

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 20th March 2017 at
Orton Market Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Kyle Blue (chair); Stephen Dunning; Menna Lewis; M. Coates; D. Potter;
John Taylor; M. Mawson
County Councillor Libby Bateman
Four members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from District Councillor Adrian Todd

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in any of the Agenda items

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 20th February 2017

The Minutes were signed as a true record of this meeting

4. Planning

There were no planning applications received from Eden District Council or either of the National Parks

5. Defibrillator

The clerk updated the meeting on progress to date with the plan to place the defibrillator in the redundant phone kiosk opposite The George. It was noted that this had already been “adopted” by the Community Heartbeat Trust. The Secretary of the Trust had concerns as to the appropriateness of the equipment already purchased on the advice of Cumbria County Council Fire and Rescue Service. However, both the County Council representative and the North West Ambulance Service had advised the clerk that the equipment was satisfactory, and similar models were in use throughout the county.

It was evident that the consent of the Trust had to be obtained before the phone kiosk could be used. It was resolved that the clerk would make enquiries locally to see if other Parish Councils had used the services of the Trust in the installation and maintenance of the equipment, and whether this had been a successful collaboration. The clerk would also make enquiries of the Trust as to their charges for use of the kiosk, installation of the defibrillator and management of the electricity supply. The clerk will report on the outcome of these enquiries to the Chair.

Resolved: That the Council would proceed with the installation of the defibrillator in the phone kiosk if the Chair was satisfied with the outcome of the above enquiries.

6. Website

Councillors had viewed various websites, including those developed by CALC. Councillor John Taylor explained that the basic CALC website could be enhanced and customised to reflect the nature of Orton and the activities available. He also mentioned that a Social Media Policy would be required.

Resolved: To proceed with a website to be created by CALC. A sub-committee of Councillors Kyle Blue and John Taylor and the clerk would be formed to consider the content of the new website and write the required policies.

7. Finance

The cash book for December 2016 and January 2017 was circulated for approval and the following accounts were approved for payment:

L. Potter – salary for month 12	250.35
M. Longworth – salary for month 12	140.00
HMRC – month 12	97.60
United Utilities	135.94
Hire of Market Hall	10.00
CALC for social media training	35.00
David Hornsby for hedge layering	250.00
The Yorkshire Dales Society (membership)	35.00

A letter of thanks would be sent to David Hornsby

8. Litter Pick

This would take place week commencing 3rd April and Councillor David Potter would arrange for the bags and equipment to be made available.

9. Correspondence

The various items of correspondence set out in the Agenda were noted and Councillor Kyle Blue reported to the meeting on his attendance at the Lake District National Park Forum. It was agreed that the Parish Council would become a member of the Yorkshire Dales Society.

Resolved: The Parish Council would like the Eden District Council Scrutiny Board to consider that authority's planning and planning enforcement function, and especially the timeliness of decision-making in view of the long delays being experienced.

10. Public Participation

Concerns were expressed about dog fouling.

Councillor Stephen Dunning said that the headmistress of Orton School was making enquiries concerning Cumbria Dyslexia project and whether it would be appropriate to make a donation.

12. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th April 2017, to avoid the Easter Bank Holiday, at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.40

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