

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 13th January 2011 in Ravenstonedale High Chapel Room at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Caroline Morris (Chairman) Cllrs Helen Shields, Hilary Law, James Richardson, Alison Morriss and Ernest Leach.
Clerk. Chris Elphick
UECP Project Officer, Libby Bateman

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllr Paul Capstick, County Councillor Peter Thornton and District Councillor George Boustead

Declarations of Interest

Chairman, Cllr Morris, declared a prejudicial interest in planning application No. 10/1096. She is related to the applicant.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 11th November 2010 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Ravenstonedale High Chapel

The purchase of the former High Chapel was finally completed on 19th November 2010 following four years of negotiation with the North West Synod of the United Reformed Church.

Before the building is fully opened for public use there are a number of items to be addressed. As an ecclesiastical building it was exempt from many of the regulations which affect other public buildings. In order to obtain a Premises Licence it will be necessary to install toilet facilities, disability access etc. Plans are being drawn and applications for grant funding for the project are in hand. One tree has been removed from the graveyard to improve the visual access to the building.

Ravenstonedale Parish History Group

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 with a guest speaker on the first Tuesday. Archive material is being collected and catalogued.

Broadband in Ravenstonedale

A survey of existing facilities is being carried out through ravenstonedale.org website. A map of upload and download speeds throughout the parish is being built up to help assess local needs.

Finance

Sums received

HMRC – VAT repayment	£ 473.56
CCC – Playground Grant	£3,000.00

Accounts Paid prior to meeting

Playdale Playgrounds (Deposit)	£4,224.71
Land Registry	£ 50.00
Came & Co. (Playground Insurance)	£ 48.24

Accounts for Payment

Steven Hodgson (Tree Services)	£ 354.00
C J Elphick (SLCC 50%)	£ 59.00
Dalton & Hague (High Chapel Transfer)	£ 360.50
S P H G (Repayment)	£ 60.00

C J Elphick (Filing Cabinet)	£ 60.00
M Sedgwick (Notice board materials)	£ 152.98
Keith Pratt (HC Gutter cleaning)	£ 45.00

The foregoing ten items were approved for payment.

Planning Applications

No. 10/0802	Extension to dwelling	
Location	Studfold Farmhouse	GRANTED
No. 10/0797	Roof over approved silage clamp	
Location	Bowderdale Farm	GRANTED
No. 10/0826	LB Consent – Refurbishment works	
Location	King's Head Hotel	GRANTED
No. 10/1096	Fell two Ash trees	
Type	Tree Works (CA)	
Location	Oak House, Ravenstonedale	
Applicant	Mr R Metcalfe-Gibson	
Parish Council	No objection	
No. 10/1023	Fell one Spruce, reduce crown & dead wood on Ash	
Type	Tree Works (CA)	
Location	Land opposite Black Swan, Ravenstonedale	
Applicant	The Black Swan Tavern	
Parish Council	No objection	

Proposed R-dale – N-o-L Cycleway

The parish council, with support from County Councillor Peter Thornton, continues to press for this facility.

Upper Eden Community Plan Group

The Group has carried out an assessment of objectives achieved since its inception and prioritised outstanding items for future action. Councillor Law and the Clerk had attended the meeting.

Scandal Beck Green

New swings have now been installed with help from CCC Grant facilitated by County Councillor Peter Thornton.
A grant application is being made to fund the reinstatement of the collapsed becksidewall beside the tennis court.

Highways

The Parish Council is in communication with Cumbria Highways to establish responsibility for repairs to the becksidewall opposite Scar Gallery. Nobody has been found who claims (or admits to) ownership of that area of land. It appears that the wall is collapsing due to subsidence of the highway. Negotiations continue.

Precept for 2011-2012

The Clerk circulated a detailed budget suggestion for the year 2011 – 2012. It was resolved that the precept for 2011 – 2012 be set at £16,000, which equates to approximately £35.08 per elector for the year, or 67pence per week.

The Localism Bill (13th December 2010)

Comments have been invited from individuals and groups on the Government's proposals to increase involvement in decision making at a local level. The National Association of Local Councils has been making representations to the Government on behalf of Parish & Town Councils. Ravenstonedale Parish Council has nothing to add to these representations.

Management of Conservation Areas

A Consultation Draft has been received from Eden District Council on the future management policy for designated Conservation Areas in Eden. There were no issues which directly affect Ravenstonedale.

Great North Air Ambulance

A request for funds was received from the Great North Air Ambulance Charity which covers the Cumbria region.

It was **resolved** that a donation of £100 be contributed.

Public Participation

It was reported that the public telephone box at Fell End had been severely vandalised. With the improvement of mobile phone reception in the area it was presumed that the facility must be uneconomic for BT to maintain.

Clerk was instructed to contact BT and indicate that the Parish Council considers the box to be redundant and an eyesore in its present condition. It would be better for it to be removed.

Correspondence received

Eden Carers – Homeshare leaflet

FoLD – Conserving Lakeland

CCC Leader – Local News & Views

EDC – Manage

Eden Rivers Trust – Newsletter

CALC Circular December/January

CCC – Have Your Say meetings programme

Came & Co (Insurers) Advice on Gritting

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

Date of next meeting: Thursday 10th February 2011

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 10th February 2011