

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 11th May 2006 in Newbiggin-on-Lune Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present Councillor John Bull (Chairman) Councillors Caroline Morris, Ernest Leach,
Fanny Jackson, Hilary Mirrey, Paul Capstick.
Clerk, Chris Elphick.
District Councillor Michael Metcalfe-Gibson, County Councillor Tim Stoddard
Five members of the public.

Election of Chairman for the year 2006-2007

John Bull was nominated and elected unanimously.

Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2006-2007

Caroline Morris was nominated and elected unanimously.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Janet Brownrigg and Paul Capstick.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in any item on this agenda.

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 20th April 2006 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Children's Playgrounds

It was reported that a draft lease for the Newbiggin play area had been received by the landlord's agent.

A grant of £2,000. has been received towards the Newbiggin play area from the Frieda Scott Trust in Kendal.

Finance

Sum Received

EDC Precept	£9,650.00
Frieda Scott Trust N-o-L Play Grant	£2,000.00

Accounts for Payment

Grant – St Oswald's Churchyard	£ 500.00
Grant – N-o-L Public Hall	£ 500.00

Ravenstonedale High Chapel

Following the closure of Ravenstonedale High Chapel by the United Reformed Church, it had been suggested that it might be desirable to try to acquire the Grade II listed building for community use. Ravenstonedale does not presently have a community building with ground floor or disabled access.

Suggested uses included a parish council and community centre, local meetings and exhibitions, tourist information, local heritage, etc. It was emphasised that that there would be no competition with uses of Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall.

Suggestions would be invited from the community in the quarterly newsletter and in the Upper Eden Community Plan questionnaires due out shortly.

Upper Eden Community Plan

Questionnaires will be delivered to each household with the quarterly newsletter. Questions specific to Ravenstonedale parish include views on the possible alterations to the Yorkshire Dales National Park boundary and the future of Ravenstonedale High Chapel.

Ravenstonedale Garden Waste Skip

The fortnightly Garden Waste skip which had been deposited on the roadside verge behind the school had been obstructed by the installation of a new "School" sign. The contractor who provides the skip has now obtained a licence to leave the skip on the tarmac triangle outside the school and the fortnightly service will be resumed.

Local Authority Byelaws

A discussion paper had been received from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister explaining the rights of parish councils to make and enforce byelaws. It was thought to be irrelevant to Ravenstonedale at this time.

North West Regional Plan

Consultation Events for Local Strategic Partnerships and Parish Councils. How could the North West Regional Spatial Strategy change your life over the next twenty years? Workshops are to be held in Kendal Tuesday 23rd May. No councillors wished to attend.

Eden District Council

Scrutiny Work Plan 2006/7. No topics were suggested for inclusion in the review.

Public Participation

Support for the acquisition of the High Chapel for community use was expressed by several members of the public.

Concern that the proposal may adversely affect the usage of Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall and hence its viability was expressed by others.

Assurance was given that proposed activities at the High Chapel would complement the uses of the Public Hall rather than detract from them.

Correspondence received

CALC – County Circular May 2006
Clerks & Councils Direct
Local Council Review
ASHTAV – Newsletter
Cumbria Funding Links – May 2006
Miracle Playgrounds – catalogue

The foregoing items of correspondence were circulated and noted as appropriate.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 8th June 2006

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 8th June 2006