

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 10th November 2011 in Ravenstonedale High Chapel Room at 7.30pm

Present Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs Helen Shields, James Richardson, Hilary Law, Paul Capstick and Alex Watts-Tobin.
Clerk. Chris Elphick
County Councillor Peter Thornton
District Councillor Ian Torkington
UECP Project Officer, Libby Bateman.

No Apologies for absence had been received.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in any item on this agenda.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 13th October 2011 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Ravenstonedale – Newbiggin-on-Lune Cycleway

Following several years of lobbying and negotiation by the parish council, Cumbria Highways have announced that they will start construction in January/February 2012.

Ravenstonedale High Chapel

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, URC Synod NW, Carlisle Diocesan Board and numerous individual parishes.

It was **resolved** that the proposed disposal should be advertised locally.

The structural survey carried out three years ago has been updated in order to facilitate grant applications. The surveyor from R G Parkins & Partners who carried out the original survey has completed the work and submitted both written and electronic versions of the report.

Parish Precept for 2012-2013

The Clerk presented a draft budget for discussion. It was **resolved** that the precept for 2012-2013 would remain unchanged at £16,000.00.

Finance

Accounts paid prior to meeting

R G Parkins & Partners (C&HC Survey)	£ 276.00
Able Memorials (Churchyard Memorial Safety)	£2,652.00

Sums Received

St Oswald's PCC	£1,200.00
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Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (Salary November)	£ 467.60
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HMRC (Month 8)	£ 12.60
HMRC (Month 9)	£ 12.40
M Sedgwick (C&HC)	£ 79.20
Eden DC (Lottery Licence)	£ 20.00

Planning Applications

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	REFUSED
No. 11/0800	Creation of new drive and three new porches. Create slate roof on conservatory. Conversion of garden store to ancillary accommodation.	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Sandwath, Ravenstonedale	
Applicant	Mr S Forster	
Parish Council	No objections	

Scandal Beck Green

A local family has offered to pay for a seat which will benefit users of the play area. The parish council has gratefully accepted this offer and arrangements are in hand for its supply and installation.

Boundary Commission for England

The Boundary Commission for England had published a recommendation for a Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Cumbria. The government requirement is that the total number of Members of Parliament representing Cumbria be reduced from six to five and that each new constituency has approximately the same population number.

It was considered that the Boundary Commission proposal was a less than ideal solution. A local cross-party group had devised an alternative counterproposal. This would have Ravenstonedale in a new Westmorland & Lonsdale constituency.

It was **resolved** that Ravenstonedale Parish Council should recommend acceptance of this proposal to the Boundary Commission. A map of the counterproposal is appended to these minutes.

Superfast Broadband in Ravenstonedale

Ravenstonedale's Broadband Champion, Libby Bateman, announced that plans were well advanced to install fibre connections to properties in the Fell End area and that government funding has been secured for the project.

Upper Eden Community Plan Group (UECP)

A report of the meeting held on 19th October 2011 has been circulated to all members and may be viewed on the website <http://uecp.org.uk>.

Appleby Fair Evaluation Report

An Evaluation Report had been received on the 2011 Appleby Fair organisation. Receipt of the report was noted without comment.

Public Participation

There were no contributions from members of the public

Correspondence received

CALC Circular, November 2011 – circulated
CALC – Annual Report
ASHTAV – Magazine Autumn 2011
Fire Brigades Union – Objections to centralised operations control
EDC - Chairman's invitation to Carol Service 11th December
CCC – Local News & Views, Eddie Martin
CCC – Your Cumbria – A-Z of county services
Cumbria Community Foundation – Annual Review
Clerks & Councils Direct

These items of correspondence were noted or circulated as appropriate.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th January 2012

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 9th January 2012

Appendix 1

