

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 9th June 2011 in Ravenstonedale High Chapel Room at 7.30pm

Present Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs Helen Shields, Hilary Law , Alison Morriss, James Richardson and Paul Capstick,
Clerk. Chris Elphick
One member of the public

Apologies for absence had been received from County Councillor Peter Thornton, District Councillor Ian Torkington and UECP Project Officer Libby Bateman.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Law declared an interest in the discussions on the Scandal Beck wall renovations. She is a partner in the construction company carrying out the work.
Cllr Morriss declared an interest in Planning Application 11/0420 and 11/0423. She is a partner in the company carrying out the work. Cllr Morris also declared an interest in the proposed signage at Scandal Beck Green as her company may tender for the work.

Cllr Morriss further declared an interest in Planning Application No. 11/0328. She is one of the applicants.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 12th May 2011 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Co-option of Parish Councillor

Only six nominations were received at the recent Parish Council Elections for the seven seats on Ravenstonedale Parish Council. The vacancy may now be filled without the need for further election.

At the AGM held on 12th May it had been resolved that the vacancy be advertised in order to ensure equal opportunity for all. There was one applicant, Mr Alex Watts-Tobin from Newbiggin-on-Lune. Mr Watts-Tobin is known to all councillors.

It was **resolved** that Mr Alexander Watts-Tobin be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

Finance

It was **resolved** that the Annual Governance Statement for 2010-2011 be approved.

Clerk reported that the Parish Council has now been registered with HMRC as an employer and has a PAYE reference number.

Accounts paid prior to meeting

Dalton & Hague (Reclaim compensation for seat)	£ 60.00
Peter Taylor (Chapel repairs)	£ 72.00

Sums Received

Sale of chapel pews	£ 75.00
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Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (Clerk's Expenses)	£ 91.99
Raven Graphics (Signs)	£ 27.00
A Kirby (Grasscutting)	£ 732.00
C J Elphick (Hand dryers - HC)	£ 251.28

Planning Applications

No. 11/0420	Proposed Advertisement
Type	Advertisement
Location	Scar Gallery, Ravenstonedale
Applicant	Mr D W Morris
Parish Council	No objections
No. 11/0423	Proposed Advertisement
Type	Listed Building
Location	Scar Gallery, Ravenstonedale
Applicant	Mr D W Morris
Parish Council	No objections
No. 11/0369	Retrospective Advertisement
Type	Advertisement
Location	Ashley Bank
Applicant	Mr H J I Hickman
Parish Council	No objections
No. 11/0326	Change of use and extension of redundant barn to camping barn and installation of septic tank & soakaway
Type	Full Application
Location	Tarn, Ravenstonedale, CA17 4LN
Applicant	Tarn Outdoor Centre – Mr P Mells
Parish Council	No objections
No. 11/0425	Installation of roof lights to rear (North) of listed building
Type	Listed Building
Location	Brownber Hall, CA17 4NX
Applicant	Mr A Woodward
Parish Council	No objections
No. 11/0328	Internal alterations and extension to side elevation of existing dwelling.
Type	Full Application
Location	The Byre, Bowber Head, CA17 4NL
Applicant	Mr & Mrs S Morriss
Parish Council	No objections
No. 11/0357	Coppice 2 Yew Trees – Fell 2 Yew Trees
Type	Tree Works (CA)
Location	Manor House, Ravenstonedale
Applicant	Mrs Morris
Parish Council	No objections
No. 11/0428	Fell one Cypress tree
Type	Tree Works (CA)
Location	The Glen, Ravenstonedale
Applicant	Mr R Metcalfe-Gibson
Parish Council	No objections

Proposed Designation as National Park

Following Consultations in 2010 Natural England has produced modified proposals for further consultation. A “Drop-In” session had been held at Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall on 7th June where a member of Natural England staff was present to distribute consultation packs and answer queries. Several councillors had attended. The Parish Council decided not to make a response but encouraged individuals to do so.

It was resolved that a representation be made regarding the future name for the area since it is clearly NOT Yorkshire. The preferred option was stated as “The Fells and Dales National Park”. It was noted that other National Parks such as the Lake District, Peak District, Exmoor, etc do not claim allegiance to a specific county but to a geographical area.

Ravenstonedale High Chapel

A Management Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th July at 7.30pm. All pews have now been removed and sold. The wooden panelling round the walls has been made good and missing areas have been replaced. Various church organisations have been approached re. placement of Pulpit, Lectern and Communion Rails.

Replacement of Public Seat at Garshill

A payment of £700. in compensation has been received from the owner of the vehicle which caused the damage. A suitable replacement seat has been identified at a cost of £632 plus VAT. Clerk to organise supply and delivery. Cllr Law volunteered to organise the installation.

Scandal Beck Green

A £6,000. grant has been promised from CWMET towards the reinstatement of the becksides wall. The contractors, T A Law Ltd, are awaiting permission from the Environment Agency to carry out works in the SSSI beck. It was **resolved** that "No Dogs" signs should be erected at both entrances to the Green. The Tennis Club had been consulted and agreed to this action. The notices will be combined with other information boards to avoid a proliferation of individual items. It was agreed that Raven Graphics be commissioned to make the signs.

Ravenstonedale Parish History Group

The History Group continues to meet on Thursday afternoons in the High Chapel Room. A programme of monthly evening meetings with speakers and events has been produced, commencing in September. A visit to the Weardale Museum is planned for Tuesday 28th June.

Upper Eden Community Plan Group (UECP)

Notes from the meeting held on Thursday 19th May 2011 had been circulated to all councillors by e-mail. The Group is now considering production of a Neighbourhood Plan as part of its "Big Society" project in the Eden Valley. A Neighbourhood Plan would be used to influence local policies on planning, housing, etc. At this stage all that is required from the Parish Council is a written "expression of interest" It was **resolved** that the following statement be delivered to the UECP Group:

"Our parish wishes to be included in the area for the preparation of the Upper Eden Neighbourhood Plan. This does not bind the parish to supporting the policies that emerge from the process, but it does mean that our electors will be included in the referendum on the policies when that occurs."

Big Society – Rural Action

An event is to be held at Rheged on Saturday 18th June – 9.30 to 3.45. Rory Stewart MP will be speaking on "Big Society & the Eden Vanguard. Clerk will attend.

St Oswald's Church

A request had been received from St Oswald's PCC to site a container for grass cuttings in a corner of the Millennium Field adjacent to the churchyard wall, behind the cricket nets. The Parish Council raised no objections to the proposal provided that the Millennium Field Committee is in agreement.

Public Participation

Stennerskeugh and Fell End Clouds

It was reported that Natural England is working with the graziers on Wild Boar Fell to achieve improvements through the Higher Level Stewardship scheme.

The Clouds SSSI limestone pavement is the most valuable and threatened habitat on the fell and a scheme is being negotiated to exclude sheep from the area to restore it to favourable condition.

An application is being made to the Secretary of State for consent for a temporary (10 years) fence on the common

Proposal for Pennine Bridleway link through Ravenstonedale

It was reported that Cumbria County Council Rights of Way - Countryside Access Team is exploring possible routes to extend the Pennine Bridleway between Street and Brownber. Local landowners and riders are being consulted.

Correspondence received

CALC – County Circular June 2011

Eden Rivers Trust – Newsletter Summer 2011

Friends of the Lake District – Campaign for National Parks

Cumbria Constabulary – Details of local Officers.

CCC – Local News & Views – Cllr Eddie Martin

ASHTAV - Magazine

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14th July 2011

Signed _____ Chairman Date 14th July 2011