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 18TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT THE MARKET HALL, ORTON

AT 7.30pm

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

County Councillor P.Dew; 11 members of the public and the clerk.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from District Councillor Adrian Todd

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 21st October 2019**

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

**4. Orton Farmers Market**

A presentation was made by Leigh Ann (the organiser of the Orton Farmers’ Market) who explained that certain sources of funding were no longer available for the market, which was now running at a loss. The number of people visiting the market had fallen and there was no longer a sufficient budget to promote the event.

A general discussion followed (including members of the public) and it was noted that the existing businesses in Orton had expressed the view that the presence of the market did not bring them additional trade. However, the market did benefit the church as people visited the church for refreshments. Although the market was a “not for profit” business, any grant made by the parish council would ultimately benefit the traders who would otherwise face a larger increase in their fees for stalls.

The chair stated that he had mentioned the problem to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority who might be able to fund a re-launch of the market, although a grant would not be available on a yearly basis to support the running of the market.

Agreed: The possibility of obtaining funding for a re-launch of the market would be investigated and taken forward by the committee running the market, with assistance from Cllr.Blue.

Comments/suggestions about the future of the market are invited and should be sent to the clerk (address and email above).

**5. Public Participation**

There was a complaint about the EDC re-cycling collection in that rubbish was scattered about following the collection.

It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Paula and Nigel Coward for all their hard work in manning the Post Office and Store over the years. The shop had provided an important focal point for the community.

There was some discussion about the erection of two new lights for the village, and quotes would be obtained for this project.

**6. Planning**

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority application E/11/39 – demolition of unlisted building in a conservation area in respect of replacement of existing temporary classroom building with a new modular nursery building.

No objection.

**7. Play Area**

The latest inspection report from the Play Inspection Company was noted and necessary repairs will be carried out when the weather permits.

**8. Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

L. Potter – salary for November and December £625.50

M. Longworth – salary for November and December 384.00

HMPG – PAYE for November and December 96.00

Cumbria Payroll Services 28.80

The Play Inspection Company 78.00

Amey – fee for grass cutting for 2019 1413.24

Orton Village Store and Post Office – items for public conveniences 102.79

Rowan Building Ltd - posts for signs and repairs to public conveniences 127.20

M. Lewis – items for defibrillator 83.87

**9. Financial Regulations**

The draft Financial Regulations for the council were approved and would be published on the website.

**10. Reports of District and County Councillors**

County Councillor Phil Dew reported on the supply and distribution of grit for use on the roads in adverse weather. He also reported on the Eden District Council plan for the period and he updated the meeting on the new Conservative candidate who would be running for office in the forthcoming general election.

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

The next meeting would be held on Monday, 20th January 2020 at The Market Hall, Orton at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

M. Longworth (clerk)

Signed as a true record ……………………………………………………

Dated ……………………………………………………