

## RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre at 7.30pm

**Present** Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs Helen Shields, Alison Morriss, James Richardson and Hilary Law  
Clerk. Chris Elphick  
County Councillor Peter Thornton

**Apologies for absence** had been received from Cllrs Paul Capstick, Alex Watts-Tobin, District Councillor Ian Torkington and UECF Project Officer, Libby Bateman

#### **Declarations of Interest**

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

**Minutes of the Meeting** held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

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

It was reported that work would be completed by the afternoon of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. The Official Opening ceremony would be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 12 noon by County Councillor Peter Thornton

It was suggested that a competition be held as part of the Jubilee celebrations to name this new link between the villages.

It was noted that the requested improvements to the access from the highway to the footbridge access to the play area opposite the school to accommodate mobility scooters etc. had been included in the cycleway operation.

#### **Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre**

It was reported that the council's bid for funding from EDC's Rural Infrastructure Fund had been selected as a suitable project to be taken forward for further consideration.

##### **Management Committee report**

Management Committee insurance has been effected at no additional cost by adding it to the Parish Council's policy.

An Equal Opportunities Policy has been adopted

Discussions have taken place on the form of hire agreement & rates, user information, event booking & hire conditions.

Various events are being planned in the C&HC for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee including a 1950s exhibition organised by the History Group

#### **Finance**

##### Sums Received

Balance from Play Committee	£ 68.03
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##### Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (March)	£ 467.40
HMRC (Month 11)	£ 12.60
HMRC (Month 12)	£ 12.40
C J Elphick (Admin expenses to 31/03/12)	£ 170.92
UECIC Donation	£ 260.00

## Planning Applications

No. 11/1125 Proposed construction of 50m x 25m riding menage  
Type Full Application  
Location Low Dubbs, Newbiggin-on-Lune  
Applicant Mr & Mrs D Marshall-Brownrigg  
Parish Council No objections

No. 12/0155 Proposed division of Church View Farmhouse to create holiday let  
Type Full Application  
Location Church View Farmhouse, Newbiggin-on-Lune  
Applicant Mrs M Watts-Tobin  
Parish Council No objections

No. 12/0115 Demolition of outbuilding and construction of garage with additional bedroom space above  
Type Full Application  
Location Sandwath, Newbiggin-on-Lune  
Applicant Mrs E Forster  
Parish Council No objections

## HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Report of joint committee meeting to coordinate a timetable of events

### Saturday afternoon

'Older residents' Afternoon Tea, High Chapel  
1952 Exhibition open (timing TBD)

### Saturday evening

Cobweb Orchestra, St Oswald's

### Sunday

1952 Exhibition open (timing TBD)  
Rotary Yomp all day

### Sunday evening

6pm Service of Celebration, St Oswald's

### Monday

11am Relay race  
Afternoon Newbiggin event  
Ravenstonedale event  
Black Swan Garden Fete  
1952 Exhibition open (timing TBD)

### Monday evening

Folkdance/Ceilidh in Newbiggin  
50s dance at the Black Swan  
Lighting of beacon by the Scouts

## Play Areas

It was noted that a regular inspection routine had not been established for the two play areas except for the annual inspection. Clerk to prepare check sheets and volunteer inspectors sought.

## Road Gritting

A request had been made for gritting the road from the Fat Lamb to Coldbeck in icy conditions on the grounds that this is a bus route, including school buses. County Councillor Peter Thornton responded that, at this time, it was not a priority route and he was unlikely to be able to persuade the County to add this route to its 2<sup>nd</sup> priority routes. "As you can imagine, everyone is asking for extra routes to be added".

Cllr Thornton continued "I have been asking for a complete review of this kind of area, suggesting that we look to create a third tier of gritting which would essentially be a big society solution using local contractors etc.

Of course the problem is that of funds, who would pay for it? This is compounded by the fact that we've had a few hard winters that have drained our funds. Perhaps it might be possible to devise some kind of match funding arrangement? However, I do think we need to look for a solution

### **National Park Extensions**

The current policy of Eden District Council was due to be discussed at a meeting of EDC on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

Due to the absence of District Councillor Ian Torkington no report was available. Minutes of this EDC meeting are appended to these minutes (Appendix 1)

### **UECIC**

Minutes of Directors Meeting 23/01/12 had been circulated

Minutes of Meeting 26/01/12 had been circulated.

It was **resolved** to make a contribution of £260.00 towards the running costs of UECIC.

### **Public Participation**

Representations were received from local residents following a decision of Cumbria Highways to remove the, now defunct, bridge parapets at the former Ravenstonedale station rather than spend money on repairs. It was considered that the parapets were of historic significance and should be retained.

The suggestion was made that the parish council may have the works carried out by a suitably qualified contractor at its own expense. This could be funded from the sums set aside towards the cycleway and no longer needed as Highways had now constructed the cycleway at no cost to the parish. Clerk to make enquiries.

### **Correspondence received**

CCC Local News & Views  
CALC – Circular March 2012  
Clerks & Councils Direct  
FoLD – Our Green Space

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012

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

Date 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012

## Appendix 1

### **E/134/3/12 Response to Natural England's Proposed Orders of Variation to the Boundaries of the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks Within Eden**

The Executive considered report CD18/12 of the Communities Director which outlined the Orders being submitted by Natural England to The Secretary of State on variations to the boundaries of the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks, reiterated the implications for Eden and recommended a written response from Eden District Council to The Secretary of State.

Council had resolved on 16 June 2011, following a number of presentations on the issue, to maintain its objection to the extension to the parks. As a statutory consultee this would trigger a public enquiry.

**The Executive received a presentation from Mr Kyle Blue and Mr Jack Ellerby in support of the proposed boundary variation and requested that the Executive reconsider the Council's objection.**

The Leader explained that the decision to object had been made by Council and the Executive could not alter this decision. He acknowledged that there were a number of views on the subject and suggested that the information provided by Mr Blue and Mr Ellerby be submitted along with the Council's consultation response and the covering letter to the formal consultation response be amended to point out that differing views were held within the community.

Motion by M Smith

Seconded by Mrs M Robinson

And **RESOLVED** that:

1. the [written representation from Eden District Council to the Secretary of State - Appendix 2 \(PDF: 80 Kb / 7 pages\)](#) be approved.
2. the covering letter to the response include acknowledgement that there were differing views on the subject of extension.
3. the [representations received by the Executive from Mr Blue and Mr Ellerby - Appendix 3 PDF: 130 Kb / 3 pages\)](#) be forwarded to the Secretary of State

#### Reason for Decision

To give effect to the decision of Council on 16 June 2011 to maintain Eden District Council's objection to the proposed Orders of Extension to the national parks in Eden whilst recognising the differing views on the subject held within the community.

#### Other Options Considered

None