

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th July 2009 in Orton Market Hall

Present Cllr S Dunning (Vice-Chairman) Cllrs M Coates, D Smith M Lewis and E Potter
District Councillor Margaret Wilcox.
One member of the public.
Clerk, C J Elphick

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Kyle Blue and Wyn Parker (both on holiday) and County Councillor Peter Thornton

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Smith declared an interest in a finance payment to the firm of which he is a director.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15th June 2009 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

Election of Vice-Chairman for 2009-2010

Nominations were invited for the position of Vice-Chairman for the year 2009-2010. Cllr S W Dunning was proposed and elected unanimously.

Orton Community Website

It was reported that Orton's new community website, Orton.org.uk is now live. Details of the site will be circulated in the next newsletter. All were satisfied with format and content.

Finance

Accounts for payment

David Smith & Son Ltd (Toilet repair)	£49.45
Ravenstonedale PC (50% new CA-B)	£27.80

Resolved that the foregoing two accounts be approved for payment

Planning Applications

Notification had been received of an improvement programme for Orton C of E School by Cumbria County Council

No. 09/0488 PROPOSED FIELD SHELTER AND YARD AND NEW ACCESS TRACKAROUND PERIMETER OF LAND

Type Full Application
Location Midfield Farm, Gaisgill
Applicant Mr & Mrs Hutchinson
Parish Council No objections or observations.

No. 09/0503 EXTENSION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RETAIL AND STORAGE, CREATION OF NEW SERVICE YARD.

Type Full Application
Location Tebay North Service Area, M6
Applicant Westmorland Ltd
Parish Council No objections or observations

Cumbria Landscape Character and Toolkit - Workshop

Cllr Blue, who had attended the workshop, was on holiday and unavailable to report

Orton Toilets

Clerk reported that, on inspection during mid-afternoon, he had found the Gents to be in a dirty condition and the toilet seat broken and detached. Cllr Smith, having had this brought to his attention, inspected early the same evening found the toilet to be acceptably clean. It appears that the cleaning takes place late in the day and is satisfactory. Cllr Smith, in his professional capacity as a builder, has now fitted a new seat. Cllr Smith had previously been called to a minor repair job in the Ladies. It was suggested that spot inspections should be carried out to ensure that the toilets are maintained in an acceptable condition.

It was **resolved** that, since any major refurbishment would not take place for a considerable time, a sum not exceeding £500 should be allocated to re-decorate and improve the appearance. "Gents" sign needs replacing and emergency contact details should be displayed.

It had been suggested that a sum of £5,000 may be available towards refurbishment and upgrading from Cumbria CC. Clerk to make further representations to Eden District for further funding.

Highways

A request from the owner of Curlew Corner for the re-siting of the 30mph speed restriction sign to beyond Curlew Corner had been passed to Keith Masser, Capita (Cumbria Highways). A reply acknowledging the query and explaining the implications from the legal aspects had been received. Cumbria Police had indicated support for the proposal.

Cumbria Police have a speed indicating unit available to check vehicle speeds in the village. A volunteer is needed to charge battery each night. Cllr Dunning to arrange.

Public Participation

There were no contributions from members of the public.

Correspondence Received

A letter of thanks had been received from Kate Arnold, head teacher, Orton CE School thanking the PC for the grant which helped to fund extra curricular activities such as visits to outdoor activities centres.

A letter of thanks had been received from the outgoing County Councillor, Tim Stoddard, for the support he had received from the PC during his twelve years representing the Kirkby Stephen ward.

CALC – County Circular July/August 2009
Cumbria Highways – Working Together
Cumbria Community Foundation – Newsletter
Local Council Review
Clerks & Councils Direct

Date of next meeting – Monday 21st September 2009

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 21st September 2009