

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at  
Market Hall, Orton at 7.30pm

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Present: Cllrs Kyle Blue (chair); Stephen Dunning; Menna Lewis; Mark Mawson; David Potter; John Taylor.

District Councillor Adrian Todd

County Councillor Phil Dew

5 members of the public and the clerk

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Menna Lewis declared a personal interest in item 5 on the Agenda (tree works at Orton Hall) and took no part in the discussion or decision relating thereto.

Cllr Kyle Blue declared a personal interest in item 5 on the Agenda (tree works at Town Head House) and took no part in the discussion or decision relating thereto.

### **3. Minutes of the Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

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

### **4. Public Participation**

Some helpful information was provided about item 5.1 on the Agenda (planning application for 1 Rayne Cottages, Gaisgill) and it was explained that this property was not “unfinished” as described in the planning application and that it had already been let furnished. No.2 Rayne Cottage is unfinished.

### **5. Planning**

5.1 Planning application E/11/14 – 1 Rayne Cottages, Gaisgill. Full application for change of use of unfinished holiday accommodation approved under reference 07/0538 to one residential dwelling.

The clerk was instructed to write to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority to point out that this dwelling was not “unfinished” as it had been occupied and let. No.2 Rayne Cottages is unfinished. An explanation would be sought from the National Park Authority.

5.2 Planning application E/11/15. Land at Chapel Waste, Coatflatts, Orton. Retrospective application for the erection of an agricultural field shelter.

The Parish Council object to this application as the building has been unsympathetically sited, is not attractive and is visible from the road. If consent is granted, the Parish Council would wish to see the building screened by appropriate tree planting. It was pointed out that another building near to the crossroads had not been painted as required by a previous planning consent.

5.3 Planning application E/03/20 – Rooks Quarry, Orton. To extend the time period for a further ten years to allow the remaining currently permitted reserves of limestone to be extracted and the progressive restoration of the quarry.

No objection.

The Parish Council raised no objection to the following tree works within the Conservation Area:

1. Various tree works at Frankland Park.
2. Orton Hall. To remove one declining birch and to crown clean a sycamore.
3. Town Head House. To remove one larch; remove one cypress and to remove two small cherry trees and a leylandii.

## **6. Play Area**

The report of the Play Inspection Company was noted. Urgent work would be carried out as soon as possible and non-urgent work would be completed in the spring.

## **7. Website and Defibrillators**

A volunteer had been found who would be able to update the new community website. Cllr John Taylor would seek estimates for building the website and would also contact Westmorland Services to see if they might be interested in participating in the project. The clerk reported that a bid had been submitted to the National Lottery Awards for All scheme for funding for the two additional defibrillators, but it is currently taking up to three months for bids to be considered by that body.

## **8. Finance**

The cash book and bank reconciliation were circulated for information.

RESOLVED – To pay the following accounts:

Orton Market Hall (rent)	£30.00
United Utilities (water and waste water for the period to 24.10.17)	90.36
The Play Inspection Company (fee for survey of equipment)	78.00
Cost of replica policeman (control of traffic speed)	92.40
L. Potter - salary for November and December	500.70
M. Longworth – salary for November and December	280.00
HMRC – PAYE for November and December	195.20
Amey (grass cutting for the year)	1385.53
Orton Post Office – supplies for public toilets	104.35

RESOLVED – to pay £25.00 to Marion Robinson to defray the cost of electricity to the light by the school

## **9. Budget for 2018/19**

A draft budget was circulated for information.

RESOLVED: That the precept for 2018/2019 would not be increased but would remain at £17,000 as the Parish Council had sufficient reserves to meet expected expenditure.

## **10. Road/boundary signs and traffic calming**

Cllr Kyle Blue reported that the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority would remove the white “Orton” sign from the boundary stone at the entrance to the village. Cllr Blue will also look into commissioning a more attractive “Orton” sign for the village.

Cllr David Potter reported that the replica policeman was working well in reducing speeding through the village.

## **11. Correspondence**

The letter from Eden District Council about the Community Governance Review was noted.  
RESOLVED: Not to participate in the Review as there had been little material change in the composition of the parish since the previous review.

**12. Report from County Councillor Phil Dew**

His Report is attached to these Minutes and Cllr Kyle Blue thanked Phil Dew for his time spent on various issues and, in particular, for his work in researching the position with regard to the recent barn fire and fire extinguishment generally. However, it was generally felt that the current position is far from satisfactory as the water supply may not be adequate to deal with a large fire. Cllr Phil Dew explained that, in future, the Fire Service would send an additional appliance and/or a water carrier to deal with a large blaze.

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

There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 and Mr. Carl Lis OBE (Chairman of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority) will attend.

M. Longworth  
Clerk to Orton Parish Council

Signed as a true record

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