ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 21st JUNE 2021 AT THE MARKET HALL, ORTON AT 7.30pm**

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

*District Councillor Adrian Todd and County Councillor P. Dew*

*Four 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 of the items on the Agenda.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 17th May 2021**

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

**4. Public Participation**

There was a wide-ranging discussion as to the preparations that would be made to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. It was agreed that a group would be set up to take matters forward and the Chair invited all interested parties to attend the July meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the proposed arrangements. It was agreed that the celebrations should involve all the local groups, the school, local businesses, etc. The chair agreed to do an article for The Link magazine, inviting ideas from local people.

A member of the public asked for additional litter bins to be provided for the village as the current supply is not adequate and the bins are often full.

Further painting of the handrails on the bridges would be deferred until 2022 when the village would be tidied for the Jubilee celebrations.

Cllr Coates kindly volunteered to repair a broken wall.

**5. Planning**

Lake District National Park Authority application 7/2021/3073. Repairs and renovation of a listed building at Low Whinhowe, Greenholme.

No objection.

**6. Carsa Brow Footpath**

Four estimates for making up the path were considered in depth and it was agreed to proceed with the lowest estimate. The clerk was instructed to source funding for the works.

**7. M6 Slip Road closures.**

County Councillor Phil Dew stated that the night closures would take place over two nights, Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th July, between 11.0pm and 4.00 am.

**8. Finance**

The cash book for April and May had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

106 Bus Partnership – donation £500.00

L. Potter – salary for June 2021 312.75

M. Longworth – salary for June (£248.00, less overpaid in May £220.87) 27.13

HMPG – PAYE for June 2021 62.00

Cumbria Payroll Services 14.40

M. Longworth – printer ink, files and stationery 47.17

CALC – annual subscription 179.66

Cllr David Potter reported on the use of electricity for the public toilets and the refund due from EDF Energy. The chair thanked him for monitoring this use.

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

District Councillor Adrian Todd reported on the situation with Devolution of Services and that those Councils who had not agreed to take on their street lights would now receive this service from EDC for free. The clerk was instructed to take this up with EDC and with CALC.

County Councillor Phil Dew had attended a meeting of the Appleby Horse Fair Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordinating Group (MASCG) and reported that the Group had agreed that the horse fair would take place in August. It was unclear what power the MASCG had to make this decision. In the light of the national coronavirus pandemic it seemed unwise to hold such a gathering at the height of the summer tourist season. Furthermore, it left little time for preparation when the tourism and hospitality businesses in the area were still trying to recover from the local and national “lockdowns” imposed as a result of the pandemic. The clerk was instructed to write to MASCG, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the local Member of Parliament expressing strong concern about this decision.

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

The next meeting will take place on Monday, 19th July 2021 at The Market Hall, Orton at 7.30pm.

M. Longworth (clerk)

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

Dated …………………………………………………………………