

## ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011 in the Market Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting

**Present** Cllr K Blue (Chairman) Cllrs M Lewis, S Dunning, P Knowles, M Jenkin and M Coates  
Clerk, C J Elphick  
Internal Auditor, Jane Arckless  
District Councillor Margaret Wilcox,  
County Councillor Peter Thornton  
Cllr Adrian Todd (Tebay PC)

**Apologies for absence** had been received from Cllr E Potter.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

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

**Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 21st March 2011 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **. Superfast Broadband Provision in Orton Parish**

Craig Brass from NextGenUs had given a presentation to the Annual Parish Meeting outlining details of his company's proposed distribution system. The practicality of the system would be dependent on an adequate percentage of properties within the parish subscribing to the scheme. It was proposed that Craig should provide written copy, with returnable questionnaire, for the Clerk to include in a newsletter which would be distributed to every household in the parish.

Peter Thornton stated that Cumbria County Council was currently debating the best distribution system for the whole of Cumbria. CCC has been allocated £10,000,000 towards the cost. It was suggested that no decision be taken until the County Council had published their preferred option.

Peter Knowles agreed to act as "Broadband Champion" on behalf of the parish. He suggested that further information may be obtained from the active Garsdale/Dent broadband group.

#### **Orton Toilets**

The refurbishment and upgrading of the public/Market Hall toilets is progressing although some time had been lost due to bad weather plus the unexpected discovery of a road drain in the line of the foundations which had to be bridged. Work is expected to take approximately seven weeks in all.

#### **Finance**

##### Sum Received

HMRC – VAT repayment	£	293.93
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##### Accounts for Payment

Atkinson Builders (Interim Payment)	£	24,000.00
Border Loos (Service)	£	96.00
Border Loos (Monthly Statement)	£	102.85
CALC Subscription	£	159.50
Scarecrow Competition Committee	£	100.00

The foregoing five items were authorised for payment

**Litter Pick**

A litter pick had been carried out round the village and roadside verges. About a dozen bags were filled. The bags and equipment were provided by Eden District Council as part of a government "Keep Britain Tidy" initiative.

**Public Participation**

There were no contributions from members of the public

**Correspondence Received**

CALC – County Circular April 2011 – circulated by e-mail

**Date of next meeting – Annual General Meeting - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Date 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011