

## RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2007 in Ravenstonedale Endowed School at 7.30 pm

**Present** Councillor John Bull (Chairman) Councillors Caroline Morris, Ernest Leach and Fanny Jackson. Cllr Hilary Mirrey was attending a meeting of the UEPC on behalf of the council  
County Councillor Tim Stoddard  
Clerk, Chris Elphick.  
1 member of the public.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs. Janet Brownrigg, Paul Capstick and District Councillor Michael Metcalfe-Gibson.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

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

**Minutes of the Meeting** held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2007 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

It was reported that grant applications are currently pending with BBC "Breathing Places" and Friends of the Lake District for the Ravenstonedale Nature Reserve and Awards for All for the Newbiggin-on-Lune site. With existing funds it is proposed to make a start on both sites as soon as the weather improves.

Clerk reported that he had attended the inaugural Meeting of the Eden District Play Partnership, 17<sup>th</sup> January. The objective of the partnership is to prepare a bid to the Big Lottery Fund for £200,000 of funding for children's play in Eden. The bid is expected to be made in September 2007. (Probably too late to be of use to Ravenstonedale).

#### **Finance**

##### Accounts for payment

Viking Direct (printer ink)	£41.66
Ravenstonedale school (Meeting donation)	£36.00

#### **Ravenstonedale High Chapel**

A meeting of the Advisory Committee has been arranged for Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

#### **Upper Eden Community Plan**

Cllr Hilary Mirrey is attending a meeting of the Plan Committee tonight, Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> January.

#### **Planning Applications**

No 03/0582 Sandbed – Amendment, Additional chimney. This notification from EDC is considered insignificant and is for information only.

No. 07/0030	PROPOSED ALTERATIONS & EXTENSION
Type	Full Application
Location	The Chantry, Ravenstonedale
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Houston
Parish Council	No objections

**A685 Highway Safety**

The Chairman had attended a meeting with representatives of Orton and Tebay parish Councils and District Councillor Margaret Wilcox. Cllr Wilcox had written to County Councillor Tim Stoddard & Highways. The authorities are aware that problems exist but most incidents are the result of bad driving. Residents are encouraged to report incidents to the Clerk.

Neighbourhood Forum Meeting "SAFER ROADS" Brough 26<sup>th</sup> February

**Local Government White Paper**

The Chairman & Clerk had attended a presentation organised by CALC at Newton Rigg to explain the alternatives for future local government in Cumbria. Cllr Stoddard explained the County Council's commitment to a unitary authority covering all aspects of local government. This would result in savings by reducing the number of councillors, offices and staff. A decision by Government is expected in March 2007.

**Public Participation**

There were no contributions from members of the public

**Correspondence received**

CALC – County Circular February 2007  
EDC - Design Awards leaflet  
CCC – School Organisation newsletter  
Open Spaces society – "Our Common Land" 6<sup>th</sup> Edition £19.00

The foregoing items were noted or circulated as appropriate.

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

Date 15<sup>th</sup> March 2007