

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 14th 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 9th 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Applicant Mr H J I Hickman WITHDRAWN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 5th 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 10th & 11th.

Ravenstonedale Parish History Group

Report of activities received

Big Society – Rural Action

Clerk gave a report of a meeting at Redhills on Saturday 18th 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 5th 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 30th 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 8th September 2011

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 8th September 2011