ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

*Chair – Mr. K. Blue, Town Head House, Orton*

*Clerk – Mrs. M. Longworth, Yew Tree Farm, Greenholme*

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th JULY 2019 AT THE MARKET HALL, ORTON AT 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs S. Dunning (chair); D. Potter; M. Coates; M.Lewis; M. Mawson; J. Taylor

District Councillor A. Todd, six members of the public and the clerk.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr K. Blue and County Councillor P. Dew

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest in any item on the Agenda

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 17th June 2019**

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the above meeting.

**4. Public Participation**

It was asked whether a speaker could be arranged for the September meeting to talk about ash die-back disease and the clerk said that Cllr. Kyle Blue had this in hand.

Concerns were expressed about grass cutting and the leaving of the clippings in situ. Only four cuts had been done this year and the clippings had been left, causing an unsightly appearance.

Cllr D. Potter mentioned some information boards which had been erected at Shap and asked for councillors and members of the public to consider these and whether similar boards could be positioned in the village giving information as to local attractions.

It was noted that the planning application for works to the barn at Petty Hall had been withdrawn (E/11/15).

**5. Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

L. Potter – salary for July and August £625.50

M. Longworth – salary for July and August 384.00

Cumbria Payroll Services – fee for July and August 28.80

HMPG – PAYE for July and August 96.00

Donation to 106 Bus Partnership 500.00

M. Longworth – ink for printer 35.48

It was proposed by Cllr D. Potter that four liquid soap dispensers should be purchased for the public toilets, and this was agreed.

**6. Correspondence**

6.1 An email from the Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership about apprentices was noted and it was suggested that work could be done by apprentices on footpath maintenance and hedge layering.

6.2 A letter of thanks had been received from Orton School following the donation made to them for their residential course.

6.3 A request had been made from the Friends of Orton School for a donation towards the running costs of the Summer Fair (held on 14th July) and it was agreed to send them £250.00.

**7. Report of District Councillor A. Todd**

Adrian Todd outlined the new arrangements at Eden District Council following the recent elections and that a state of Climate Emergency had been declared by the new administration.

**8. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

There will be no meeting in August so the next meeting will be on Monday 16th September 2019 at The Market Hall, Orton at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

M. Longworth (clerk).

Signed as a true record

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