

## RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2007 in Ravenstonedale High Chapel Room following the Annual Parish Meeting

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

**Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr. Paul Capstick, District Councillor Michael Metcalfe-Gibson and County Councillor Tim Stoddard.

#### **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 15<sup>th</sup> March 2007 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

Clerk reported that the official copy of the lease document and Land Registry Certificate for the Newbiggin play area had been received. The fencing of the site and Grasscutting has been completed by Eden Conservation (Paul Holroyd). Agreement now has to be reached with the planning officer over the condition regarding care of archaeological on site during installation of equipment. A response to the funding application for £10,000 to Awards for All is expected shortly. If this is granted the project can go ahead. The Chairman, Clerk, Hilary Mirrey, Alan Law and Paul Holroyd met with Jack Ellerby and Jo Chaffer of Friends of the Lake District at the R-dale site to discuss the implementation of the conservation-nature project. The FoLD members were impressed with the wide range of consultees and the community involvement in the project. They will issue a press release shortly.

#### **Council Insurance Cover**

The council's insurance cover was reviewed prior to renewal. The existing cover, including fidelity cover, was judged to be adequate. Additional property cover would be required when play equipment is installed.

#### **Finance**

<u>Sum received</u>	
Customs & Excise – VAT repayment	£ 528.81
<u>Account paid prior to meeting</u>	
Sedbergh Office Services (Newsletter printing)	£ 21.50
<u>Accounts for payment</u>	
Eden Conservation (N-o-L Playground fence & access)	£2,993.90
CALC Annual Subscription	£ 126.50
Local Council Review	£ 13.50
Cornhill Insurance (Not revised)	£ 268.80

Draft Annual Statement of Accounts for 2006-2007 was circulated.

Audit Notice advertising dates for inspection of accounts has been posted on notice boards.

### **Ravenstonedale High Chapel**

No further action has been taken on the proposal to acquire the former chapel for community use. Further information is required regarding running costs and potential income. It had been established that Listed Building Consent would be required even to remove the pulpit, lectern and pews. Clerk will pursue enquiries.

### **Planning Applications**

No. 070211 CHANGE OF USE OF HATCHERY TO SHOP & KITCHEN FOR PRODUCTION OF TROUT PRODUCTS  
Type Full Application  
Location Bessy Beck Trout Farm, Newbiggin-on-Lune  
Applicant Mr I Riddell  
Parish Council No objections.

No. 06/0592 Wath Farm, Barn Conversion. Notice had been received of the commencement of appeal proceedings.

### **Local Council Elections May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007**

It was noted that eight electors had tendered nomination papers for election to the Parish Council. One had subsequently withdrawn due to relocation, leaving seven nominees for seven places. No election will, therefore, be necessary. Councillors Fanny Jackson and Janet Brownrigg had not stood for re-election. The Chairman thanked Fanny for her twenty-eight years of service and Janet for twelve. The thanks were endorsed by all present.

### **Upper Eden Community Plan**

It was reported that the UECP committee members have now formed groups to study various aspects of the information gathered in the recent survey. Cllr Morris had been assembling a report on the environmental aspects in conjunction with the representative from Mallerstang.

### **Public Participation**

There were no contributions from members of the public

### **Correspondence received**

CALC – County Circular April 2007  
NALC – Revised Clerk's Contract of Employment  
Memorial Safety (Graveyards) – Dept. for Constitutional Affairs  
Wicksteed – Play Catalogue  
Policing Services in Cumbria – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Rheged. 4.00 – 7.00pm  
Eden Area Police Liaison Forum – Rural Policing – Melmerby Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00pm  
FoLD – Annual Report & Lakeland Conservation  
Appleby New Fair Committee – Minutes of meeting 23/01/07  
Westmorland Gazette – Online Community Forum  
Cumbria Highways – Temporary Road Closures  
Cumbria Funding Links – April 2007  
LCR survey – Minimum size for parish councils?  
EDC – Rural Wheels Scheme  
Schools – Extended services meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> April 9.30am – 1.30pm. Brough.

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

**Date of next meeting (Annual General Meeting):** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007

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

Date 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007