

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 8th January 2009 in Ravenstonedale Public Room (above the school)

Present Councillor John Bull (Chairman) Councillors, Caroline Morris
James Richardson, Hilary Law and Alison Morriss.
County Councillor, Tim Stoddard
Clerk, Chris Elphick.
UECP Project Officer, Libby Bateman

Declarations of Interest

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

Apologies for absence had been received from District Councillor George Boustead,
Cllrs Ernest Leach and Paul Capstick

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Chairman as a correct record.

Upper Eden Community Plan

Councillors welcomed the newly appointed UECP Project Officer, Libby Bateman, whose role is to progress the implementation of the actions recommended in the plan. Libby said "My initial tasks will be to familiarise myself with the different organisations that operate in the area who will be instrumental in helping deliver the Plan and developing dedicated web pages for the Plan".

Libby has spent the last six years working at the Newton Rigg Campus (now part of the University of Cumbria), delivering student recreational activities and volunteering projects. Libby lives and was raised in the Upper Eden area and so has an understanding about the issues faced by her local area.

The Plan has been developed over the past three years and is borne out of the hard work and dedication of representatives from seventeen Parish Councils and Kirkby Stephen Town Council. The writing of the Plan was made possible by the constant support of Voluntary Action Cumbria (now called Action with Communities in Cumbria). "I feel this is going to be an exciting and challenging role for me and I'm looking forward to working with the community and the relevant Councils to make sure the Plan is a success" said Libby.

Anybody wishing to find out further information about the plan should visit the Kirkby Stephen web site www.kirkby-stephen.com

The Association of Small Historic Towns and Villages (ASHTAV)

It was reported that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk had had a meeting with Ela Palmer of ASHTAV on November 28th 2008. Ela is researching rural communities, particularly Ravenstonedale, for an article in a future edition of the ASHTAV magazine.

Finance

Sums Received

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| Tennis Club Rent | £ 15.00 |
| Neighbourhood Forum Grant (High Chapel Survey) | £500.00 |
| EDC Grant Re, High Chapel Survey | £175.00 |
| HMRC VAT repayment | £330.74 |

Account Paid prior to meeting

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| R T W Hewetson (N-o-L Play Area Rent (S O) | £100.00 |
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Accounts for Payment

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| C J Elphick (Admin Expenses to 31/12/08) | £236.58 |
| C J Elphick 50% SLCC Membership | £ 52.50 |

Planning Applications

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| No. 08/0867 | LANDSCAPING WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH PLANNING APPROVAL Ref. 07/0030 | |
| Type | Full Application | |
| Location | The Chantry, Ravenstonedale | |
| Applicant | Mr & Mrs J Houston | GRANTED |
| No. 08/0910 | PROPOSED TREE WORKS | |
| Type | Tree Works (Conservation Area) | |
| Location | St Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale | |
| Applicant | Ravenstonedale Parochial Church Council | |
| Parish Council | Support this application. | |
| No. 08/0733 | Brownber Revised Entrance | GRANTED |
| No. 08/0979 | REPLACEMENT WINDOWS ETC. | |
| Type | Listed Building Consent | |
| Location | Lytheside, Ravenstonedale | |
| Applicant | Mr T Reeves | |
| Parish Council | No objections. | |

Scandal Beck Recreation & Nature Area

An invitation has been received from the BBC's Breathing Places team (part of the Big Lottery fund) to submit a bid for further funding – up to £5,000 – for a new initiative for events based around June 2009 to coincide with the new season of "Springwatch". A bid is to be prepared for submission before the deadline of 6th February.

The tennis club's pavilion has been badly damaged by vandals. The incident has been reported to the Police.

The Clerk has been assisting school staff with funding bids for upgrading of the playground facilities.

Litter Bin

The litter bin by the school entrance is in need of repair. It was uncertain who actually owned the bin. It was discovered from the Minute Book that the bin had, in fact, been purchased and installed by the Parish Council in 1979. The manufacturer has not been located for spares. The Clerk is trying to arrange a repair. It was noted that additional bins would be needed for the Scandal Beck Area.

Ravenstonedale High Chapel

No further communication has yet been received from Synod following the return of the draft lease with request for alterations and further information.

Synod has been asked to provide or locate the Burial Ground Records and information on who has what rights for future burials etc.

Police Matters

Clerk had received an enquiry regarding apparent fly tipping at the Chantry. The offending heap was noted to be building stone, stored pending completion of work at the Chantry.

A leaflet had been received with information on "Developing Neighbourhood Policing" – The Policing Pledge

Tennis Hut Vandalism has been reported.

Memorial Safety

Information has been received from SLCC regarding responsibilities and risk assessment for memorials in graveyards.

Criminal Records Bureau

Checks for Volunteers – Guidance Notes received from the Cabinet Office

EDC Sport & Active Recreation Strategy 2009 – 2014

Consultation document received. No action to be taken. Clerk has been a member of the Play Strategy Committee.

Participatory Budgeting

A draft Road Maintenance Budget for 2009-2010 has been received from Cumbria Highways for consultation in accordance with the new practice of Participatory Budgeting. The Parish Council had no amendments to the draft.

In response to the consultation the suggestion was made to Mr Keith Masser, area highways engineer, that the scheme for a footpath/cycleway between R-dale and Newbiggin-on-Lune should be reconsidered.

Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity

Consultation has been document received from the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Public Participation

Request from former Parish Councillor Graham Godden (now living in Spain) that the PC should consider providing internet facilities for non-PC owners. *Response – this is part of the plan for High Chapel.*

Request for salt heaps or bin at Wath. *Cllr Stoddard responded that this should be available on request from Highways.*

It had been suggested that the road needed widening on North side of A685 R-dale Junction to permit moving traffic to pass stationary vehicles awaiting right turn to Ravenstonedale. *This is believed to be part of the current revision of markings etc. on this section of road.*

Correspondence received

Cumbria Police – Credit Crunch Policing – 13th January, Penrith

Cumbria Police – Minutes of meeting 29/10/08 –

Eden Rivers trust – Newsletter

Cumbria Highways – Working Together – Newsletter

Resource Cumbria – Recycling Newsletter

CALC – Training & Events – January – June 2009

Highways Agency – Roadworks Information

EDC – Design Awards 2009

SLCC – The Clerk magazine

FoLD – Conserving Lakeland magazine

NALC – Local Council Review

The foregoing items of Correspondence were circulated or noted as appropriate

Date of next meeting: Thursday 12th February 2009

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 12th February 2009