a Report and Management Plan has been received from Cumbria Wildlife Trust, plus an agreement to participate in the conservation scheme as a Coronation Haymeadow for at least ten years.

It was noted that the boundary hedge is now of sufficient maturity to require laying in the coming year. It was suggested that Jack Ellerby of Friends of the Lake District may have labour available to assist. Clerk to investigate.

Public Participation

It was reported that Roger Frank, Orton's Broadband co-ordinator will shortly be meeting with BT management to discuss a planned approach for improved Broadband reception, particularly in the outlying areas of the parish.

A request had been made for an additional handrail to be installed on the footbridge over the beck at East Lane, opposite Hill House. Clerk to contact Cumbria Highways.

Libby Bateman reminded the council of the availability of small grants for community projects from the Holhird Trust.

Correspondence & Publications Received

Clerks & Councils Direct
CALC Circular March 2014

Date of next meeting

Monday 14th April 2014

Signed _____ Chairman

Date Monday 14th April 2014