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 17th FEBRUARY 2020 AT**

**MARKET HALL, ORTON, AT 7.30pm**

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

Seven members of the public and the clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 20th January 2020**

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

**4. Public Participation**

The Chair outlined details of the proposed purchase of two new street lights, and the likely cost of same and described were they would be placed.

The effects of Storm Ciara and Storm Dennis were discussed, and the availability of sand bags.

**5. Farmers’ Market**

The Chair outlined brief details of the current application for funding a re-launch. At this stage, the Parish Council were not involved in the project, although it would be on hand in the future if assistance was needed.

**6. Register of Assets and Risk Assessment**

The current versions of the Parish Council’s Register of Assets and the Risk Assessment were approved, subject to consideration being given to protecting the website against possible hackers.

**7. Public Toilets**

The Chair outlined the terms of the Eden District Council’s grant award of £400 per annum over three years, and it was agreed to proceed with this.

**8. Correspondence**

8.1 The Chair had ascertained that the works to be carried out by the Lake District National Park Authority to Breast High Road would not be publicly funded. However, it was agreed that a letter be written to the Authority to express concern about the amount of money and officer time being spent on this route. The route is a BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic) and is in need of frequent repair due to adverse weather conditions and the use of the route by off-road vehicles.

8.2 The Chair will attend the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Parish Forum on 13t May 2020 at Barbon.

8.3 The tree planting proposals at Crosby Ravensworth Common were noted and also the “drop in” event to describe the proposals, to be held on 27th February.

**9. Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

L. Potter – salary for February 2020 £312.75

M. Longworth – salary for February 2020 192.00

HMPG – PAYE for February 2020 48.00

Cumbria Payroll Services 14.40

M. Longworth – postage stamps 7.32

The Information Commissioner – data protection registration fee 40.00

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

The next meeting will take place on Monday 16th March 2020 at The Market Hall, Orton at 7.30pm

M. Longworth (clerk)

Signed…………………………………………..

Dated…………………………………………..