**ORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES of the Meeting held on 18th June 2018 at**

**The Market Hall, Orton at 7.30pm**

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

District Councillor A.Todd and County Councillor P. Dew.

11 members of the public and the clerk.

*The Meeting commenced with a presentation by Colin Bailie of Cumbria Constabulary who spoke about the Speedwatch initiative. This is a scheme led by Cumbria Police with a view to monitoring the speed of traffic through the village and recording those drivers who exceed the speed limit. Offenders would be sent a warning letter by the police and repeat offenders would have their details passed to a police enforcement team for further action. The scheme requires about six volunteers and all expenses are met by the police.*

*The chair thanked PC Bailie for a most useful talk and several members of the public expressed an interest in training to become volunteers.*

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 21st May 2018.**

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

**4. Public Participation**

Concerns were again expressed about the number of unlawful cairns built on Orton Scar. It was noted that the police and the National Park had been informed of the problem and the likely damage to the limestone pavement. Cllr K. Blue explained that this was happening outside the parish boundary, so that there was little the parish council could do to address the issue.

It was mentioned that a digger had been abandoned at the entrance to Sunbiggin Tarn and Cllr. D. Potter said this should be reported to the District Council who could investigate the problem.

**5. Planning**

An additional item was brought to the meeting concerning Application E/11/25 made to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority for retrospective consent to erect a stable at West Fell View, Kelleth. Details of the application had been circulated by email and the papers were available for councillors to consider at the meeting.

Resolved: There was no objection to the proposal.

**6. Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Lynne Potter – salary for June 2018 £250.35

M. Longworth – salary for June 2018 140.00

HMRC – PAYE for June 2018 97.60

M. Renwick-Smith – fee for internal audit 75.00

Orton Village Stores and Post Office – sundries for public toilets 39.25

Cumbria Payroll Services – fee for operating payroll for June 2018 14.40

**7. 106 Bus Service**

It was agreed that financial support would again be given to the 106 bus service in the sum of £500.00.

**8. Footway Lighting**

The cost of providing footway lighting in future years was considered. Six lights would be taken over from Eden District Council at the cost (in present-day terms) of £69.78 per light per annum. There is a grant available from EDC, decreasing over a four-year period. Thereafter the Parish Council would have to fund the full cost.

It was agreed that a public meeting would be called on Monday, 16th July next (the date of the next Parish Council meeting) when the views of residents would be canvassed.

A representative from EDC would be invited to attend and answer questions.

**9. Play Area**

Cllr David Potter reported that the new fencing would be installed on 2nd July next.

**10. Speeding Signs on the Approach to Orton**

Cllrs Kyle Blue and David Potter reported on the outcome of a recent meeting with Mr. D. Evans of Cumbria County Council. A device will be laid on the road in the near future to monitor the speed of traffic passing through the village.

Cllr Kyle Blue suggested that a competition be held for the children of Orton School who would be asked to design a suitable “SLOW DOWN” sign to be placed at two entrances to the village. It was agreed that a prize of £250.00 would be awarded for the best design, this sum to be used solely for the benefit of the school, at the discretion of the Head. This was unanimously agreed, and the clerk will write to the Head outlining the project.

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

District Councillor A. Todd reported on the grant funds available from Eden District Council and County Councillor Phil Dew reported on the recent Appleby Horse Fair. A public meeting to discuss the running of the fair and its impact on local people will be held at Kirkby Stephen School on 25th June next.

**12. Date and Time of Next Meting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16th July 2018 at 7.30 in the Market Hall, Orton.

M. Longworth

Clerk to Orton Parish Council

Signed as a true record of this meeting

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