

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 20th June 2016

at Orton Market Hall at 7.30 pm

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

County Councillor Libby Bateman

District Councillor Adrian Todd

Five members of the public

Prior to the meeting a presentation was made by Suzy Hankin, Area Ranger for the East Area of the Lake District National Park Authority. A map was circulated showing the boundary of the LDNPA area and it was explained that about 75 households would come within the East Area. A survey of all the rights of way within the boundary had been carried out, with a view to bringing all of the paths up to the LDNPA standard for rights of way. The LDNPA would adhere to the existing Local Plan for the time being and the planning officer dealing with applications would be Mr. Ben Long. Ms Hankin then answered questions from councillors and members of the public. The Chairman thanked her for her attendance at the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence were received from and Councillors Kyle Blue and Menna Lewis. Menna Lewis joined the meeting at approximately 7.50

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

3. Minutes of a Meeting of 16th May 2016 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. Rights of Way

An application to divert footpath 355053 at Gill Farm, Orton was considered, and the council had no objection to the proposed diversion.

5. Planning.

Application No. 16/0412 - Hall Farm, Orton. Installation of a slurry lagoon. No objection

Application No. 16/0508 - The Old Corn Mill, Orton. Change of use from former agricultural building to a dwelling. No objection.

Application No. 16/0533 - trees at All Saints Church, Orton. Remove two individual cypresses, remove 3 groups of cypresses and two ash trees. No objection was raised if the trees were found to be dangerous.

6. Possible acquisition of a defibrillator.

County Councillor Libby Bateman explained that the County Council would fund this, but she would prefer it to be sited at the Market Hall, which was agreed. It would be arranged for a local electrician to install it and the fire service would then maintain it. A local resident would need to be appointed to be a custodian of the equipment and to monitor same at regular intervals.

7. Proposed 20 mph speed limit in the village

This was proposed by Stephen Dunning and seconded by David Potter. Libby Bateman will take this up with the County Council who will need to carry out a survey and assess the need for the imposition of a speed limit.

8. Finance.

The Council's cash book and bank reconciliation for April and May was circulated for information.

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

HMRC (month 3 - L. Potter and M. Longworth) -£97.60

Stationery (ink for printer) - £14.99

E-on - £34.34

M. Longworth salary (month 3) - £140.00

L. Potter salary (month 3) - £250.35

Clerk travel expenses (posting notices) - £4.50

United Utilities waste water bill 2016/17- £129.48

9. Public participation.

The bus service

County Councillor Libby Bateman explained that the 106 bus service was facing financial difficulties and was likely to be curtailed in the future. Also, very few volunteers were coming forward to help to run the service.

Dog fouling

The necessary signs were either missing or in need of replacement. District Councillor Adrian Todd will take this matter up

Lighting at the school.

District Councillor Adrian Todd will see if a suitable mounting pole can be found for a light and it was thought possible that a small electric meter could be fitted to it.

10. Correspondence Received

Letters from the Lake District National Park Authority were noted

The meeting closed at 8.35. The next meeting will be on Monday 18th July 2016 at 7.30pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

Dated