

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 16th May 2016

at Orton Market Hall at 7.30 pm

Prior to the meeting Councillor S Dunning convened the Parish Council's Annual General Meeting and presented the Annual Report

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

County Councillor Libby Bateman

Nine members of the public

1. Apologies for absence were received from and Councillors Kyle Blue and Mark Mawson and District Councillor Adrian Todd

2. Election of a Chairman for 2016/2017

Councillor Kyle Blue was proposed and elected unanimously

3. Election of a Vice-Chairman for 2016/2017

Councillor Stephen Dunning was proposed and elected unanimously

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

3. Minutes of a Meeting of 18th April 2016 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5. Planning.

Application No. 16/0426 - removal of T1 Ash Tree at Wardle House Barn, Orton.
No objection

6. Finance.

The Annual Governance Statement for 2015/2016 was circulated and approved and signed by the chairman.

A draft summary of the Parish Council's Accounts prepared by the former clerk was circulated and approved by members of the Council. The internal audit is to be carried out by Mr. Renwick-Smith.

The Council's Cash Book in A3 format was circulated for information.

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

HMRC (months 1 and 2 for L. Potter and M. Longworth) - £194.80

Cumbria Association of Local Councils (subscription) - £177.00

E-on - £62.67

Eden Farm Supplies (wood for gate) - £123.84

Came & Co. (insurance premium) - £660.88

Orton PO and Village Stores (toilet materials for public toilets) - £80.95 M.

Longworth salary (months 1 and 2)- £280.00

Clerk's stationery and travel expenses (three months) - £73.93

Jackie Huck for scarecrow competition - £100.00

United Utilities water and sewerage bill for period October 2015 to April 2016 - £128.92

Lynne Potter salary (month 2) - £250.35

7. Public participation.

County Councillor Libby Bateman explained that a proposed defibrillator would need an electricity supply. A suitable position might be on the external wall of the Market Hall. She will make enquiries of the Fire Service as it appears they have supplied defibrillators in other nearby locations at no charge. This item to be brought back to the June meeting as an Agenda item.

Members discussed the ongoing concerns about the condition of the footpath leading to the school, and Cllr David Potter mentioned that repairs were to be done by the County Council. Members asked that the clerk contact the County Council about the condition of East Road as concerns had been expressed by the Manor Court and others. Cllr Coates also expressed concern about the condition of some footpath stiles between Street Lane and Scarside and the clerk undertook to pursue this with the County Council.

Concern was also expressed about the lack of lighting to the footpath to the school and District Councillor Adrian Todd will be contacted about this.

Mr. and Mrs. Knapman presented some pictures of the seat to be kindly donated in memory of their son and this will be taken further with Cllr Coates.

Mr. Ian Simpson raised the issue of the possible imposition of a 20 mph speed limit in the village and it was agreed that this concern would be taken to the June agenda for formal discussion. A resolution of the Parish Council is needed before this issue can be raised with the County Council and a Traffic Regulation Order will be required. The Parish Council will have to show that there is a need for such an Order on the grounds of public safety.

Various possible breaches of planning control were discussed in the village and at Chapel Waste.

8. Correspondence Received

A letter of thanks had been received from the headmistress of the school following the donation made towards their May Day event.

The Area Ranger (East) of the Lake District National Park had emailed the clerk to ask if she could attend a meeting of the Parish Council to explain the work of the National Park in the area, and it was agreed that she should be invited to a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00. The next meeting will be on Monday 20th June 2016 at 7.30pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

Dated