

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 17th October 2016 at Orton Market Hall at 7.30pm

Present – Councillors Kyle Blue (chair); Stephen Dunning; Mark Mawson and David Potter

Five members of the public.

Prior to the meeting an informative talk was given about improving broadband connectivity in the area. Grants are available via Cumbria Connect and details of a firm (notspotbroadband.com) specialising in this aspect were supplied. Enhanced telephone coverage can also be obtained at reasonable cost.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Menna Lewis and M. Coates

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 19th September 2016

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

4. Planning

Members noted the grant of the following applications:

16/0640 – An agricultural building at Selsmire Farm, Orton

16/0584 – An agricultural building at Raisgill Hall, Tebay

7/2016/3120 – An agricultural worker's dwelling at Stoneygill, Shap

S/2016/537 – A new access and track at New House, Farm, Orton

5. Finance

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

E-on	16.41
E. Capstick for painting	500.00
Lynne Potter (salary month 7)	250.35
Margaret Longworth (salary month 7)	140.00
HMRC (PAYE month 8)	97.60
BDO (external auditors)	240.00
Donation to First Responders	1000.00

6 Risk Assessment

The risk assessment for 2016/2017 was circulated and approved

7. Correspondence

An email had been received from Cumbria County Council giving details of the makes of defibrillator and cabinet available for purchase. John Taylor agreed to look into the products mentioned and report back to the November meeting. The County Council had made funding available amounting to £1395.00

8. Parish Council Website

It was agreed that the information on the website was out of date and the general appearance was old-fashioned. John Taylor agreed to undertake some research on how this could be improved and what additional information could be added to the website and he will report back to the November meeting.

9. Co-option of New Councillor

The vacancy following the retirement of Mr. Ernie Potter had been advertised for the stipulated period. John Taylor of the Schoolmasters House, Greenholme had expressed an interest and it was unanimously agreed that he be op-opted onto the Parish Council.

10. Public Participation

10.1 It was generally agreed that the exterior painting of the public toilets and bridges had been carried out to a high standard

10.2 A highway defect at the junction of Pikestone Lane and the Bretherdale road had been reported by a resident and logged on the County Council Highways Hotline.

10.3 The condition of a footbridge over the stream outside Reveley House, Orton was causing concern and thought to be unsafe. The ownership of the bridge was not known but it had recently been used by workman accessing Reveley House. It was agreed that the clerk would report the matter to the owner of Reveley House in the hope that repairs would be carried out and a notice to warn walkers of the dangers be erected in the meantime.

11. Date of the next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 21st November 2016 at 7.30pm at the Market Hall, Orton

The meeting ended at 8.10pm

Signed as a true record..... Date