

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21st February 2011 in Orton Market Hall at 7.30pm

Present Cllrs. Kyle Blue (Chairman) M Lewis, M Coates, M Jenkin and P Knowles
Clerk, C J Elphick
Internal Auditor, Jane Arkless
District Councillor Margaret Wilcox
1 member of the public
Craig Brass, NextGenus

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr E Potter and County Councillor Peter Thornton

Declarations of Interest

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

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 10th January 2011 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Broadband Provision in Orton Parish

Craig Brass from NextGenUs made a presentation demonstrating how High Speed Fibre Optic Broadband Internet Access could be provided for Orton. NextGenUs is a Community Interest Company which means that a percentage of profits must be returned for community use.

The proposal would be to provide much faster broadband upload and download speeds throughout the parish. The viability of the project would depend on a high proportion of properties signing up for the service.

It was suggested that the possibilities should be publicised at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

Orton Toilets

The upgrading of Orton public toilet facilities is due to commence on Monday 14th March. A temporary facility will be provided during the works.

Finance

Accounts paid prior to meeting

Orton Village Store (Toilets)	£ 38.04
A R Mason (Toilet Lights)	£ 25.00
Gibson's Loos (Temp. Toilet Deposit)	£ 432.00
EDC (Building Regs. Toilets)	£ 473.32
Lynne Potter	£ 210.00

Accounts for Payment

United Utilities (Toilets)	£ 50.26
Garsdale Design (Architects)	£ 600.00
CPRE (Subscription)	£ 29.00

The foregoing accounts were approved for payment

Planning Applications

No. 11/0095 Various prunings to clear power lines
Type Tree works (TPO)
Location Various sites within Orton
Applicant Electricity North West – Mr R Jay

No. 11/0077 Various prunings to clear power lines
Type Tree works (CA)
Location Various sites within Orton
Applicant Electricity North West – Mr J Richard

Requests for Funding

Orton CE School – towards extra curricular activities, residential visits etc.
It was **resolved** that the sum of £100.00 be awarded.

North West Air Ambulance – It was **resolved** that no donation be made on this occasion. The parish council usually supports the Great North Air Ambulance which is based more locally in Cumbria.

Parish & District Council Elections

It was noted that parish and district council elections will take place on 5th May 2011. Information n “Becoming a Councillor” is available from Eden District Council – or ask the Clerk.

Public Participation

There were no contributions from members of the public.

Correspondence Received

CPRE – Countryside Voice

Date of next meeting – Monday 21st March 2011

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 21st March 2011