

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 18th May 2015 in Orton Market Hall at 7.30pm

Present Cllr KKC Blue, (Chairman) Cllrs S Dunning M Lewis, M Coates, E Potter,
M Mawson and D Potter.
Clerk, C J Elphick
District Councilor, Adrian Todd

Seven members of the public

Apologies for absence had been received from County Councillor Libby Bateman

**Prior to the meeting all councillors signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office
following the election held on Thursday 7th May 2015**

Councillors completed new Register of Financial and Other Interests forms

Election of a Chairman for the year 2015-2016

The retiring Chairman invited nominations for the office of Chairman for the year 2015-2016. Cllr Kyle Blue was proposed and elected unanimously.

Election of a Vice-Chairman for the year 2015-2016

Cllr Stephen Dunning was proposed and elected unanimously.

The Chairman welcomed new Councillors, David Potter and Mark Mawson

Declarations of Interest

Councillors Blue and Coates declared an interest in Planning Application No. 15/0364 and took no part in the debate.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th April 2015 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Children's Play Area

The defective boundary fence has now been repaired. Local fundraising events are being planned by the Committee.

Quotations are being sought for the groundworks and installation of new Springer items.

Finance

A Draft Statement of Accounts 2014-2015 was circulated for information. Internal Audit is being carried out by Mark Renwick-Smith.

Sums Received

EDC Precept	£19,000.00
EDC Rebate	£ 310.00

Accounts for payment

Lynne Potter (73)	£ 210.00
C J Elphick (Month 2)	£ 431.20
HMRC (Month 2)	£ 0.00
Steven Hodgson (Play repairs)	£ 60.00
Came & Company (Insurance)	£ 633.42
CALC (Annual Subs)	£ 177.00
Orton Village Stores (Toilets)	£ 65.92

Planning

No. 15/0364 Erection of 5 no. dwellings
Type Outline Application
Location Land East of Ashfield Court, Orton CA10 3RN
Applicant Holes Farm Partnership – Mr A Cox
Parish Council

While appreciating the need for new house building, it was questioned whether the proposed site would be a suitable location. The village of Orton has been designated a Conservation Area in recognition of its traditional layout, building construction and historic merit.

In recent years, residential developments such as Frankland Park, Ashfield Court and plots along East Lane have been of the nature of “infill” sites from Orton Hall northwards.

Once development commences in this field there is no obvious boundary to restrict further applications. The plan submitted by the applicants acknowledges this with the access drive deliberately positioned with extension in mind

The site, to the east of Ashfield Court, as well as encroaching on agricultural land, would tend to create a precedent for “ribbon development” towards Raisbeck, distorting the traditional layout of the village.

It may also be considered that, in the absence of paved footway or night time illumination, an unacceptable highway hazard would be created.

On balance, Orton Parish Council would not support an application for development on the proposed site.

Advance Proposal for Solar Farm

Advance notification had been received of a proposal to create a large scale Solar Panel installation, covering several acres, between the two Tebay Service Areas. The proposers have been invited to make a presentation to the parish council at its next meeting on 15th June 2015.

Public Participation

A request was made for a Dog Waste bin and signs to be provided at Kelleth. Clerk to contact EDC regarding arrangements for emptying a bin.

Roger Franks had sent the following update on the progress of Superfast Broadband in the parish.

I met with BT last week and the current status with the 2 stood Cabinets (Old Tebay and Orton) is that they are both still awaiting electrical connections. Electric North West have recently agreed that an external Contractor can carry out the work to speed up the situation and Gallaghers Ltd have been appointed. The additional delay in Old Tebay being that the adjacent electric pole has insufficient power hence additional cabling is required. Both installations are on the action list and it is hoped that they will be completed within about 1 month then it will take BT a couple of weeks to lite the Cabinets.

Phase 2 is at a critical decision stage and it will go before CCC Cabinet on the 4th June. A question is currently being lodged for the meeting in an attempt to secure additional long term coverage of the outlying parts of the Parish.

Correspondence & Publications Received

CALC Circular – May 2015 (circulated)
FoLD – Conserving Lakeland

Date of next meeting Monday 15th June 2015

Signed

Chairman

Date 15th June 2015