ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 18th OCTOBER 2021 AT ORTON MARKET HALL AT 7.30pm**

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

County Councillor P. Dew; four 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 item on the Agenda

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 20th September 2021**

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

**4. Public Participation**

There was a wide-ranging debate on the best means of preserving local records and items of local historical interest. The Chair suggested that an archive could be created of material that should be preserved for the future and a venue for this archive would need to be found. It was suggested that the church might have some space available. Clllr Taylor mentioned that the information should be made available online for future generations. Consideration will be given as to how to take this forward.

**5. Planning**

Yorkshire Dales National Park Application E/11/56. Application for full planning permission for conversion of an agricultural barn to form two dwellings, one for use as a holiday let, installation of solar voltaic panels to go east and west of roof slopes and installation of package treatment plant at Bowderdale Foot Barn, Bowderdale, Newbiggin-on-Lune, CA17 4NB

No objection.

**6. The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.**

The chair reported on the public meeting held on 29th September and that arrangements were in hand to celebrate the Jubilee on 2nd – 5th June 2022. A further public meeting would be held in November.

**7. Outstanding Business**

7.1 The clerk reported that the proposed extension of the 30 mph speed limit in the direction of Tebay had been put to County Highways and would be considered by them when the scheme of highway work for 2022/23 is prepared.

Speeding through the village remains a problem and it was agreed that the clerk would obtain some estimates for the purchase of Speed Indicator Devices, preferably solar-powered and moveable and she would bring a report to the next meeting.

There was some discussion about the “20 is Plenty” campaign. The campaign aims to reduce traffic speed to 20mph through rural villages.

Cllr Mark Mawson mentioned the need for a car park but it was agreed that it was not possible to stop people parking along Front Street and impeding the flow of traffic.

Parking on grass verges should not be encouraged if that led to a loss of valuable wildflowers and insect life.

7.2 Rusty Railings on Front Street

The clerk had contacted Bob Day about the railings, but he was unclear as to whether these were owned privately, or owned by County Highways. He was making enquiries about ownership.

7.3 Untidy land at Raisbeck

The owner of the site in question had been contacted and had agreed to make improvements.

7.4 Footpath at Carsa Brow.

The chair reported on the work that had been done and it was agreed that the new path was well made and a great improvement.

**8 Budget for 2022/23**

The draft budget for the forthcoming year was considered and it was agreed that the precept would remain the same (£17,000) for a further year.

**9. Finances**

The cash book for August and September had been circulated for consideration.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

L. Potter – salary for October £315.75

M. Longworth – salary for October 248.00

HMRC – PAYE for October 62.00

Cumbria Payroll Services 14.40

Orton Market Hall hire 72.00

Water Plus Limited – public conveniences 155.36

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

County Councillor Phil Dew reported that the next Appleby Horse Fair would be held on 9th June and that this years’ event had proved to be largely unproblematical. He reported on the consultations taking place on the A66 duelling and the diversionary routes that would be put in place. He also mentioned the forthcoming closures of the M6 slip roads. The County Council is proceeding with the judicial review of the decision on Local Government Reorganisation and the proposed two new authorities that would be created.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 15th November 2021 at The Market Hall, Orton at 7.30pm.

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