

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th October 2017 at Orton Market Hall at
7.30pm

Present: Councillors Kyle Blue (chair); S.Dunning; D. Potter; M. Mawson; Menna Lewis and J. Taylor.

Clerk and two members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M. Coates, County Councillor Phil Dew and Eden District Councillor Valerie Kendall.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Kyle Blue declared a personal interest in planning application E/11/8 (Westhouse Barn, Ghyll Bank Farm, Raisbeck) and took no part in the decision relating to this item.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 18th September 2017

The Minutes were signed by the Chair as a true record of that meeting

4. Planning Applications

4.1 Application E/11/8 – Westhouse Barn, Ghyll Bank Farm, Raisbeck (full planning permission for change of use of existing agricultural building to one dwelling). No objection.

4.2 Application E/1118 – Midfield, Gaisgill (full planning permission for extension to existing dwellinghouse to provide living accommodation with farm office and farm/domestic storage within the remainder of the existing dwelling and change of use of agricultural land to domestic use). No objection

4.3 9 Frankland Park, Orton. Removal of some birch trees. No objection.

5. Website.

5.1 Parish Council Website

The provision of site security by SiteGround was approved.

5.2 Community Website.

Cllr Stephen Dunning reported that two people had provisionally expressed an interest in running the Community Website and a meeting will be arranged in the near future with a view to taking this forward.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council would make a small financial grant available for the first year of this project and this funding could be reviewed in future years.

6. Additional Defibrillators

RESOLVED: That the Zoll2 would be the best defibrillator to purchase and the clerk will make enquiries as to the price of batteries. The clerk will proceed with the application to the Lottery for grant funding and Menna Lewis agreed to be the second contact person for the purposes of the application.

7. Finance

The following accounts were approved for payment:

HMRC	PAYE – month 7	£97.60
Lynne Potter	Salary – month 7	250.35
M. Longworth	Salary – month 7	140.00
SiteGround	Website security	42.90

8. Speedwatch

The clerk explained how the police Speedwatch scheme was to operate. Cllr David Potter had made some enquiries as to the operation of the scheme. He had been informed that no prosecutions could result and it was felt that this was unsatisfactory in view of the time commitment that would be required from the volunteers. However, he had discovered a different scheme involving the use of a life-size picture of a constable.

RESOLVED: Cllr David Potter would make further inquiries into the second scheme and purchase the required equipment.

RESOLVED: The clerk to make enquiries as to sourcing equipment to monitor the use of the main route through Orton, especially during school “pick up” times, and the speed of the vehicles using this route.

9. Water Pressure/Supply Issues

The Clerk read a report from County Councillor Phil Dew who had spoken to the Service Delivery Manager for United Utilities, based in Penrith. He had been told that the lack of supply was due to unauthorised use of hydrants. This was not accepted by members. The clerk reported that she had logged the problem with United Utilities via their website on 26th September, but had received no response from them.

RESOLVED: County Councillor Phil Dew would be asked to take this matter further and report back to the November meeting.

There was no further information with regard to the unpleasant smell of sewerage. It was considered that this was only likely to occur during periods of heavy rainfall.

10. Correspondence

With regard to the email received from the Lake District National Park Authority concerning the Old Shap Road, it was RESOLVED that the LDNPA be supported in their stance that the route/s should not be recorded as Byways Open to all Traffic.

11. Public Participation

RESOLVED: It was more logical that this item be taken at the beginning of future meetings. A written report from County Councillor Phil Dew (appended to these Minutes) was circulated and relevant sections read out.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th November 2017 at the Market Hall, Orton at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

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