ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th MARCH 2020 AT 7.30pm**

**AT THE MARKET HALL, ORTON**

Present: Cllrs. S. Dunning (chair); M. Mawson; D. Potter; J. Taylor; County Councillor P. Dew; 2 members of the public and the clerk.

*Prior to the commencement of the meeting there was a presentation by Mr.Dan Hunt of Bowfell Consulting concerning the tree and shrub planting proposals for Crosby Ravensworth common. Mr. Hunt explained the nature of the tree planting, the species to be used, the shrub planting scheme and also talked about how livestock would be introduced (sheep and cattle) as part of the plan for the common. He explained how the new planting would be protected, the type of fencing to be used and how public access rights would be preserved. There would be signs in place warning motorists of the likelihood of livestock being on the road. The scheme should enhance the mix of wildflowers and small mammals and birds on the common and lead to a greater diversity of wildlife in general. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write a letter supporting the scheme.*

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs M. Lewis and K. Blue and District Councillor A. Todd.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 17th February 2020**

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the above meeting.

**4. Public Participation**

Cllr. J. Taylor mentioned that the Greenholme Show had been cancelled due to the current health concerns around the Coronavirus outbreak.

**5. Correspondence**

It was noted that a request had been received to support the Village Exhibition and Scarecrow Festival, but it was considered unlikely that this event would take place due to public health concerns over the Coronavirus outbreak. However, if it was to go ahead, it was agreed that the Parish Council would donate £250.00 towards the running costs of the event.

**6. Future Events**

6.1 Cllr D. Potter explained that he had a good supply of equipment for a litter pick. No date was set for this, individuals being able to choose their own suitable dates and borrow equipment from Cllr. Potter.

6.2 It was doubtful whether the 75th Anniversary celebrations of VE Day would go ahead, due to the Coronavirus situation.

**7. Finance**

The cash book for the period 01.01.20 to 29.02.20 was circulated for consideration and the following accounts were approved for payment:

L. Potter – salary for March 2020 £312.75

M. Longworth – salary for March 2020 192.00

HMPG – PAYE for March 2020 35.00

Cumbria Payroll Services 14.40

M. Longworth – printer ink 10.38

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

County Councillor Phil Dew stated that the Appleby Horse Fair would probably not take place due to the Coronavirus outbreak. He reported on the talks that were ongoing concerning the possible Unitary Authority for Cumbria; road works on the A66 and Temple Sowerby bypass.

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

The next meeting would take place on Monday 20th April 2020 at 7.30pm at The Market Hall, Orton at 7.30pm

M. Longworth (clerk)

Signed as a true record

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Dated ……………………….