

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting held on 18th April 2017 at
Market Hall, Orton at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors K. Blue (chair); Menna Lewis; M. Mawson; D. Potter
3 Members of the public and the clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor John Taylor and District Councillor Adrian Todd

2. Declarations of Interest

None of the Councillors declared an interest in any item on the Agenda

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 20th March 2017

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting

4. Planning

Yorkshire Dales National Park

E/16/0508 – The Old Corn Mill, Orton. Application to vary the consent for change of use to dwelling house by revising the window arrangement and removal of Condition 6 relating to the exterior finish of the building. No objection.

Eden District Council

Application 17/0172 – Selsmire, Orton. Application for alterations, extension and additional car parking. No objection

5. Finance

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Lynne Potter – salary month 1	£250.35
M. Longworth – salary month 1	140.00
HMRC – month 1	97.60

The cash book for January, February and March 2017 was circulated for information

6. Bridge Incident

Councillor Menna Lewis reported on an incident when two children fell into the stream when crossing the bridge on their way to school. It was agreed that the Yorkshire Dales National Park would be informed of the incident as the route forms part of a public footpath. It was noted that repairs are required

to the handrail and this could be done by the Parish Council if the YDNPA agreed to this.

7. Defibrillator

The Clerk reported on the current position. It was noted that the parish council's insurers recommended using the services of the Community Heartbeat Trust, as they are experts in this field. The Trust had already "adopted" the redundant phone kiosk in the village from BT, and was willing for this to be used to house the equipment. The Hosting Agreement used by the Trust had been circulated for approval and appeared to be straightforward. There would be a charge for installation (about £200), and possibly a nominal charge for the use of electricity. It was agreed to go ahead with the Trust and that the Clerk would put this in hand.

8. 106 Bus Service

Wendy Higgins reported to the meeting on the current use of the service and the numbers using it for visits to family members, the doctor, hospital etc. She explained the route taken, and outlined the present funding of the service. There was currently only enough money to maintain the service until January. All of the parish councils along the route had been approached for a donation and previously all had contributed. The chair thanked Mrs. Higgins for her presentation and the meeting agreed to donate £500 to the 106 Bus Partnership.

9. Correspondence Received.

YDNPA Parish Forum. It was agreed that 3 councillors and the clerk would attend the meeting on 8th May at 7.00pm

It was agreed to support the Farmer's Flood Group.

Training events organised by CALC were considered and Councillor Kyle Blue will attend the training on Common Land.

It was noted that the Council's insurers now require a weekly visual inspection of the play area and it was agreed that a suitable person would be identified to carry out this task.

The YDNPA have agreed to look at the ten most poorly maintained paths in the parish, and the councillors will advise the Clerk on routes most in need of attention.

10. Public Participation

Councillor Mark Mawson reported on the recent inspection of the fire hydrants in the parish and concerns were expressed about the adequacy of the water

pressure. The Clerk will take this up with the County Council Fire and Rescue Service and report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

11. Date and Time of the Next Meeting

This will be the Parish Council's AGM and there will be a guest speaker. The meeting will be held on 22nd May 2017 at the Market Hall, Orton at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.40

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