

## RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2012 in Ravenstonedale High Chapel Room at 7.30pm

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

**Apologies for absence** had been received from Cllrs Hilary Law and Paul Capstick.

#### **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 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **Ravenstonedale High Chapel**

It was reported that, since the last meeting, a cypress tree in the graveyard had blown down during December gales, demolishing one gravestone. Some slates were also blown from the chapel roof. Clerk had organised the removal of the tree, repairs to the gravestone and chapel roof. The blocked drain which had, over a long period, been responsible for the decay of the vestry floor, has been cleared.

A possible new source of funding for the Community & Heritage Centre refurbishment has been initiated by Eden District Council with a budget of £230,000. The Clerk has registered the council's interest in the new 'Eden Community Partnership'.

Having remedied the cause of the vestry floor damage, quotations are being sought for its reinstatement.

The former High Chapel graveyard has not been officially declared closed. It was **resolved** to publicise the closure in accordance with the accepted procedure of the United Reformed Church.

#### **Ravenstonedale to Newbiggin-on-Lune Pedestrian/ Cycleway.**

County Councillor Peter Thornton had announced the impending construction of the Newbiggin-on-Lune to Ravenstonedale Cycleway in the Link magazine. Work is scheduled to commence in February.

#### **North-West Air Ambulance**

A request for funding had been received from the North West Air Ambulance Service. It was resolved that no donation be made but support would be reserved for the more local Great North Air Ambulance as in previous years.

#### **Finance**

##### Accounts paid prior to meeting

Neptune Outdoor Equipment Ltd	£ 758.40
C J Elphick (Heaters for C & HC)	£ 90.00
Steven Hodgson Tree Services	£ 78.00

##### Sums Received

HMRC (VAT Reclaim)	£1,362.61
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### Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (January)	£ 467.60
HMRC (Month 9)	£ 12.60
C J Elphick (Admin Expenses)	£ 209.68
Argos (Dehumidifier)	£ 189.99
e-on ( C & HC Electricity)	£ 41.44
Keith Pratt (Roof & Drain repairs)	£ 484.40
Steven Hodgson (Tree services)	£ 288.00

### **Planning Matters**

No. 11/1052	Fell Maple Tree causing damage to wall
Type	Tree Works (CA)
Location	The Grange, Ravenstonedale CA17 4NG
Applicant	Mr R Todd <b>GRANTED</b>
No. 11/1043	Fell three Cypress trees due to potential property damage
Type	Tree Works (CA)
Location	Town Head House, Ravenstonedale, CA17 4NQ
Applicant	Mr M Metcalfe-Gibson <b>GRANTED</b>
No. 11/1011	Outline Application for agricultural workers dwelling
Location	Adamthwaite, Ravenstonedale, CA17 4NW
Applicant	Mr B & JI Williams & Sons <b>GRANTED</b>
No. 11/1004	Proposed Installation of 40 solar PV panels
Location	Street Farm, Ravenstonedale, CA17 4LL
Applicant	D Roper <b>GRANTED</b>
No. 11/0992	Erection of a garden shed in the grounds of a listed building
Location	Brownber Hall, Newbiggin-on-Lune, CA17 4NX
Applicant	Mr A Woodward <b>GRANTED</b>
No. 11/0991	Erection of a garden shed in the grounds of a listed building
Location	Brownber Hall, Newbiggin-on-Lune, CA17 4NX
Applicant	Mr A Woodward <b>GRANTED</b>
No. 11/0972	Installation of 18 Solar PV panels
Location	Bowberhead, Ravenstonedale, CA17 4NL
Applicant	Mr W Hamer <b>GRANTED</b>
No 11/1129	Erection of barn for storage of machinery & general agricultural use including farm office
Type	Full Application
Location	Lythside, Ravenstonedale, CA17 4NL
Applicant	Mr T Reeves
Parish Council	No Objections
No. 11/1024	Single storey extension to form garden room
Type	Full Application
Location	The Grange, Ravenstonedale CA17 4NG
Applicant	Mr R Todd
Parish Council	No Objections

### **Boundary Commission for England**

Acknowledgement had been received of the revised proposals submitted to the Boundary Commission, Ref BCE/IP/017777

### **Superfast Broadband in Ravenstonedale**

Ravenstonedale's Broadband Champion, Libby Bateman, gave the latest update on progress of the Fell End scheme. Government funding has been secured for the project but, to date, there remains a shortfall of some £8,000.

Clerk will ascertain whether it would be possible for the parish council to assist with the reclamation of VAT for the installation.

### **Upper Eden Community Interest Company (UECIC)**

Report of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011 had been circulated.  
Project Officer's Report 2011 had been circulated and is available on the UECIC website.

UECIC is pursuing plans to replace the Kirkby Stephen Tourist Information Centre, which is being closed by Eden District Council, with an Upper Eden Visitors Centre. It was **resolved** that a request for a financial contribution to the UECIC should not be granted at this time. Support had been given in previous years to the Upper Eden Community Plan Group but Ravenstonedale had subsequently not applied for membership of the UECIC following substantial reservations concerning the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Community Interest Company (as detailed in the minutes of March and April 2011).

### **Public Participation**

A request had been received for improvements to the access from the highway to the footbridge opposite the school to accommodate mobility scooters. This would also benefit pram and buggy users. Clerk has passed the request to Cumbria Highways.

### **Correspondence received**

CALC Circular, January  
Clerks & Councils Direct  
CCC – Cumbria Rider  
NALC – Planning explained - booklet  
Eden Rivers Trust – Newsletter  
FLD – Conserving Lakeland

The foregoing items were noted or circulated as appropriate.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman      Date 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012