

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th April 2015 in the Market Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm

Present Cllr S Dunning(Chairman) Cllrs M Lewis, M Coates, P Knowles, E Potter and M Jenkin
Clerk, C J Elphick
District Councilor, Adrian Todd

Seven members of the public

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr K Blue & County Councilor, Libby Bateman

Declarations of Interest

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

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th March 2015 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Litter Pick 18th March 2015

It was reported that at least thirty bags of rubbish had been cleared from verges. Thanks were expressed to all those volunteers who had helped.

Children's Play Area

Local fundraising events have continued including an Easter Sale. Thanks were expressed to Jackie Cummings and Sharon Wolstenholme for their enthusiastic organisation of fundraising events.

A grant of £3,000 towards the provision of new play items has been received from the Eden Area Committee of Cumbria County Council, with support from County Councillor Libby Bateman.

Finance

Sums Received

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| Playground Committee | £ 143.50 |
| CCC Play Grant | £3,000.00 |
| HMRC VAT repayment | £1,112.90 |

Accounts for payment

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| Lynne Potter (73) | £ 210.00 |
| C J Elphick (Month 1) | £ 431.20 |
| C J Elphick (Norton renewal) | £ 49.99 |
| C J Elphick (Expenses to 30/04/15) | £ 165.52 |
| United Utilities (Toilets) | £ 123.34 |
| Jackie Huck (Scarecrow prizes) | £ 100.00 |

The foregoing six sums were approved for payment.

Parliamentary and Local Elections 7th May 2015

Candidates have been named for District and Parish elections. There are nine nominations for the seven seats on Orton Parish Council. This will trigger the first contested election the parish for more than twenty years.

VE Day 70th Anniversary Celebrations 8th May 2015

A National Beacon Chain has been proposed but councillors felt that it would not be practical to light the beacon on Orton Scar on this occasion for safety reasons.

Public Participation

Several points were raised by members of the public.
The matter of a replacement notice board at Kelleth had been agreed some time ago.
Clerk to progress this item
The footpath sign opposite the Kelleth notice board needs repair/replacement. Clerk will contact CCC footpaths officer.
The pedestrian gate at the village end of Carsa Brow needs repair/replacement. Clerk will organise repair as required.
The surface of the permissive footpath to the village from school was in need of renovation. This is Manor Court land and Clerk will liaise with the secretary to progress this. Cllr Coates has offered to prepare the ground for resurfacing.
It was noted that the newly erected panels on the Orton Scar Monument had been defaced. Clerk to contact Able Memorials to consider course of action.
It was noted that public information which could be circulated by e-mail had not been activated. Clerk responded that any resident could receive this service on submission of their Name, Address, Contact phone and e-mail address to parishcouncil@orton.org.uk

Correspondence & Publications Received

CALC Circular – April 2015 had been circulated to all members.

Date of next meeting (Annual General Meeting) Monday 18th May 2015

Signed

Chairman

Date 18th May 2015