**ORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Meeting held on 19th June 2017 at**

Orton Market Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Kyle Blue (chair), Stephen Dunning; M. Coates; D. Potter; M. Mawson; J. Taylor

District Councillor Adrian Todd; County Councillor Phil Dew; Valerie Kendall;

2 members of the public and the clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Menna Lewis

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interests in any item on the Agenda for this meeting

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 22nd May 2017**

The Minutes were signed as a true record of this meeting.

Matters arising from the Minutes – Councillor Stephen Dunning expressed appreciation for the presentation made by The Friends of the Lake District at the May AGM and it was agreed that they would be invited back to future meetings on a regular basis

**4. Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

L. Potter – salary for month 3 250.35

M. Longworth – salary month 3 140.00

HMRC – month 3 97.60

M. Longworth- Printing ink 31.99

Stamps 6.72

Stationery 10.96

Bin – Glasdon UK 183.87

Mark Renwick Smith (internal audit) 50.00

Picture 20.00

Community Heartbeat Trust 240.00

CALC – Experienced chair course 35.00

**5. Website and Defibrillator**

Councillor John Taylor reported that the website was now up and running and Stan Frost had kindly updated the Community website, which was looking much improved. CALC had done a good job with building the Council website, and this was now ready to be taken over from them. A method of distinguishing the Orton, Eden website from the Orton, Carlisle website was required and this problem could be solved by providing links on each site, if agreeable to both parties. Further photographs were needed for the Council website.

It was agreed that an article would be put in The Link seeking volunteers to take over the Community website and keep that up to date.

The Clerk reported that the defibrillator was to be installed within the next

seven days.

Resolved: The clerk would research the possibility of obtaining funding for a further two defibrillators, one each for Greenholme and Raisbeck. Funding may be available from the British Heart Foundation

**6. Play Area**

The position with regard to the lease of the play area land was noted. Councillor David Potter reported that resurfacing work was needed and the fence would soon need to be replaced

Resolved: the clerk will look into the position with regard to arrears of rent and get this paid up to date

**7.1 Correspondence**

7.1 Councillor M. Coates reported that the fire hydrants had been inspected and some could not be found and some could not be accessed. It was agreed that the general problem was one of lack of water supply and that United Utilities should be contacted about this serious situation.

Resolved: This issue to be pursued with United Utilities, jointly with Tebay Parish Council

Councillor Kyle Blue read a note from Mr. Phil Rigby about complaints concerning the use of the public toilets during Farmer’s Market days. There were times when there were insufficient toilet rolls and the public had experienced confusion with regard to turning off the taps. Councillor David Potter explained that the tap issue had, to his knowledge, only occurred once and Councillor Stephen Dunning mentioned that Lynne Potter monitored the use of the facility during the course of the Market to make sure all was in order

Resolved: The clerk will write to Mr.Rigby thanking him for his concern and explaining how the toilets were managed on Market days and a suitable sign will be placed in the facility reminding members of the public that the toilets were provided by the ratepayers, free of charge

**8. Public Participation**

Valerie Kendal explained her role in representing the parish to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. She mentioned that funds may be available for grants from the Sustainable Development Fund, and she reminded members of the local planning surgery, the farmer’s “drop ins” and the role of the rangers. The chairman thanked her for her attendance

County Councillor Phil Dew updated the council about the position at the County Council following the elections, and that the County Council would be run by a Liberal/Labour coalition. He also congratulated the organisers of the Greenholme Show, which had recently taken place, and mentioned how important the Show was to the community.

District Councillor Adrian Todd explained about the devolution of services from Eden District Council to the parish and asked whether the parish would be interested in taking over control of the street lights.

Resolved: To invite a representative from Eden District Council to attend a futuremeeting to explain the implications of taking over the street lighting

Councillor John Taylor mentioned that the river at Bridge End Farm, Greenholme was becoming blocked with willow

Resolved: The landowners would be consulted about clearing the river at this location

Councillor Stephen Dunning suggested that the organisers of the recent, highly successful, Scarecrow event be thanked for their hard work in arranging such a popular and well-supported exhibition

Resolved: The clerk will write to Jackie Huck and Brenda Iveson to express the thanks of the Council and their willingness to support the event in future years

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

The next meeting will take place on Monday, 17th July at the Market Hall at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 8.30

Signed as a true record

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