

## RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2006 in Newbiggin-on-Lune Village Hall

**Present** Councillor John Bull (Chairman) Councillors Caroline Morris, Ernest Leach, Fanny Jackson, Janet Brownrigg and Paul Capstick.  
Clerk, Chris Elphick.  
Kevin Sellwood, Kompan Playgrounds, 6 members of the public and playground committee.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Hilary Mirrey

#### **Declarations of Interest**

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

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2006 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **Children's Playgrounds**

Kevin Sellwood from Kompan Play Equipment gave a presentation about the principles of playground design and presented a proposed layout for the Newbiggin-on-Lune play area.

Clerk reported that a draft lease for the N-o-L site had been received from the landlord's solicitors and, following consultation had been returned for minor amendments. A grant application for funding this project has been made to Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust (CWMET).

Andrea Boustead donated £87.50 to the playground fund, being proceeds from a 19 mile sponsored yomp.

#### **Finance**

##### Accounts for Payment

ASHTAV subscription	£ 15.00
G Boustead (Scandal Beck Play Area)	£ 380.00
Audit Commission	£ 141.00

**Resolved** that the foregoing three items be approved for payment.

The audit for 2005-2006 has been completed without comment from the Audit Commission.

#### **Computers for Clerk & Chairman?**

CALC had obtained some funding from DEFRA to provide some computer equipment & training for Clerks and Chairmen whose councils had not previously provided them. The Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting at Kendal Town Hall where the ACCESS scheme was explained. Application had been made for one desktop computer and printer for the Clerk plus one laptop computer for the Chairman.

#### **Planning Applications**

No. 06/0151	CHANGE OF USE OF EXISTING BARN TO CREATE A CYCLE CENTRE AND LEISURE FACILITY
Type	Full Application
Location	South Barn, Street Farm, Ravenstonedale
Applicant	Mr & Mrs D Roper
Parish Council	No objections
	GRANTED

No. 06/0150	CHANGE OF USE OF EXISTING BARN TO CREATE 4 No. SERVICED HOLIDAY LETS WITH BED & BREAKFAST FACILITY	
Type	Full Application	
Location	South Barn, Street Farm, Ravenstonedale	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs D Roper	
Parish Council	No objections	GRANTED
No. 06/0488	ALTERATION TO REAR ROOF SLOPE AND EXTENSION TO OUTBUILDING TO PROVIDE GARDEN ROOM.	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Whaup Cottage, Ravenstonedale	
Applicant	Mr I Torkington	
Parish Council	No objections	

### **Appleby Fair**

It was reported that travellers started arriving earlier than ever. In excess of 120 motor caravans and 20 horse-drawn caravans were on Cote Moor. Damage to farmers' property was in excess of £6,000.

Letter of thanks to be sent to Elaine Lomas, Environment Officer – Eden District Council for her work in organising the portable toilets, water bowsers and rubbish skips. Thanks also to Peter Marshall and Linda Brook for their work clearing rubbish from the area following the fair.

### **Ravenstonedale High Chapel**

The possibility of acquiring the now redundant Ravenstonedale High Chapel for community use was discussed. Potential uses included a continuation of the popular "Open House" sessions, contact point for Parish Council connected by computer to other council departments and services, public IT facility, a permanent heritage archive for Ravenstonedale for the benefit of locals and tourists and many other uses. One significant factor in favour of the High Chapel would be that it is the only public building in Ravenstonedale village with ground level access.

There was concern expressed that another hall in the parish would be in competition with Newbiggin Public Hall. Assurances were given that potential uses would be complementary to Newbiggin rather than competitive.

A meeting is being arranged between representatives of the United Reformed Church, Ravenstonedale Parish Council and other interested parties. A report will be made to the next Parish Council Meeting.

### **Upper Eden Community Plan**

It was reported that just over 50% of the questionnaires that had been distributed in Ravenstonedale had been returned (119/230).

### **Proposed Boundary Changes for National Park**

The Countryside Agency, which has been studying the possibilities of altering the National Park Boundary, will cease to exist on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006. The work will be carried on by a new agency, Natural England.

### **Public Participation**

Members of the public had contributed to the discussion on the High Chapel.

**Correspondence received**

CALC – County Circular July 2006  
Local Council Review  
Clerks & Councils Direct  
Cumbria Highways “Working Together” magazine  
North-West Best Practice Design Guide  
DEFRA - Questionnaire re; Quality Parishes (40 pages – 2 hours!!!)  
Cumbria Police Authority – Meeting Wed. 12 July 7.00pm – Penrith  
Open Spaces Society – Annual Report & magazine  
NALC – Community Empowerment Awards  
CCC – Transport Plan 2006 – 11  
CCC – Cumbria Minerals & Waste Development Framework – Discussion Paper

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

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006

Signed \_\_\_\_\_Chairman

Date 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006