

Manor of Orton CIC

(Orton Manor Court)

Steward – Jan Anning, Rayne, Gaisgill

Secretary - Giles Thornley, Hillcroft Farm, Kelleth

Treasurer – Brenda Iveson, Street Farm, Orton

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Minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2025 at Orton Market Hall 7:30pm

Present:- Jan Anning (Steward), Giles Thornley (Secretary), Brenda Iveson (Treasurer), Mark Mawson, Lanty Wharton, Elizabeth Crossley, Mac Coates, Ed Harrison

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Calum Stott, Allan Mawson

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

3. Minutes of Meeting of 2nd December 2024

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record

4. Matters arising from Minutes of 2nd December 2024

Matters arising discussed in main agenda

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer updated the committee on the few expenditures - to Companies House, Market Hall, Grants to Orton Church and Boccia and the bank accounts currently stand at Current account £6248.73 and Deposit account at £14145.38. Full accounts to be presented at May AGM meeting.

6. Steward's Report

i. Knott Lane CarPark – New 'No Camping/Overnight parking sign has been replaced.

ii. Land at Dame School – Alex Sykes (Solicitor) asked Council again for proper details on verge land – Highway Survey is needed to be carried out by Council

iii. Thin Trees at Pinfold Bridge – It was agreed that these need thinning work to be done this Spring

iv. Confirmation statement filed at a cost of £34 to Companies House

v. Confirmed constitution amendment.

vi. Render will be monitored on Dame School

7. Updates

i. Wildflower planting to go ahead when Cumbria Wildlife Trust is ready to proceed in co-operation with Orton Wildlife and Landscape Group. MM concerned re planting on SSSI. Following some research "Best Practice states - When planting road verges within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), the key approach is to prioritize native plant species that are already present in the local ecosystem, mimicking the existing vegetation and supporting the same wildlife, while ensuring any planting actions do not negatively impact the protected features of the SSSI; this often means utilizing a "low-intervention" management strategy with late-season cutting to allow wildflowers to flourish and seed naturally. "

Action By

Treasurer

Secretary
Steward

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Lanty Wharton

Secretary

8. Additional Business

i. Tender Arrangements especially 'Martinagap' – Boundary fences have been moved and no longer reflect our land holding. It was agreed that we arrange a site visit between members of the committee and Jane Lane to discuss the best remedy moving forward.

ii. It was agreed to remove the Fence down to Pinfold Bridge

iii. Internal Toilet in Market Hall – It was agreed that there were no objections to this work proceeding. EH to inform Market Hall Trustees.

iv. Fibre Poles on Manor land in Orton – Unanimously agreed to refuse consent

9. Grant Requests

i. The Grant application procedure was unanimously agreed along with the Application Forms

ii. Boccia group – Grant has been paid to the Boccia group to a value of £150.00

10. Any Other Business

i. Land to rear of Beckside, Orton – The steward to investigate with the diocese about the possibility of access across the Glebe land next to our holding in order to easily access our plot. So that we can allow public access and improve the holding.

ii. BPS will end in 2027, Committee to keep an eye out for any other funding that is available that will not impact our grazing letting income.

11. Future Meetings

The Next Meeting will be held on Monday 12th May (AGM) followed by Monday 8th September 2025 and Monday 1st December 2025 all at 7:30pm to be held in the supper room at Orton Market Hall.

Action By

Steward

Lanty
Wharton

Ed Harrison

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Meeting closed at 20:35

G. Thornley (Secretary)

Signed as a true record.....

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