

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 14th May 2009 in Ravenstonedale Public Room

Present Councillors John Bull, James Richardson, Hilary Law, Alison Morriss and Ernest Leach
Clerk, Chris Elphick.
County Councillor, Tim Stoddard
UECP Project Officer, Libby Bateman

Apologies for absence had been received from District Councillor George Boustead, Cllrs Paul Capstick (working), Caroline Morris (holiday)

Election of Chairman for the year 2009-2010

The retiring chairman, Cllr John Bull asked for nominations for the position of chairman for the year 2009-2010. Cllr Bull had indicated that he was not available for re-election. Cllr Caroline Morris was nominated in her absence (having previously been asked) and was elected unanimously.

Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2009-2010

Councillor Hilary Law was nominated and elected unanimously.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Law declared an interest in the Scandal Beck Green project as she is a director of the walling contractors, T A Law.

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 16th April 2009 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

Scandal Beck Green

It was reported that the £5,000 bid for funding towards the project, which had been made at the invitation of the BP Team, had been unsuccessful. The rejection letter stated that the application had been approved but the fund was over subscribed. The "Grand Midsummer Opening" had been prompted by the expectation of BP funding but it was resolved to proceed without.

A further bid for £10,000 is pending with the Big Lottery – Awards for All fund. It was resolved that, in the event of grants being unavailable for the necessary repairs to the becksidewall, the sum of £6,000 currently reserved as a local contribution towards the proposed Newbiggin – Ravenstonedale cycleway, should be vired to the cost of walling on the grounds that the cycleway would not happen for three or four years, during which the fund could be replenished.

The "Grand Midsummer Opening" of Scandal Beck Green, will take place on Saturday 20th June at 11.30am. The opening ceremony will be performed by Dr Helga Frankland, former North West Regional Director of English Nature. Arrangements will include produce stalls, rural craft demonstrations and nature/wildlife information. The major funding contributors, Friends of the Lake District, Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust and BBC Breathing Places, have been invited to attend.

Finance

Sum Received

EDC Precept	£12,300.00
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Accounts for Payment

Allianz Cornhill Insurance	£ 671.70
Grant – St Oswald's Churchyard	£ 450.00

Grant – N-o-L Public Hall	£ 500.00
CPFA Subs	£ 15.50
Kirkby Stephen Town Council (UECP)	£ 260.00

The foregoing five items were approved for payment.

The Draft Statement of Accounts for the year 2008-2009 was approved and signed by the chairman

Ravenstonedale High Chapel

A working group was set up to consider in detail the provisions of the revised draft contract offered by the North-West Synod in the light of feasibility study, structural report. The working group will report back to the full council before responding to Synod. Councillors Caroline Morris, Alison Morriss and John Bull were appointed.

Upper Eden Community Plan

Jayne Potts from Cumbria Rural Housing Trust will attend the July meeting to discuss local housing needs.

It was resolved that the sum of £260.00 be donated towards cost of project officer. Cllr Law stated that she would be representing Ravenstonedale at the next UECP meeting on Thursday 11th June which coincides with the PC meeting and tendered her apologies.

Planning Applications

No. 09/0298	CONSTRUCTION OF DOMESTIC STORAGE BUILDING
Type	Full Application
Location	Intake, Newbiggin-on-Lune
Applicant	Mr P Ellison
Parish Council	No objections or observations.

Public Participation

There were no contributions from members of the public

Correspondence received

CALC – County Circular May 2009
 Clerks & Councils Direct
 Local Council Review
 ASHTAV News
 Cumbria Highways “Working Together”
 Public Sector Equality Duties
 Notices re. County Council & European Elections 4th June 2009

The foregoing items of Correspondence were circulated or noted as appropriate

Date of next meeting: Thursday 11th June 2009

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 11th June 2009