ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2022 AT THE MARKET HALL, ORTON, CUMBRIA**

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

Two members of the public and the clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from 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 January 2022**

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

**4. Public Participation**

Cllr K Blue mentioned works being put in hand at Carsa Brow to protect the trees from damage. Cllr D Potter will consider whether work is required to paint the bridges prior to the Jubilee celebrations. There was some discussion about whether the finger post signs in the village needed repainting/renovation. A street light was not working at Holes Farm. It was agreed to commission a specially designed seat from Rowland Woof to mark the Jubilee year.

**5. Planning**

Eden District Council application 21/1072 – Westmorland Motor Services, Tebay – construction of sausage production room.

No objection.

**6. The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee**

Cllr K Blue outlined the plans to mark the Jubilee in the village and surrounding areas. Concerns were expressed about car parking and a possible road closure was mentioned.

**7. Grass Cutting**

The clerk reported that one tender had been received for the grass cutting work for 2022 from the previous contractors, Urbaser. The sum quoted was £1177.12 plus VAT, and it was unanimously agreed that the tender be accepted.

**8. Lake District Green Lanes Alliance**

Concerns were expressed about the use of Byways Open to All Traffic by inappropriate vehicles, causing extensive damage, especially to the Breasthigh route at Bretherdale. The clerk was instructed to write to the Alliance to express support for their campaign to preserve and protect the routes from damage.

**9. Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

L. Potter – salary for February £312.75

M. Longworth – salary for February 248.00

HMPG – PAYE for February 62.00

Cumbria Payroll Services 14.40

Eden District Council – street lighting 411.41

Information Commissioner – data protection registration fee 40.00

D. Potter – works to public conveniences 366.25

The clerk reported that Eden District Council were considering a proposal not to charge for street lighting for the year 22/23, as a goodwill gesture for those Councils who had opted to take over the running of the street lighting from EDC. Those councils who had not agreed to take over the street lighting would continue to receive the service from EDC for free.

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

There were no District or County Councillors present at the meeting.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 21st March 2022 at The Market Hall, Orton at 7.30m.

M. Longworth (clerk)

Signed as a true record …………………………….

Dated …………………………….

*NB Prior to the Parish Council meeting, an informal meeting was held to discuss work to renovate/restore the bus shelter.*