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Meetings

Normally held on the third Monday each month except for August and December, in Orton Market Hall at 7.30 pm.

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend any meeting.

You are reminded that a period is set aside for members of the public to address the council at its meetings on matters of local interest or concern.

Parish Councillor Menna Lewis Runs for Charity

Hello!

I'm running in the Flora London Marathon on 26 April 2009 to raise money for Alzheimer's Society and I'd really appreciate your support. This could be in the form of cash or cheque which would be gratefully received. However, some of you may find it easier to sponsor me online by credit or debit card – just click on my justgiving hotlink below.

<http://www.justgiving.com/mennalewis1>

Justgiving sends your donation straight to Alzheimer's Society and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you're a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more. I hope you'll join me in supporting Alzheimer's Society. Thanks! Menna

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Orton Parish Council

Orton Village— a Conservation Area?

From Bridget Turnbull—Conservation Officer, EDC

You don't need me to tell you that Orton is a lovely village, but should it be designated as a conservation area?

We are fortunate in Eden in having an outstanding natural and cultural landscape that Eden District Council wants to conserve and celebrate. There are currently 23 conservation areas in Eden, outside of the Lake District National Park. They form an important part of the Council's approach to protecting and enhancing areas of particular historical and/or architectural importance.

What is a conservation area?

Conservation areas are defined in law as "areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance". As a first step we are preparing a character appraisal of Orton that includes a description of the historical, architectural and townscape importance of the village. This will be put on our web site www.eden.gov.uk next month and you can decide if we've got it right, wrong or a bit of both. We hope the character appraisal will be a basis for discussion for you to decide whether the village should be a conservation area or not.

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What does it mean for me?

What does living in a conservation area mean in practice? Won't this mean more restrictions and red tape? These are very real concerns.

In conservation areas we try to retain the character of the village, whilst allowing it to change and move on.

We certainly do **not** want to put Orton in aspic and stop all development.

The effect of designating Orton as a conservation area would be to: give the village added protection from poor quality or inappropriate development; introduce greater controls over demolition, minor development and tree felling; provide an opportunity to enhance the area. Conservation area status can help to secure external funding for environmental, community and other improvement schemes.

What's the process?

Before coming to a decision about designating Orton as a conservation area the Council wants to know your views. It's not a "done deal" and we really do want to know what you think. Find out more by:

1. coming to the Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 20 April in the Market Hall at 7.30 pm
2. looking on our website www.eden.gov.uk over April and May
3. contacting me, Bridget Turnbull, Senior Planning Policy Officer (Conservation & Design) at Eden District Council on 01768 212158 or bridget.turnbullbrown@eden.gov.uk

Orton Parkland—Carsa Brow

It is now seven years since the parkland project officially started—in a snowstorm. The land was purchased with the help of a grant from Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust. CWMET retained a proportion of the ownership for seven years, now in 2009 the entire area belongs to the parish. The area has been considerably improved in that time and with an ongoing management programme the regeneration of native limestone flora is apparent. The video/DVD made throughout the first two years up to the official opening in June 2004 brings it all back.

Proposed Designation of the Howgill Fells as National Park or AONB

It is noted that **Natural England** has suspended work on proposals for National Park extensions pending the outcome of legal problems on the South Downs.

Highways

Following long negotiations, Cumbria Highways has finally re-surfaced the footpath from East Lane to the Playground.

Dog Fouling

There are still some inconsiderate owners who do not clear up after their dogs. You are reminded that this is an offence carrying substantial fines. Eden District Council Dog Wardens have been asked to take action against offenders.

Parish Council Website

The council is currently working on the production of a dedicated website to keep residents informed of current events and legislation. This will also facilitate compliance with the recent government edict that "parish councils should be *proactive* in dispensing information under the Freedom of Information Act."

Cicely Corless Bursary

This small fund pays a total of £50 annually to residents of the parish of Orton "**under the age of 21 years, for the furtherance of their education or interests**".

Applications for 2009 should be made to the Clerk by 11th May 2009.

Two Applications were received in 2008 from Jennifer Pearson for contribution to equestrian training and Ben Pearson towards Tetrathlon training. £25.00 was awarded to each applicant

This letter was received from Jennifer at the end of last season.

I am writing on behalf of both myself and my brother Ben to say thank you for the Corless Bursary we were both awarded this year. The money went towards tetrathlon training for Ben and eventing training for myself. In the area tetrathlon Ben came 10th in his age group, producing some personal best times, and he could have been placed higher but his pony let him down on the day, much out of character. He is planning on competing in tetrathlons again next year and will be in the same age group so hopefully

being another year older and stronger, and with a new horse, should do even better.

My eventing season went very well although most of my events in July, August and September were cancelled due to the weather, which was a huge shame. With my horse, Newmarket Cruise, we were placed in the top 10 from 5 out of 6 starts in British Eventing at Novice level, with three of these placings in the top 5. We also qualified for the Pony Club open show jumping national championships in August both individually and in a team. Next year I hope to move up to Intermediate level and contest the Young Rider trials.

Precept for 2009-2010

The Precept for 2009-2010 remains unchanged from last year at £7,900.

Christmas Tree & Lights

Once again illuminated Christmas trees were erected by the parish council at the Market Hall and other locations in time for the December Farmers' Market.

Litter Pick

Volunteers were invited to a Village Litter Pick on Monday 30th March starting at 7.00pm from the Market Hall

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2009

The APM will be held on Monday 20th April at 7.30pm. Bridget Turnbull will explain the pros and cons of being designated a Conservation Area. Everyone is welcome to attend and speak on Parish matters.