

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on 16th January 2017 at
Market Hall, Orton at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Kyle Blue (chair); S. Dunning; Menna Lewis; M. Mawson; M. Coates; D. Potter and J. Taylor.

District Councillor Adrian Todd

Mr. Roger Frank and four members of the public.

Mr. Roger Frank updated the meeting with regard to the “roll-out” of broadband to Orton and surrounding settlements. He explained that the new hub for Orton is up and running and will assist those living within about a mile of Orton, but you do have to sign up for the improved service (at no extra cost). This is Phase 1 of the process. Phase 2 relates to outlying settlements and Mr. Frank explained the reasons for the lack of progress to date.

Councillors expressed concerns about the reduction in value of properties not able to have superfast broadband, and the effect on holiday lets and local businesses.

Mr. Frank also gave some advice about updating the Council’s website and it was agreed that this should, in future, be an issue to be debated at each meeting of the Council.

The Chairman and those attending thanked Mr. Frank for his advice and guidance.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Libby Bateman

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Menna Lewis declared an interest in Item 4 on the Agenda (planning application relating to a kiosk at Orton Hall, Orton) and took no part in the discussion or decision-making in respect of this Agenda item.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 21st November 2016

The Minutes were circulated and signed by the Chairman as a true record

4. Planning

Trees at the Old Corn Mill, Orton

The chairman had visited the site and expressed no concerns about the proposed works to the box shrub; 2 hazels and the laurel tree and the removal of one dead tree.

Application E/11/6/LB.

Listed building consent for a freestanding control kiosk at Orton Hall, Orton. Members had no objection to the proposed scheme.

Members were concerned to note that the Yorkshire Dales National Park are no longer supplying the Clerk with paper copies of planning applications and associated plans, etc. The chair undertook to visit the surgery in Orton and raise this matter with the National Park to see if a way forward could be found without going to the expense of purchasing a projector or other equipment.

5. Defibrillator

The current position was noted and enquiries will be made as to the electricity supply to the telephone kiosk where it is planned to locate the equipment. Councillor Menna Lewis mentioned that a notice will have to be posted on site to advise the public as to which mobile phones can be used at this location.

Councillor John Taylor is making enquiries as to whether grants are available for additional defibrillators for the settlements at Greenholme and Raisbeck.

6. Finance and Cash Book

The cash book was circulated for information and the following accounts were approved for payment:

E-on	£28.69
Physio Control for the defibrillator	780.00
Green Urban for the defibrillator cabinet	894.00
L. Potter salary for month 10	250.35
M. Longworth salary for month 10	140.00
M. Longworth – postage stamps for 2016	17.04
HMRC – PAYE for month 10	97.60
Gala Christmas tree lights	168.00
Hire of Market Hall for period Jan – Dec 2016	90.00
E-on (December account)	17.59

David Potter had received some quotes for remedial work to the play area and agreed to obtain further estimates and bring these to a future meeting of the council. The clerk will see if a grant might be available for this work.

7. Electricity Supply

Councillors thanked David Potter for his work in negotiating a new contract for the supply of electricity to the public toilets.

8. Correspondence

A letter from the headmistress of Orton School asking for a donation to support the children's outdoor residential activities in the coming year was circulated for comment. A grant had previously been made in 2014 for a similar project in the sum of £250.00. Members felt that the activities outlined in the letter were worthwhile and decided to make a grant for 2017 of £350.00.

Members decided not to support the proposal made by Recycling Solutions to place a textile recycling bank in the village, as a similar facility is already in place at the school.

9. The Bridge at Reveley House.

The Chairman reported that the YDNPA would be supplying a new bridge and that the Parish Council would assist with its installation. The Parish Council will be responsible for the new bridge.

10. Public Participation

It was agreed that hedge-laying should be undertaken at the parkland and a chestnut tree needs to be replaced. Some work may also be required to the stream. District Councillor Adrian Todd will obtain any necessary consents for the work to the beck.

11. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, 20th February 2017 at the Market Hall, Orton at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40

Signed
(chairman)

Dated