

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs Helen Shields, James Richardson, Hilary Law, Alison Morriss and Alex Watts-Tobin.
Clerk. Chris Elphick
District Councillor Ian Torkington
One member of the public

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Paul Capstick, and County Councillor Peter Thornton.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Law declared an interest in planning application No.11/0758. She is a neighbour of the applicant and a director of a building company with an interest in the site.
Cllr Morriss declared an interest in planning applications Nos. 11/0731 and 11/0757. She is closely related to the applicants.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 8th September 2011 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Ravenstonedale High Chapel

It was reported that the dais in the main chapel had been removed and the floor made good in accordance with planning consent 11/0081 dated 24th March 2011. It was further noted that a letter had been received from EDC confirming that condition 3 of that planning consent had been fulfilled by the submission of a Historic and Architectural Assessment to the planning officer.

The floor of the chapel has been sanded and sealed and walls and ceiling redecorated. Thanks were expressed to all the volunteers who donated their labour.

An exhibition of traditional crafts and artifacts to celebrate National Heritage Weekend September 10th & 11th. Admission was free but donations totalling £128.70 were received towards the council's building fund.

The future of the pulpit, lectern and altar rails has not yet been resolved despite it having been offered to a number of church and chapel bodies, including Westminster College, Cambridge, the Historic Chapels Trust and a minister with three parishes in London who viewed the items.

The structural survey carried out three years ago is to be updated in order to facilitate grant applications. The surveyor from R G Parkins & Partners who carried out the original survey has been instructed.

Scandal Beck Green

Work to repair the section of the becks side wall by the tennis court can only be carried out during the months between June and September to protect wildlife habitat. The Environment Agency require a Crayfish Survey, carried out by a licensed crayfish handler, prior to the commencement of operations. Joanne Backshall of Eden Rivers Trust has agreed to carry out the survey at no cost to the council. It is also hoped that pupils from Ravenstonedale school will be able to benefit from the survey, which will be carried out in early June.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons

The Queen's Pageantmaster is planning an event involving the lighting of 2012 beacons throughout the UK at 10.00pm on Monday 4th June 2012 to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Parishes are invited to register their intention to

participate in the event. Registration may be made up to the 30th April 2012. It was **resolved** to defer a decision until nearer the event.

Finance

Cllr Helen Shields and the Clerk had attended a Funding Fair, organised by Cumbria CVS, at Redhills on 5th October. Useful information was gained and contact made with potential funders for the Community & Heritage Centre project.

Accounts paid prior to meeting

Able Memorials Ltd (High Chapel graveyard)	£540.00
HMRC – PAYE	£ 75.00
e-on electricity	£ 35.15
Salary adjustment	£657.24

Sums Received

Donations received at Heritage Weekend	£128.70
Refund of Grant – Newbiggin PH	£500.00

Accounts for Payment

Bainbridge Electrical Ltd (Newbiggin PH)	£614.75
A Kirby (Grass)	£870.00
Helen Shields (Floor Sander hire)	£ 90.21
C J Elphick	£467.40

Planning Matters

Eden District Council has invited comments on its proposal that all future planning application consultations should be sent out electronically.

It was considered that, although many documents could be downloaded in A4 format (thereby transferring printing costs to the consultee) it would be unsatisfactory not to have the benefit of full size scale drawings to view at consultation meetings.

It was **resolved** that the District Council be advised of these criticisms of its proposal.

No. 11/0527	Erection of First Floor Extension	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Stable Cottage, Coldbeck	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs J & DM Pike	GRANTED
No. 11/0758	Retention of existing garden terrace and erection of new boundary fence	
Type	Full Application	
Location	The Chantry, Ravenstonedale	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs J Houston	
Parish Council	It was noted that reasonable consideration had been incorporated in the design to avoid overlooking neighbouring properties. Support this application.	
No. 11/0731	Certificate of lawful use for use of open fronted building for the parking of up to six public service vehicles.	
Type	Certificate of lawful use.	
Location	Bowber Head, Ravenstonedale	
Applicant	Mr W Hamer	
Parish Council	Support this application. This usage by a local business/employer has been in existence for a number of years. No complaints have been received.	
No. 11/0757	Change of use from a redundant barn to an office and workshop for a signmaking business.	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Bowberhead, Ravenstonedale	
Applicant	S Morriss	
Parish Council	Support this application. This is a small scale, low key, local business which causes no disturbance or in any way detracts from any local amenity.	

Ravenstonedale Parish History Group

The winter season of talks has commenced. The next talk, about Andreas de Harcla and the wars of Robert the Bruce is scheduled for Wednesday 19th October.

Boundary Commission for England

Some details of proposals for a review of Parliamentary Constituency boundaries had been received. The intention is to reduce the number of parliamentary constituencies in Cumbria from six to five and to equalise the number of electors in each constituency at approximately 75,000. Comments on the proposals are invited before 5th December 2011.

It was resolved to defer this item until the PC's November meeting in order that fuller consideration may be given to the proposals and alternatives suggested.

Revised National Park Boundaries

Natural England has completed its review of National Park boundaries for the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales and forwarded its recommendations to the Secretary of State for approval.

Safety of Public Trees

A letter of concern had been received from a local resident regarding the condition and safety of two trees within the village. One is a lime tree on the green at Town Head and the other a beech opposite the school. A tree surgeon had been instructed to inspect the trees and reported that there was no danger to the public in the immediate future. No further action is proposed. It was noted that neither the land at Town Head nor the verge opposite the school is owned by the parish council.

Upper Eden Community Plan Group (UECP)

A report of the meeting held on 15th September had been circulated to members and is available on the UECP website.

Proposed donation of memorial seat for Scandal Beck play area

It was agreed that the seat which has been offered by the Akrigg family (see minutes September 2011) should be sited in one of the recesses in the wall behind the play equipment. Purchase and installation will be arranged.

Public Participation

A members of the public complained that rubbish had been dumped on the green at Town Head. It appears that this referred to items stacked up in preparation for a bonfire on Guy Fawkes Night, November 5th. This had been an annual event for more than thirty years organised by local residents. It was noted that the bonfire was not organised by the parish council and the land was not parish council property.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 10th November 2011

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 10th November 2011