ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19th OCTOBER 2020 AT 7.30pm OVER THE INTERNET VIA THE “ZOOM” APPLICATION**

Present: Cllrs K. Blue (chair); M. Lewis; S. Dunning; J. Taylor; M. Mawson; M. Coates

Three members of the public and the clerk.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Potter and County Councillor P.Dew.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting of 21st September 2020**

The Minutes were agreed to be a true record of the above meeting

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest in any item on the Agenda, save that two of the councillors (M. Lewis and K. Blue) used the route referred to in Item 4 – Public Participation.

**4. Public Participation**

It was noted that a suspicious vehicle had been seen in the Kelleth area travelling at night with no headlights and towing a sheep trailer.

Cllr K. Blue mentioned that an email had been received from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority asking for support to be given to an initiative to place a self-closing gate within a side wall to a cattle grid on the Appleby Road, north of Orton at NY6282 0988. This would give safe access through the wall so that people would not have to cross and re-cross the road.

It was agreed that this initiative should be supported.

**5. Planning**

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority application E/11/16C ad E/11/16C/LB). Consent for the conversion of a farm building into 2 dwellings; erection of 1 dwelling; associated demolition of extensions and silage barn; works to access; parking and domestic curtilages (further information and amended plans).

No objection provided that the access onto the main road was safe and adequate and that all vehicle parking would be to the rear of the development, rather than on the road.

**6. Budget**

The draft Budget was approved and the precept for 2021-2022 would be set at £17,000, as in previous years.

**7. Allotments**

Cllr J. Taylor reported that a total of 8 people had shown an interest in having an allotment, but no suitable piece of land had been identified. The land would have to have suitable access and water would have to be available. Cllr Taylor spoke about the size of the allotments and how the scheme could be managed. It was agreed to bring this project back to the November meeting.

**8. Street Lighting**

Cllr Blue mentioned that a grant could be available for LED lights and that the provision of new street lights would be taken forward at three agreed locations. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

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

Cllr J. Taylor reported that he had spoken to County Councillor Phil Dew and that the provision of a road sign informing drivers of HGVs that the road through Greenholme to Scout Green was not suitable for them to use was being considered by the County Highways department.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 16th November 2020 at 7.30pm. This will be via the Zoom application should the covid-19 restrictions make use of the Market Hall unlikely.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

M. Longworth (clerk)

Signed as a true record of the above meeting

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