

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th January 2015 in the Market Hall at 7.30pm

Present Cllr K Blue (Chairman) Cllrs M Lewis, M Coates, P Knowles and Mary Jenkin
Clerk, C J Elphick
District Councilor, Adrian Todd
County Councilor, Libby Bateman
Alison Morriss from Cumbria Classic Coaches
Six members of the public

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs S Dunning and E Potter

Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Blue and Jenkin declared interests in Planning Application no. 14/1069 and took no part in the discussion.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17th November 2014 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

106 Bus Route

It was reported that a limited service on the former 106 bus route had been submitted to the Traffic Commissioner for approval. This experimental service had been made possible with contributions to cover the commercial shortfall from parish councils along the route. Orton has agreed to donate the sum of five hundred pounds.

Alison Morriss reported that her company, Cumbria Classic Coaches, was considering the introduction of a commercially viable weekly service from Kirkby Stephen via Ravenstonedale, Shap, Orton, Tebay and Grayrigg., to Kendal allowing three hours in Kendal before return. Concessionary passes would be accepted. This suggestion received approval from those present. Subject to licensing by the Traffic Commissioner this service could commence in February.

Broadband Developments in Orton Parish

The Chairman read a report on the current situation prepared by Roger Frank. See Appendix 1.

Children's Play Area

Repairs and replacement panels have been carried out to the two major items, Nibthwaite Tower and Little Hamlets, which has substantially improved the appearance.

One large lime tree has been removed and the Wetpour safety surfaces have been power washed to remove moss etc.

The Springer Bike and the waste bin are in need of replacement. A grant towards the cost of replacements has been agreed in principle with Cumbria County Council. An additional bin for Dog Waste is to be installed facing out from the play area to discourage use of the playground bin for this purpose.

Several fund-raising events are planned for the coming months

Finance

A detailed draft proposal precept for 2015-2016 was distributed to councillors. It was **resolved** that the Precept for the year 2015-2016 remain unchanged @ £19,000.

Annual review of staff costs

It was **resolved** that the clerk's salary be adjusted in accordance with new NALC rates (SCP 27) from 1st January 2015 + 1 off "Non-consolidated payment £100.00"

Accounts paid prior to meeting

Playdale Playgrounds Ltd (repairs) £1,542.75

Accounts for payment

Lynne Potter (70) £ 210.00
C J Elphick (Month 10) (new rate + £100.00) £ 425.00
HMRC (Month 10) £ 106.20
C J Elphick (SLCC Subs 50%) £ 74.50
Scottish Hydro Electric £ 64.34
C J Elphick (WD memory backup) £ 51.56

Planning

No. 14/1003 Extension to 1 Raisgill Hall Cottage to extend into adjoining stone barn and to extend stone barn to provide additional living accommodation.

Location 1 Raisgill Hall Cottages, Tebay CA10 3UB

Applicant Mr & Mrs M Dunning **GRANTED**

No. 14/1024 Prior notification of the change of use of an agricultural barn to two dwellings with associated works.

Location Selsmire Farm Orton CA10 3SA

Applicant Mr P Pearson

Parish Council Support this application **GRANTED**

No. 14/1085 Proposed sub-division of dwelling to two dwellings with shared parking

Type Full Application

Location Coombe Leigh. Orton CA10 3RG

Applicant Mr & Mrs D McAleese

Parish Council No objections

No. 14/1069 Variation of condition no.2 (plans compliance) attached to planning approval 14/0516 comprising of internal layout alterations.

Type Listed Building

Location The Old School, Greenholme, CA10 3TA

Applicant Miss J Lade

Parish Council No objections

Notice had been from EDC Planning Department that, from 1st January 2015, all plans will be sent out in A3 or A4 format which will not necessarily be to scale.

Neighbourhood Planning

There will be a meeting to assess the demand within the parish for production of a Neighbourhood Plan or Neighbourhood Development Order for Orton 26th January 2015 in the Market Hall.

Communication with Parish Residents

A list is being compiled of parishioners who wish to receive information direct from the parish council by e-mail.

Categories of documents to be circulated will include Minutes & Agendas, Police messages, Planning Applications (link to EDC) Public consultation documents and other items considered relevant.

To register for this service please e-mail your contact details including

Name, Address, Phone +e-mail to parishcouncil@orton.org.uk

Correspondence & Publications Received

CALC Circular – December 2014/January 2015 (circulated)

CALC Annual Report 2014

CALC – Unitary Local Government in Cumbria – Letter to Rt Hon Eric Pickles
Clerks & Councils Direct
Eden Housing Association – Independent Living consultation.
Representatives to be invited to a PC meeting.

Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG) Consultation on the
Government's intentions to modernize parish poll regulations (19pp)
DCLG – Plain English guide to the Planning System (20pp)
EDC Department of Communities - Advice to Parish Councils on Material
Considerations in the Determination of Planning Applications
Cumbria CC – Voluntary Social Car Scheme – Driver's Pack (20pp)
Local Government England – Proposed Statutory Instrument – The Local Audit
(Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 (23pp)
DCLG – Transparency Code for smaller authorities (13pp)
NALC – Local Council Award Scheme

The foregoing items of information were noted.

Date of next meeting Monday 16th February 2015

Signed _____ Chairman Date 16th February 2015

**Orton Parish Superfast Broadband Upgrade
Status Report January 2015**

With reference to my initial report of Sept 2013 and subsequent update of July 2014 I can advise that the "Connecting Cumbria through Superfast Broadband Project" is progressing but we may see some delays in the system going live in the Parish.

The new Southerly Dslam Cabinet has been stood in Old Tebay (Cab 1) for a couple of months awaiting the fibre spine cable which is being laid from Kendal. I have just been informed the cabling is now complete however there is likely to be a delay in the Cabinet going live due to the lack of a power supply. An order has been placed with Electricity North West but to date no date has been given of when they will carry out the work.

Some delays have occurred in the installation of the Orton Dslam (Cab 2) due to way-leave negotiations which are currently ongoing. It is expected these will be concluded this quarter.

Some good news for the properties adjacent to the Orton exchange that have exchange only lines (lines connected direct to the exchange rather than via the Cabinets). A decision has been taken to install a third Dslam Cabinet (Cab 3) to pick up these lines which should provide a good superfast service to these properties.

Connecting Cumbria has recently called a "State Aid Public Consultation" in relation to the spending of an additional £5,72M under phase 2. An Orton Parish submission was duly prepared and submitted after being signed off by Kyle. It is imperative that Eden District receives a good proportion of this funding as it is significantly behind the spend / coverage in the other County Districts and thereby increase our chance of success. To this end:

- I have been in communication with Rory Stewart who has promised to support our cause.
- I've met with Gordon Nicholson (who was aware that Eden was well behind the expenditure in other Districts) and subsequently our Parish received a mention in Eden District Councils submission to Connecting Cumbria.
- I am currently preparing a submission / question to be tabled at the next meeting of Cumbria County Council's Local Committee for Eden following a discussion with the Committee Chairman.

So in conclusion, progress is being made and it is hoped that the Tebay Cabinet should go live within the next couple of months with the main Orton Cabinet by the middle of the year / autumn. The positive news is the additional Cabinet to pick up the exchange only lines under phase 1. Work is continuing to promote the Parish for additional expenditure under Phase 2.

Roger Frank,
Orton Hub Coordinator.