

## ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016

at Orton Market Hall at 7.30 pm

Present:- Councillors S. Dunning (chair); M. Coates; Menna Lewis; M. Mawson; D. Potter; E. Potter

District Councillor Adrian Todd

Members of the public

**1. Apologies for absence** were received from County Councillor Libby Bateman and Councillor Kyle Blue

**2. Declarations of interest.** There were no declarations of interest made in respect of any Agenda items

**3. Minutes of a Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016** were circulated and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Matters arising from the Minutes.** The clerk was asked whether any progress had been made in sourcing grant funding for the purchase of a laptop and printer for use by the new clerk. It was reported that a grant might be available from the Transparency Fund (administered by Cumbria Association of Local Councils) but, as yet, few details were known about this. It was agreed that a laptop be sourced for the new clerk with a financial limit on spending of £300. Menna Lewis may have a printer available for use.

#### **4. Planning.**

Application No.16/0259 - removal of a cypress tree at Martin Cottage, Orton. No Objection.

Application No. 16/0195 - rendering of the south façade of Kelleth Old Hall, Kelleth. No objection.

Application No.16/0306 - removal of a horse chestnut tree the subject of a Tree Preservation Order at the entrance to Orton Scar Café and works to two sycamore trees.

*The meeting adjourned for 10 minutes to allow members time to carry out a site visit and, in particular, to view the horse chestnut tree. This tree was found to be in a poor condition with little amenity value.*

No objection.

**5. Finance.** The amount of the electricity bill for the public toilets was noted and it was agreed that the clerk consider the cost of electricity and the terms of supply to see if it might be worth changing supplier.

#### **6. Public participation.**

Mr. Dave Knapman kindly offered to donate a seat in memory of his son, Justin. Mr. Knapman was thanked by the committee for this generous gift and it was agreed that he would liaise with Councillor Coates as to the placing of the seat.

It was agreed that a note be sent by Mr. Addis to the publishers of The Link thanking the public for their work on the "litter pick" and reporting the outcome.

#### **7. Correspondence received**

These items were noted and District Councillor Adrian Todd drew members attention to the Eden District Council Community Funding available for local projects. Leaflets were distributed giving details of the funding and how to apply, with the applicable deadlines.

The meeting closed at 8.20. The next meeting (the AGM) will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30.

Signed..... (Chairman)

Dated .....