

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 11th November 2010 in Ravenstonedale High Chapel Room at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Caroline Morris (Chairman) Cllrs Helen Shields, Hilary Law, James Richardson, Alison Morriss, Cllr Paul Capstick and Ernest Leach.
Clerk. Chris Elphick
County Councillor Peter Thornton
One member of the Public

Apologies for Absence had been received from UECP Project Officer, Libby Bateman, District Councillor George Boustead and PCSO, Janet Allinson

Declarations of Interest

Chairman, Cllr Morris, declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application No. 10/0932. She is the applicant. Mrs Morris also declared that she is related to the applicant for application No. 10/0825.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 14th October 2010 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Ravenstonedale High Chapel

The Chairman and Clerk had signed the transfer document for the chapel for return to the URC solicitors. The transaction will be completed as soon as the URC Trustees sign the counterpart, within the next few days.

Before the chapel can be brought into full use it will be necessary to upgrade facilities to ensure compliance with current legislation. It is expected that grant funding will be available to facilitate the repairs and alterations.

Architects, Garsdale Design Ltd, have submitted some alternative designs for proposed toilets and improved access with disabled facilities. A grant of £1,500 has been received from Eden LSP towards the architects' fees.

The proposals will shortly be available for public inspection in the High Chapel room.

Ravenstonedale Parish History Group

The inaugural meeting of the Group took place in the High Chapel room on Tuesday 2nd November at 7.30pm. Approximately thirty people attended on a very wet and windy evening including some from the Upper Wensleydale History Society and one lady from London.

Following a short housekeeping session on the aims of the group and practical organisation Caroline Morris presented a slide show of Ravenstonedale past & present.

The Group now has a membership list in excess of sixty. Informal meetings are held in the High Chapel room on Thursday afternoons from 2.00 to 4.00 plus a monthly evening meeting on the second Tuesday.

Big Society

The Clerk had attended an all-day meeting at Great Asby, organised by Rory Stewart MP to progress the aims of the Big Society concept in the vanguard area of Eden. Several senior civil servants were present and the clerk was able to have direct discussions with Oliver Henman, on secondment from NCVO, on the Ravenstonedale to Newbiggin-on-Lune cycleway project.

Broadband in Ravenstonedale

Although Broadband is available within the villages of R-dale and N-o-L, reception is virtually non-existent in the outlying areas such as Fell End. The government is

currently promoting universal provision of this facility. In rural areas there is much scope for self/community help to reduce the cost of installation.

The Clerk had attended a meeting, organised by the Upper Eden Community Plan group at which five UECP parishes were represented. Representatives of two consultant companies were present to give information on practical aspects of planning and installation of a scheme.

A further meeting at Great Asby, hosted by Rory Stewart, on Saturday 6th November gave further information on the government's support for universal provision and that Cumbria has been selected as a pilot area for the project. It was indicated that up to £10m may be available from government to implement the scheme.

Finance

Account Paid prior to meeting

Dalton & Hague (High Chapel purchase)	£1,000.00
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Accounts for Payment

Clerk's admin expenses (Details at meeting)	£ 249.91
EDC (Lottery Licence renewal)	£ 20.00
Askham Oils (High Chapel heating oil)	£ 298.49
C J Elphick (Stationery)	£ 36.10
Came & Company (CHC Insurance)	£ 398.71
Dave Ellis (Boiler Service)	£ 50.00

Resolved that the foregoing six items be approved for payment

Revised Standing Order instruction for a change of payee for N-o-L Playground rent following the death of the landlord Mr R T W Hewetson was approved.

Planning Applications

No.10/0354	GARDEN TERRACE (2nd REVISED PROPOSAL)	
Type	Full Application	
Location	The Chantry, Ravenstonedale	REFUSED
Parish Council	Noted.	

No. 10/0932	CONVERSION OF BARN to 1 No. DWELLING
Type	Full application
Location	Town Head House Barn, Ravenstonedale
Applicant	Mrs C Morris
Parish Council	There were no objections in principle to this application but it was felt that the fenestration on the east elevation should be considered more sympathetically to be in keeping with surrounding buildings within the conservation area of Ravenstonedale.

No. 10/0905	NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT to APPLICATION 10/0205 COMPRISING of CHANGES TO COLOUR and ROOFLIGHT
Type	Non-material amend
Location	Greenside Farm, Ravenstonedale
Applicant	A Winder & Son
Parish Council	No objections

No. 10/0825	NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT to APPLICATION 10/0235 COMPRISING of REVISIONS to INTERNAL LAYOUT and EXTENSION
Type	Non-material amend
Location	Kings Head Hotel, Ravenstonedale
Parish Council	No objections

No. 10/0964	Extend time limit on 08/0741
Type	Time Extension
Location	Hwith, Fell End
Applicant	DPS Ltd – Ms L Brooke
Parish Council	Support this application

Proposed R-dale – N-o-L Cycleway

Discussions continue with Cumbria Highways, UECP & Big Society groups. It is believed that progress is being made particularly since the encouragement from Whitehall through the Big Society initiative.

Upper Eden Community Plan Group

A review has been carried out of the original plan Aims & Objectives, those which have been achieved and the priorities for the outstanding items. Cumbria County Council – Highways Engineer Rob Lawley attended the meeting to highlight to the UECP group how Cumbria County Council prioritises their work schedule and funding allocations. UECP has highlighted local level byway development as a priority with the Big Society. In particular the development of the Ravenstonedale Cycleway as a development model for a larger scheme such as the Brough to Kirkby Stephen Cycleway. There are options on the table for communities to deliver their own Schemes. CCC are currently communicating with their legal team to establish if this is permissible with the current delivery contracts that they have with Capita and Amey. Rob went back to the history of some of these projects in order to explain how they have reached their current priority with the council

Scandal Beck Green

A revised quote for providing swings has been received from Playdale. Peter Thornton indicated that a grant of £3,000 may be available from Cumbria CC. If that grant is received then, with existing funds in hand, the parish council will be able to place an order for the work at an early date.

Highways

The parish council has been corresponding with Cumbria Highways regarding the collapsing roadside wall opposite the Scar Gallery. There is a dispute over ownership and responsibility for the wall. Nobody claims (or will admit to) ownership of the land between the wall and Scandal Beck. Highways are reluctant to carry out the repair.

Electoral Review of Cumbria

A consultation is being held by Cumbria CC with the aim of reducing the total number of County Councillors, currently 84, and changing ward boundaries. Ward sizes are related to population, therefore an urban area such as Penrith has three ward councillors whereas our local rural area councillor covers an area from Kendal to the Durham border and includes approximately twenty parishes. These anomalies to be included in the consultation response.

Meeting Dates 2011

Circulated to those present and put on website.

Public Participation

It was noted that the footway between the school and church has been left in an unsatisfactory condition following work to extend the school.

Correspondence received

Multi-Agency Strategy Co-ordinating Group - Appleby Fair Strategy 2011-2013
CALC – AGM notice & Annual Report
Nuclear Waste in West Cumbria – Drop-in Kendal TH 30th November 12.00-8.00pm
CALC Circular November 2010
Cumbria CVS – Newsletter & Annual Report

Date of next meeting: Thursday 13th January 2011

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 13th January 2011