ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 5th JUNE 2020

*Due to Government restrictions on public meetings as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was held remotely over the internet via the “Zoom” application*

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

County Councillor P. Dew

District Councillor A. Todd (part meeting)

Six members of the public and the clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr M. Coates.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting of 16th March 2020**

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

**3. Declarations of Interest**

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

**4. Planning**

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority application E/11/10B. Application for full planning permission for the erection of a residential cabin for agricultural worker (retrospective).

3 Rayne Cottage, Gaisgill

The Chair set out the procedure to be followed for this “remote” discussion over the internet and invited comment from District Councillor P. Dew. He was broadly in favour of allowing the application for a trial period of three years, as was District Councillor A. Todd. Mr. Dew said that the cabin itself was not conspicuous in the landscape and additional land had been acquired by the applicants which could make the undertaking more viable.

Three members of the public spoke in support of the application and one was against.

The planning applicants answered questions about the project and outlined their future plans. They had been in occupation of the site for two years. They were not prepared to make public their business accounts but stated that the business was profitable.

The issue was then debated by the Parish Councillors who raised questions about the running of the agricultural business, the land holding and likely stocking levels.

The Chair then asked the Councillors to vote on the following propositions:

(a) That the response of the Parish Council should be the same as for the previous application E/11/10A. Two votes in favour.

(b) That the Parish Council should approve the retrospective application for a trial period of three years.

Four votes in favour.

Motion (b) was, therefore, carried.

**5. Finance**

Due to the pressures of time, this item was carried over to the next meeting.

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

The next meeting will be held “remotely” via the Zoom application on Monday 15th June 2020 at 7.30 pm

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

M. Longworth (clerk)