**ORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

*Chair –Kyle Blue, Town Head, Orton*

*Clerk – M. Longworth, Yew Tree Farm, Greenholme*

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

District Councillor Adrian Todd; 5 members of the public and the clerk.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from County Councillor Phil Dew and Councillor Mark Mawson.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 21st January 2019**

The Minutes of the Meeting of 21st January 2019 were signed as a true record of that meeting.

**4. Public Participation**

An incident of fly tipping was reported and Cllr D. Potter said that remedial action was in hand.

A member of the public expressed concerns about the manner in which tree felling had been undertaken at Carsa Brow and it was agreed that Cllr M Coates would inspect the area and see if any small trees had been damaged.

**5. Planning**

Lake District National Park Authority application 7/2018/3158 – Middle Scout Green, Middleshaw, Shap. Corner entrance porch. Matching block and render dwarf wall with timber windows with slate roof. Shed.

No objection.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority application E/11/10 – 3 Rayne Cottage, Gaisgill.

Full planning permission for retention of wooden cabin as a dwelling for a three year temporary period.

Cllrs considered the application documents and received a short presentation by the applicant, who answered questions on the viability of the proposed development. It was agreed that a site visit would take place on Wednesday 20th February, following which a decision would be made. The application was supported by District Councillor A. Todd and County Councillor P. Dew.

**6. Progress Reports**

6.1 Tree felling at Carsa Brow.

Cllr K. Blue reported on the work carried out.

6.2 Provision of Wi-Fi for Market Hall.

Cllr John Taylor reported on the outcome of some research he had carried out and the cost of the proposed project. It was agreed not to proceed with this project at this time due to the potential cost and concerns over security of the router and possible misuse of the facility.

6.3 Purchase of the play area.

Cllr K. Blue reported that this was on-going and measurements of the land were to be taken.

6.4 Purchase of plans

Cllr K. Blue reported that the plans had arrived and were with the clerk for safekeeping.

6.5 Training in the use of defibrillators.

Cllr Menna Lewis reported that this was being organised and, following a successful presentation at the Farmer’s Market, further volunteers had come forward.

6.6 Dog fouling and litter picking

The clerk reported that the Eden District Council dog warden had supplied some useful leaflets about the law on dogs and also the possible threat to human health from failure to clean up after dogs.

It was agreed that the usual litter-picking exercise would commence on Saturday, 23rd March and Cllr David Potter would arrange for the equipment to be made available.

**7. Register of Assets and Risk Assessment**

The Register of Assets and Risk Assessment documents were considered by councillors and it was agreed that possible vandalism of the defibrillators should be covered in the Risk Assessment.

**8. Grass Cutting**

Tenders for grass cutting for the year had been received from two contractors. The most favourable price was quoted by the firm employed in previous years (Amey), and it was agreed to continue with that firm.

**9. Footway Lights**

Councillors were most concerned to note that Eden District Council were going to remove two lights and District Councillor Adrian Todd agreed to look into this and see if the lights could be saved.

**10. Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Lynne Potter (salary for February 2019) 250.15

M. Longworth (salary for February) 192.00

HMPG (PAYE for February) 110.60

Cumbria Payroll Services 14.40

M. Robinson (electricity for footpath light) 25.00

Orton C of E School – donation 500.00

NW Arboricultural Services (tree work) 2154.00

D. Potter (provision of seat at Kelleth) 289.20

Raven Graphics (stickers for defibrillator) 40.00

Information Commissioner (registration for Data Protection) 40.00

B. Thwaytes – (purchase of Christmas tree) 120.00

It was agreed to pay £300.00 to D. Finch for hosting the Community Website for four years.

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

District Councillor Adrian Todd reported on the outcome of the Eden District Council’s budget setting process and that the EDC rates would not increase. He also reported on the forthcoming elections and mentioned that “purdah” starts on 22nd March 2019.

County Councillor Phil Dew was unable to attend the meeting, but his Report was read out by Cllr Menna Lewis and this covered highways issues including the lack of salt at the roadsides; the outcome of applications to the EDC Signature Grant fund; the future of Christian Head Care Home; the Children and Young People’s Mental Health Week; home to school transport; policing in the County and the future of Appleby Horse Fair.

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

The next meeting will take place on Monday 18th March 2019 at The Market Hall, Orton at 7.30pm

M. Longworth (clerk)

Signed as a true record Date ………………………………………………..

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