

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th February 2015 in the Market Hall at 7.30pm

Present Cllr K Blue (Chairman) Cllrs M Lewis, M Coates, P Knowles, E Potter and M Jenkin
Clerk, C J Elphick
District Councilor, Adrian Todd
County Councilor, Libby Bateman
Jackie Huck and Felicity Lawler from Tebay & Orton WI
Two members of the public

No Apologies for absence had been received

Declarations of Interest

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

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th January 2015 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Woodland Trust

The Chairman introduced Peter Leeson who spoke of the work of the Woodland Trust. A major concern throughout the entire country is the spread of "Ash Dieback" disease which is steadily clearing woodlands and open countryside of mature ash trees and the associated wildlife habitat.

The Woodland Trust is currently seeking small and larger areas of land for tree planting. The Trust is offering to provide landowners with suitable fencing and tree guards to protect newly planted indigenous tree species in order to counter the loss of the ash trees.

Public Participation

Jackie Huck and Felicity Lawler announced that the Tebay and Orton WI have arranged a "**Question Time**" to be held in Orton Market Hall at 7.30 on Thursday 12th March 2015 to discuss the loss of rural services. The panel will include County Councillor Libby Bateman, Eden District Councillors Ian Torkington and Adrian Todd plus the Revd. Phil Dew and Leader of South Lakeland District Council, Peter Thornton. Residents were asked to support this event.

Adrian Todd (Tebay PC) read a letter which he proposed sending to the Police Commissioner regarding the lack of police presence in the local area and that no police representation had been received at parish council meetings for a couple of years. Cllr Todd suggested that the letter might carry added weight if it was sent jointly from both Tebay and Orton parish councils.

The Clerk responded that this matter was already being addressed and that a newly appointed officer had visited Ravenstonedale PC last Thursday to introduce himself and is currently working his way round the parishes. The officer was named as Sgt Michael (Mike) James - Eden Neighbourhood Policing Team, Hunter Lane, Penrith

Bus Services

A new timetable has been issued by Cumbria County Council showing the current services available on the former 106 route. These services are being organised by the parish councils of Shap, Orton and Tebay in conjunction with bus operators Stagecoach, Cumbria Classic Coaches and Robinson's Coaches. Negotiations for further improvements are ongoing with the assistance of County Councillor Libby Bateman.

Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

A Public Meeting, chaired by Kyle Blue had been held on Monday 26th January 2015 to inform residents of the advantages and the limitations of a Neighbourhood Plan with respect to existing policies and of the work involved.

The meeting was addressed by Planning Consultant Tom Woof and Libby Bateman, both of whom were involved in the preparation of the Upper Eden Neighbourhood Plan. No decisions or recommendations had been made at that meeting.

It was **resolved** that, particularly due to the proximity of the parish council elections in May, any decision on whether or not to embark on a Neighbourhood Plan for Orton should be deferred until the new council was in office.

Litter Pick 2015

A litter Pick for Orton village and the approach roads was arranged for Wednesday 18th March. Meeting at Orton Market Hall at 6.00pm. Clerk will arrange for supply of bags etc. from EDC. Kyle Blue to collect from Mansion House.

Dog Fouling

A complaint had been received from residents regarding fouling of a local footpath by dogs whose owners failed to remove faeces deposited by their animals.

EDC Community Warden had advised that, in order to issue a fixed penalty notice, evidence of the offence would have to be produced and the owners named. The complainant had been advised to contact EDC direct.

Children's Play Area

Following the refurbishment of two major items of equipment by Playdale it had been noted that one item, a small corner seat had not been renewed and missing bolt covers had not been fitted as instructed. Playdale has promised to remedy these omissions within the next few days.

A grant application to CCC's Eden Area Committee to help with the cost of renewing the Springer Bike and Waste Bin as recommended in the annual inspection report.

A Playground Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd March 2015. It is expected that Tracey Southward, Playdale representative will be present to advise on future additions and replacements.

Finance

Accounts for payment

Lynne Potter (71)	£ 210.00
C J Elphick (Month 11)	£ 345.00
HMRC (Month 11)	£ 86.20
C J Elphick (Expenses to 28/02/15)	£ 169.99
FoLD (Annual Subscription)	£ 42.00

Planning

No. 15/0015	Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of the dwelling.
Type	Full application
Location	North Scout Green CA10 3QZ
Applicant	Mr P Carling
Parish Council	No objections

Correspondence & Publications Received

CALC Circular – February 2015 (circulated)

FoLD – Conserving Lakeland

Rural Housing Alliance – Affordable Rural Housing – A guide for parish councils

Date of next meeting Monday 16th March 2015

Signed

Chairman

Date 16th March 2015