

## RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2005 in Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall

**Present:** Councillor John Bull (Chairman) Councillors Caroline Morris, Ernest Leach, Paul Capstick, Fanny Jackson, Hilary Mirrey, Janet Brownrigg.  
Clerk, Chris Elphick.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Morris declared an interest in planning items 05/0783, 05/0784 & 05/0813 insofar as she is related to the applicants in each case.

**Apologies for absence** had been received from District Councillor, Michael Metcalfe-Gibson.

**Minutes of the Meeting** held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2005 had been circulated. An amendment was moved to include Michael Metcalfe-Gibson on the attendance list. **Resolved** that the amended minutes be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

#### **Joint Parishes Plan Proposal for Kirkby Stephen & District**

Cllr Morris had published an article in "Link" magazine outlining the process of producing a Parish Plan and the reasons for doing so. The distribution, collection and collation of questionnaires throughout the parish would be time consuming and labour intensive. No volunteers have, to date, come forward to assist with the plan.

No decision was reached regarding the advantages of the consultation exercise, in conjunction with Kirkby Stephen, in relation to the effort involved.

Consideration was also given to the possibility of producing an independent plan for Ravenstonedale.

Cllrs. Morris & Mirrey will attend the next meeting of the Kirkby Stephen group on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October and report to the next Parish Council meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **CALC Organised meeting of Parish Council Clerks**

The Clerk had attended a meeting, organised by CALC for Parish Council Clerks, at Appleby on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. A total of eight clerks and deputy clerks from the surrounding area attended including those from Kirkby Stephen and Appleby.

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce clerks to the availability of training towards the AQA Certificate, a prerequisite for any council wishing to apply for Quality Parish Status. It transpired that Ravenstonedale was the only parish represented having a qualified clerk. Four of those present had no access to a computer and much of their work was hand written.

In the circumstances, given that Ravenstonedale currently satisfies almost all the basic requirements for Quality Parish Status, it was suggested that further consideration might be given to making an application.

It was stated that only a few of the 286 parishes in Cumbria had achieved QPS to date. It appears, however, that Keswick is the only one.

Clerk to investigate further the cost implications and advantages of QPS.

#### **Kirkby Stephen Community & Council Centre**

The Community & Council Centre, which provides an information service for residents of Kirkby Stephen and communities in the surrounding area, is facing a reduced contribution of District Council funding in the coming financial year 2006-2007.

A copy of a report from the Cumberland & Westmorland Herald, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2005, outlining the problems had been enclosed with the agenda.

It was agreed that the centre provided a useful service to Ravenstonedale residents.



Applicant Dr H Frankland  
Parish Council No objections

No. 05/0868 REFURBISHMENT OF EXISTING DWELLING INCLUDING EXTENSION TO REAR AND REBUILDING OF NORTHERN SECTION

Type Full Application  
Location Street Farm, Ravenstonedale  
Applicant Mr & Mrs D Roper  
Parish Council No objections

### **Finance**

#### Accounts for payment

Gibsons of Kendal (Toilets for Ceilidh)	£ 176.25
A Kirby (Grasscutting)	£ 587.50
Audit Commission	£ 141.00

Resolved that the foregoing three accounts be approved for payment.

### **Ravenstonedale CE School**

No Councillor was available to represent the Parish Council as a Governor of Ravenstonedale School to replace Hilary Mirrey. Other potential representatives will be invited by the Chairman.

### **Parish Council Website**

The Clerk presented a suggested list of information to be published on a Parish Council website. Items included councillors' contact information, minutes, agendas and other local council information. The website would be linked to "Ravenstonedale.org" run by Stan Frost.

### **The Shrubbery – Village Garden**

It was confirmed that the area would continue as a shrubbery, as distinct from a flower garden, in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Gift. Additional Box shrubs are to be planted.

### **Public Participation**

There were no contributions from members of the public

**Correspondence received**

EDC Green Spaces Questionnaire  
EDC Community Safety – Crime & Disorder statistics  
CCC Notes from the Upper Eden Neighbourhood Forum, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept., Milburn  
CCC Request for parish magazine publishers' details  
CCC Provisional Local Transport Plan 2006-2011. Copy for circulation.  
CCC Planning Workshop with Planning Officers – Melmerby 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00pm  
CCC Roadworks leaflet  
CALC Circular, October 2005  
CALC AGM – Cleator Moor, Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.30am  
Appleby New Fair Joint Committee – Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2.00pm (Apologies sent)  
Eden Association of Local Councils – Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. 6.00pm, Penrith TH.  
ASHTAV AGM Fordingbridge 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
ASHTAV – Newsletter  
Glasdon – Litter Bin/Recycling Bank catalogue  
Wicksteed – Play Equipment catalogue  
FoLD – Report & Newsletter

The foregoing items were noted and circulated as appropriate.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2005

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Date 10<sup>th</sup> November 2005