**ORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES of a meeting held on 15th October 2018 at**

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

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*PCSO Danielle Ousby from Cumbria Constabulary, attended the meeting and spoke about her role within the local community. She answered questions from Councillors and members of the public and outlined the workings of the Farmwatch and Speedwatch initiatives. She was thanked by the Chair for a useful and informative talk.*

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

County Councillor Phil Dew; 6 members of the public and the clerk.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 17th September 2018**

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

**4. Public Participation**

There was a request for an additional litter bin to be placed on the layby off the A685 (the old council road) on the road to Kelleth. The clerk would make enquiries to see whether Eden District Council would put a bin there and arrange for it to be emptied.

**5. Planning**

Concerns were expressed about the proposed agricultural building at Raisbeck, Orton (Yorkshire Dales Planning Authority application E/11/31GPDO) and whether this substantial agricultural building should be painted in a neutral colour to blend in with the landscape. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the planning authority along these lines.

**6. Defibrillators**

The clerk reported that the Greenholme defibrillator was in place, although not yet operational. Cllr John Taylor would undertake the weekly checks of the equipment.

Cllr Kyle Blue reported on the progress with the Raisbeck defibrillator, which wold be a free-standing one, pole mounted. He thanked Roger Frank for his assistance with this.

**7. Budget**

The draft budget was circulated for comment and consideration was given to possible areas of expenditure for the year 2019/20. It was agreed to keep the precept at the present figure of £17,000. Cllr Kyle Blue would continue to negotiate for the purchase of the play area.

**8. Correspondence**

The clerk was asked to write to PCSO Danielle Ousby to thank her for her attendance at the meeting and also to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner to request that consideration be given to making this a regular event. It was felt important to establish a regular and visible police presence in and around Orton.

**9. Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

L. Potter – salary for October £250.35

M. Longworth – salary for October 140.00

HMPG – PAYE for October 97.60

United Utilities – water and waste water bill for public toilets 70.59

Cumbria Payroll Services 14.40

CALC – planning training event 114.40

**10. Insurance of Footway Lights and Grass Cutting**

It was agreed to accept the quotation for insurance of the lights given by Came and Co. Estimates would be sought for grass cutting for the years 2019/20; 2020/21 and 2021/22 from three operatives.

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

County Councillor Phil Dew reported on the clearance of the Western Beck and the progress of the plan to replace the Astroturf at the Kirkby Stephen School. He reported on the outcome of his meeting with County Councillor Peter Thornton and the future provision of residential and home care for the elderly in Eden. He reported on the attempts to get a locally-elected representative on the body organising the Appleby Horse Fair (MASCG). He advised that Dan Evans of the County Council be contacted about the sign the County Council had placed on the verge at Greenholme advising that the road is unsuitable for HGVs. This sign should be placed at the railway bridge to prevent HGVs passing further down the road into Greenholme.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19th November at the Market Hall, Orton at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm

Margaret Longworth (clerk)

Signed as a true record of the above meeting

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