

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 16th May 2011 in the Market Hall at 7.30pm

Prior to the meeting each councillor had signed a new Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Present Cllr K Blue (Chairman) Cllrs M Lewis, S Dunning, P Knowles, M Jenkin,
E Potter and M Coates
Clerk, C J Elphick
Internal Auditor, Jane Arckless
Andrew Fleck & John Colton from the Garsdale & Dent Broadband Group
"GARDEN"

Apologies for absence had been received from County Councillor Peter Thornton,
District Councillor Adrian Todd and PCSO Stuart Brownrigg.

Election of Chairman for the year 2011-2012

The outgoing chairman, Kyle Blue, asked for nominations for the position of chairman for the year 2011-2012.

Kyle Blue was nominated and elected unanimously. Cllr Blue then signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman.

Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2011-2012

Stephen Dunning was proposed and elected unanimously.

Declarations of Interest

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

Broadband

Andrew Fleck & John Colton gave a presentation on the deliberations of the Garsdale & Dent Broadband Group and of the many practical issues involved in providing universal broadband coverage to properties in rural areas. Considerations included the methods of distribution (fibre, wireless, satellite, etc.) operating speed aspirations – should 2 or 3 Mbps to all properties be adequate or should the aim be 100Mbps? Cost of installation to the end user and sources of finance for the infrastructure are major issues to be resolved.

Cumbria is currently one of the Government's pilot areas and the County Council is yet to decide on its priorities for distribution of Government allocated funding. Several self-help groups in our area are exploring various means of achieving maximum broadband coverage. The most local to Orton is the East Cumbria Broadband Forum.

It was **resolved** to register as members of the East Cumbria Broadband Forum. Cllr Peter Knowles to be Orton's nominated representative.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th April 2011 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Finance

Sums received

EDC Precept	£16,000.00
HMRC VAT repayment	£ 4,033.14

Account paid prior to meeting

United Utilities (Water Rate, Toilets)	£ 64.15
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Accounts for payment

Broker Network Ltd (Insurance)	£	645.51
Lynne Potter (Toilets)	£	210.00
Border Group (Toilet Hire)	£	771.43
Border Group (Toilet Service)	£	96.00
C J Elphick (Toilet Lights)	£	46.54
A R Mason (Market Hall electric repair)	£	49.77
C J Elphick (Toilet Lights- external)	£	66.78

The foregoing eight items were approved for payment.

Planning Applications

No. 11/0291 FRONT EXTENSION TO DWELLING
Type Full Application
Location Field Head, Orton
Applicant Mr A Mawson
Parish Council No objections to this application.

Lakes to Dales Landscape Designation Project

New consultation on latest Draft Proposals. There will be a Drop In session with Natural England in the Market Hall during the Farmers' Market on Saturday June 11th. Consultation closes at the end of June so the council's response will be considered at its meeting on the 20th June.

Orton Market Hall Toilets

Work is progressing on the upgrading of the toilets. The build is a little behind schedule mainly due to a combination of bad weather, three bank holidays in quick succession and some unforeseen extra works.

Public Participation

There were no contributions from members of the public.

Date of next meeting – Monday 20th June 2010

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 20th June 2011