**ORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

*Chair – Mr. K. Blue, Town Head House, Orton*

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

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT THE MARKET HALL, ORTON AT 7.30pm

*Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Mr. Peter Leeson of the Woodland Trust gave a short presentation on the work of the Trust and the significance or tree planting in order to combat climate change. He specifically talked about the recent spread of ash die-back disease and the importance of tree planting to replace those lost. Diseased trees presenting a danger to the public would have to be felled, but otherwise trees should be retained for as long as possible. Felling of ash trees is a specialised job, often requiring expensive equipment. Diseased trees adjacent to the highway should be reported to the highways authority.*

*Mr. Leeson answered questions from the floor and was thanked by the Chair for a useful and informative talk.*

Present at the Meeting – Cllr. K. Blue (chair);Cllrs. D.Potter; M. Mawson; M. Coates; J. Taylor and S. Dunning.

County Councillor Phil Dew, the clerk and eight members of the public.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Menna Lewis

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 15th July 2019**

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

**4. Public Participation**

It was agreed that the number of grass cutting sessions carried out by the contractors would be monitored. There were reports of gates being left open and a vehicle travelling at night without lights. It was pointed out that a wall next to the play area was in need of repair.

**5. Planning**

5.1 Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority application E/11/10A – 3 Rayne Cottage, Gasigill. A repeat application for full planning permission for the retention of a residential cabin for an agricultural worker for a further three years.

Councillors heard comments from those who objected to the application, and from those in support of it. It was pointed out by the Chair that certain information relating to the future viability of the project was not available to councillors as papers containing confidential financial information had been redacted by the planning authority. The applicant agreed to make these papers available to councillors so that they could make an informed decision. The final decision was deferred to a future meeting.

5.2 Eden District Council application 7/2019/3117 – 2 Bridge House, Greenholme. Change of use of grazing land to domestic.

No Objection.

**6. Finance**

The clerk circulated the cash book for July and August for information and the following accounts were approved for payment:

L. Potter – salary for September £312.75

M. Longworth – salary for September 192.00

Cumbria Payroll Services 14.40

HMPG – PAYE for September 48.00

Eden District Council – fee for electoral services 105.00

Orton Post Office and General Stores – items for public toilets 73.49

Rowan Building Ltd – supply of soap dispensers for the toilets 252.00

Signs of the Times – road signs 3015.29

Water Plus Limited – water charges 210.45

**7. Correspondence**

Items of correspondence were noted and Cllr. S. Dunning circulated some plans relating to a new building proposed for the school.

**8. Reports of County Councillor**

Phil Dew spoke about the future of the Upper Eden Medical Practice; work which is on-going to fill highway potholes, climate change and whether this is truly an “emergency” issue. He encouraged people to comment on the District Council’s plan for the area. He reported that the level of policing for the Appleby Horse Fair would be the same in 2020 as for 2019 and that the District Council should be encouraged to purchase land for temporary stopping places.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21st October 2019 at 7.30pm at The Market Hall, Orton.

M. Longworth (clerk)

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

Dated ………………………………….