**ORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 16th July 2018 at**

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

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The Meeting commenced with a public meeting chaired by Councillor Kyle Blue. A presentation was given by Ms. Langston, Deputy Director of Technical Services, Eden District Council, who explained how the proposed transfer of footway lighting from EDC to the Parish Council would be managed. She explained that six lights met the required standard for lighting and these would be transferred, with the remaining lights being removed as they failed. She outlined the funding available over a four year period and answered questions from the public about the scheme. The lights would be compatible with the “dark skies” policy, with the lights angled downwards. A report would be available on the condition of each light to be transferred. Several people said that they would feel safer at night if the roads were lit, although it was understood that, in the future, the Parish Council precept might increase to meet the cost of the lighting.

Ms. Langston was thanked by the chair for her attendance.

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Present: Councillors K.Blue (chair); D. Potter; M. Coates; M. Mawson; S. Dunning and M. Lewis.

County Councillor Phil Dew and District Councillor A. Todd

9 members of the public and the clerk.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor John Taylor.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Kyle Blue declared a personal interest in item 6 on the Agenda (a planning application relating to West House Barn, Ghyll Bank Farm, Raisbeck) and he took no part in the discussion or decision relating thereto.

There were no other declarations of interest.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 18th June 2018**

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

**4. Public Participation**

A resident complained that the Parish Council had taken no action to alleviate the potential problem of flooding of the Western Beck. County Councillor Phil Dew reported that he had identified the landowners over whose land the beck ran and Cllr. K. Blue confirmed that where the beck ran over public land it would be cleared by the Parish Council. District Councillor A. Todd explained that there was only a small “window” of time when work could be carried out to the beck and Phil Dew reported that the County Council would need to approve works carried out and the contact there would be Joanne Gorse.

It was agreed that the clerk would contact the County Council and Ian McPherson at the Yorkshire Dales National Park and would report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council in September.

**5. Street Lighting**

It was proposed by Cllr M. Lewis and seconded by Cllr. M. Mawson that the Parish Council accept the transfer of the six street lights from Eden District Council on the terms outlined in a legal Agreement prepared by EDC and approved by the National Association of Local Councils. This was agreed unanimously.

**6. Planning**

6.1 Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority application E/11/8A – West House Barn, Ghyll Bank Farm, Raisbeck. Variation of condition 2 (relocation of front door, amendments to internal floor plan and new first floor window on south west gable).

Councillor D. Potter took the chair for this item.

All of the councillors had considered the application and plans and it was proposed by Cllr. D. Potter and seconded by Cllr. M. Mawson that the Parish Council would approve the application as making no significant alteration to the exterior of the building. This was agreed unanimously.

6.2 Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. An application to remove one sycamore at Wardle House Barn, Orton.

No objection.

**7. Finance**

The clerk circulated the cash book for April and May for consideration.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

L. Potter Salary for July 2018 250.35

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M. Longworth Salary for July 2018 140.00

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HMPG PAYE for July 2018 97.60

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Orton Market Hall Hire of Hall 24.00

M. Longworth Stamps 4.49

Cumbria Payroll Services 14.40

Steelway Fensecure Fencing to Play Area 3855.02

Friends of the Dales Subscription 35.00

**8. Request for Funding**

A request for financial support had been received from the Friends of Orton School who were organising a Summer Fete to be held on 22nd July. The money was to go towards the cost of prizes and a Bar-B-Q.

It was agreed to donate £250.00.

**9. Traffic Calming**

The clerk reported that a device to monitor the use and speed of vehicles passing through the village would be installed within 4 weeks.

**10. Correspondence**

Details had been received from CALC of two planning training events to be held in September It was agreed that the clerk would book 3 places on the New Member course, and one place on the Experienced Member course.

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

District Councillor Adrian Todd reported on the attempt made to remove an abandoned digger at Sunbiggin Tarn and he will pursue this issue with Eden District Council.

County Councillor Phil Dew reported on the outcome of Appleby Fair and the future closure of the A66 over a period of seven weekends. He mentioned that the programme for the filling of potholes was continuing. He also said that he had been involved with the clearance of the Western Beck and he had contacted the various landowners to remind them of their responsibilities.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday 17th September at 7.30pm at The Market Hall, Orton. Mr. Ian McPherson of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority would be available to answer questions.

M. Longworth (clerk)

Signed as a true record of this meeting

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