

## RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011 in Ravenstonedale High Chapel Room at 7.30pm

**Present** Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs Hilary Law , Alison Morriss, James Richardson and Alex Watts-Tobin.  
Clerk. Chris Elphick  
District Councillor Ian Torkington

**Apologies for absence** had been received from Councillors Helen Shields, Paul Capstick, County Councillor Peter Thornton and UECP Project Officer Libby Bateman.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Leach declared a personal or interest in item 10, Stenerskeugh Clouds. He farms the land.

**Minutes of the Meeting** held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2011 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **Finance**

Clerk reported that, following checking by the internal auditor, Mr Michael Metcalfe-Gibson the accounts 2010-2011 submitted to external auditors, BDO Stoy-Hayward

##### Accounts paid prior to meeting

e-on (Chapel Electricity) £ 36.59

##### Sums Received

Mr John Bunney (Graveyard maintenance) £ 500.00

HMRC (VAT reclaim) £ 295.42

##### Accounts for Payment

Digley Associates (Play Area Inspections) £ 96.00

M Sedgwick (Notice Boards) £ 322.24 (inc.vat £53.70)

This last item completes the construction of four new notice boards for the parish a cost of £128.65 each. (commercial equivalents cost around £400.)

#### **Planning Applications**

No. 11/0369 Retrospective Advertisement  
Type Advertisement  
Location Ashley Bank  
Applicant Mr H J I Hickman WITHDRAWN

No. 11/0482 Fell 2 Ash trees, Crown Raise 3 Maples  
Type Tree Works (TPO)  
Location Cherry Garth, Ravenstonedale  
Applicant Mrs O'Connor  
Parish Council No objections

No. 11/0537 Fell 2 Yew trees, Fell 2 Cypress  
Type Tree Works (Conservation Area)  
Location Former High Chapel, Ravenstonedale  
Applicant Chris Elphick  
Parish Council No objections

### **Ravenstonedale High Chapel**

The Community & Heritage Centre Management Committee held it's first meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011. Membership is as follows: Chairman - Helen Shields, Vice Chairman - Hilary Law, Secretary/Treasurer - Chris Elphick, Members - Alison Morriss, Bill Wappett, Chris Harrison-Beck and Lydia Crampton.

The Committee will work in conjunction with the Parish Council to facilitate the refurbishment of the building and graveyard, to identify potential uses/users and ensure that appropriate facilities are incorporated in the plans.

Short term aims are to get the building into useable condition, clean and decorate the main chapel area using volunteer labour where possible. Uses of the building are limited initially due to lack of toilet facilities and the need to comply with current safety and other regulations. It is proposed to mount an exhibition of traditional crafts in the hall to coincide with National Heritage Weekend September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ravenstonedale Parish History Group**

Report of activities received

### **Big Society – Rural Action**

Clerk gave a report of a meeting at Redhills on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June

### **Upper Eden Neighbourhood Plan**

Information had been received on objectives and management structure for the CIC.

### **Stennerskeugh & Fell End Clouds Fence Proposal**

Cllr Leach gave a report of proceedings at the Fat Lamb on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011

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

### **Pennine Bridleway**

Possible routes from Street to Brownber are being explored

### **Upper Eden Community Plan Group (UECP)**

Notes from the meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 had been circulated

### **Public Participation**

Contributions from members of the public

Clerk reported that repairs had been carried out to becksides wall at "Floody Bottom" by Cumbria Highways.

### **Correspondence received**

Closure of Penrith County Court – New contact details for Kendal & Lancaster  
CALC Circular July/August

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Date 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011