

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 9th June 2005 in Ravenstonedale High Chapel Room at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillor John Bull (Chairman), Councillors Caroline Morris, Hilary Mirrey, Ernest Leach, Janet Brownrigg, Paul Capstick
Clerk, Chris Elphick.
District Councillor Michael Metcalfe-Gibson, County Councillor Tim Stoddard

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Fanny Jackson (work)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 12th May 2005 had been circulated.

Resolved that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Children's Playgrounds

Newbiggin-on-Lune – It was reported that the planning application for “change of use” of the relevant area had been submitted to EDC. The landlord’s agent had written to suggest that details of a lease should wait until planning consent had been granted. Clerk had contacted David Clare, CCC footpaths officer, who had agreed to re-open the highway access by Kesters Ash with a 5 foot Bridle Gate and provide a stile kit for access from the Ash Dene side. Paul Holroyd has been instructed to carry out the work.

Ravenstonedale – The Land Transfer Document is being registered with Land Registry. Electricity wayleaves have been transferred and United Utilities requested to ensure that trees are trimmed, where necessary, to clear the power lines. As part of the Risk Assessment process, a site meeting has been arranged with an arboriculturalist, Patrick Galloway to obtain a report on the condition of the trees on the land and any remedial works required.

Planning Applications

No. 05/0541 CHANGE OF USE OF PART OF FIELD No.6616 FROM AGRICULTURAL TO CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Type Full Application

Location Field No.6616 (between Kesters Ash & Ash Dene) Newbiggin-on-Lune

Applicant Ravenstonedale Parish Council.

Resolved that the Parish Council give this application its full support.

The Shrubbery – Village Garden

Maintenance and repairs report. 23/05/05

It had been noted that the Village Garden was suffering from neglect and lack of maintenance.

As a public open space the parish council has a duty of care towards those using the facility. Public Footpath No.FP 359028 on the Definitive Map traverses the site. Clerk had contacted David Clare at CCC (Capita) – Footpaths Dept to see if they would contribute to the maintenance and repair of the footpath surface and kissing gate. Mr Clare had visited the site but was unable to offer any financial assistance. The kissing gate appears to be the responsibility of the parish council. He also noted FP359036 obstructed by a farm building. This was stated to have been the case for many years.

The following works had been identified as necessary to return the garden to a safe and attractive condition.

1. Cherry Tree needs severe pruning particularly where it overhangs the highway. BT wires to Croft House Farm run through the branches.
2. Cypress trees at the entrance need pruning where they overhang the highway
3. All major trees need pruning up to 2.5m height for safety & access

4. Box shrubs need severe pruning – some parts appear dead.
5. Residue of fallen tree needs removing, also old branch trimmings. Tree stump needs digging out.
6. Field fence and gate needs repair.

It was noted that some flower planting has taken place in one area by local residents. The parish council has no problem with this but the PC's permission needs recording to prevent potential for future "Squatters Rights" claim.

George Boustead, landscape gardener, had visited the garden with Councillor Morris and the Clerk. A provisional quote of £800.00 was given to carry out the major tree works and shrub reinstatement as above.

Resolved that the above works be authorised at a sum not exceeding £800.00.

Finance

Sum received

Playground Account Donation (Mayday celebrations) £140.00

Accounts paid prior to meeting

Dalton & Hague (Legal Fees re Bowling Green)	£ 88.12
EDC (N-o-L Planning Application)	£132.50
C J Elphick (N-o-L Site Plan etc)	£ 57.60

Accounts for Payment

Clerk's Administrative Expenses Apr-June	£106.71
A Kirby (Grasscutting)	£470.00
St Oswald's PCC (Grant)	£500.00
Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall (Grant)	£500.00

Resolved that the foregoing seven payments be approved.

Internal Auditor's Report

Mr Metcalfe-Gibson presented his report which expressed satisfaction with the accounts and the conduct of Parish Council business throughout the preceding year, 2004-2005.

Appleby Fair

It was reported that there had been fewer early arrivals on Cote Moor this year and that damage to property had been slight, although still unacceptable.

Letters of thanks to be sent to Peter Marshall and Linda Brook of Hwith who carried out a Litter-Pick after the event and to Elaine Lomas, EDC Environment Officer who organised the provision of toilet facilities, drinking water and rubbish skips on Cote Moor.

Joint Parishes Plan Proposal for Kirkby Stephen & District

A meeting was held at Kirkby Stephen on 26th May to explore the possibility of creating a Parish Plan which would include contributions from the surrounding parishes.

The proposal would be supported by Voluntary Action Cumbria.

Questions to be addressed include "What is the future for this area in the next ten years" and "What are the main areas for concern"?

Reference was made to Ravenstonedale's 1981 Survey. It was asked "What has been done and how has the parish changed since then?"

Councillor Morris is to attend the next meeting on 30th June and report to the July parish council meeting.

Ravenstonedale Recycling Centre

A site meeting had been held between representatives of Eden District Council, Cumbria Highways and the Parish Council in an attempt to resolve the impasse regarding the location by the school, proposed by the parish council and supported by EDC.

The Highway Authority remained adamant in its refusal to permit the use of the wide verge as proposed. Suggestions are being sought for possible alternative sites for a recycling centre in the parish.

Eden District Council – Statement of Community Involvement - Consultation

Comments were invited on how and when the community should be involved in the preparation of Local Development Framework documents and planning applications. Suggestions were requested for information that should be included in the Statement of Community Involvement.

Further time was required to consider a response.

Cumbria County Council – Statement of Community Involvement - Consultation

Encouraging all sections of the community to become involved in:

- (a) the preparation of the Development Framework
- (b) the consideration of planning applications on which the County Council makes the decision.

The parish council had no comments to make on this consultation document.

Public Participation

A question was posed by Mr Christopher Irwin regarding the correct name of the main thoroughfare between the Black Swan and Chantry, Ravenstonedale. Mr Irwin enquired "is it correctly named "Front Street"?" The question may have been prompted by the need for a street name in completing computerised forms.

There was much discussion but hard evidence appeared to be lacking. No reference had been found on maps past or present.

It was concluded that the area was divided into three; "Town Head, Mid Town and Town End" although the exact dividing lines were vague.

Correspondence received

CALC County Circular June/July 2005
CALC Notice of General Meeting at Newton Rigg. 22 June at 7.30pm
CCCP Parish Profiles – Information from the 2001 Census
ASHTAV "Airport Impacts" Meeting 11th June, Coventry
Childline North West Appeal for funds and "Charity Tea Parties"
Highways Agency Traffic Information & roadworks NW - May – August
Kompan – Strathclyde Country Park Play Seminar June 29th

The foregoing items of correspondence were noted or circulated as appropriate

BT Consultation on Payphone Removal – Emergency, Operator Controlled, Reverse Charge, Credit Card and Chargecard facilities only – NO CASH. Proposal to convert box Pco, Newbiggin-on-Lune.

Clerk to write requesting retention of cash facility for the following reasons:

1. Payphone used by children who have no card facility.
2. No shops to supply cards
3. Mobile phones do not operate in this location.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14th July 2005

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 14th July 2005