

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 14th June 2012 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre at 7.30pm

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

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

Declarations of Interest

Cllr . Hilary Law declared a pecuniary interest in the repairs to the becksid wall by the tennis court, as a director of the company carrying out the work.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 10th May 2012 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

It was reported that a wide range of activities had taken place throughout the parish over the bank holiday weekend of 2nd – 5th June in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Events had been organised by a number of local bodies in venues throughout the parish. One of the highlights was a relay race between Ravenstonedale and Newbiggin-on-Lune which included cycling and a pram push, finally resulting in a dead heat. There were street parties, musical events and an over 75s tea party in the former High Chapel, with an exhibition by the History Group featuring the houses and residents of the parish sixty years ago in 1952.

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It was reported that a History Room had been constructed in the upper meeting room to house the archives and provide a secure space for the new computer and office equipment.

The vestry floor, which had been in poor condition has now been repaired.

Application has been made to the "Awards for All" lottery fund for a grant towards the cost of replacing the building's defunct heating system

Finance

Sums Received

RC&HC Donation	£	910.00
RPHG Donation	£	590.00
Garsdale Design (Donation to RC&HC Fund)	£	500.00

Accounts Paid prior to meeting

C J Elphick (Tables)	£	1,089.07
A Kirby (Grasscutting)	£	708.00
Broker Network (Insurance)	£	1,400.79
Steven Hodgson (Stump Grinding)	£	144.00
KTD Ltd (Computer)	£	704.00

Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (Salary June Mth3)	£	480.00
C J Elphick (Admin Expenses to 30/06/12)	£	164.38
Stephenson & Wilson (Vestry Floor)	£	2,052.00
Steven Hodgson (N-o-L Play repairs)	£	154.24
J T Atkinson & Sons (Paint etc)	£	29.46

The foregoing accounts were approved for payment.
The Clerk reported that the Statutory Notice of Electors Rights to inspect the accounts for the year 2011-2012 had been posted on the notice board.
Copies of the Annual Statement of Accounts were circulated and approved without comment.

Play Areas

A letter of appreciation had been received from the Akrigg family for the council's cooperation in the arrangements for the Commemorative Seat in the Scandal Beck play area and for being represented at its dedication.

Repairs to the becksides wall by the tennis court have commenced. Prior to the work a Crayfish Survey was carried out by Eden Rivers Trust. Seven crayfish were caught, (4 females, 2 with eggs, and 3 males) and 2 others got away. The ones which were caught were released further downstream, which is the acceptable protocol.

Spare had been received for the swings at N-o-L and repairs carried out.

Localism Act 2011 – Ss. 1-8 General Power of Competence (GPC)

The Clerk outlined the provisions of the General Power of Competence which could relieve certain restrictions which exist to Parish Council activities, for instance limitation of expenditure under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

GPC is applicable only to councils which satisfy certain qualifications.

1. More than two thirds of councillors MUST have successfully stood for election, not co-opted.

2. Have a qualified clerk (including the newly devised CiLCA module 7).

Ravenstonedale could qualify provided the clerk successfully completes Module 7.

It is believed that no other parish in Upper Eden could currently qualify.

UECIC

The Upper Eden Community Interest Company has produced a Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. This, if adopted, would be legally required to be incorporated in a future Eden District Local Plan.

In order to fully consider the draft NDP it was resolved to convene a special meeting of the parish council on Monday 2nd July 2012.

It may be prudent to compare its provisions with the current policies of Eden District Council and those of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, which may soon include Ravenstonedale.

Public Participation

It was noted that the number of travellers visiting Appleby New Fair this year were down on recent years. Damage to property was reduced. Toilet facilities and litter collection were well organised by Eden District Council.

Correspondence received

CALC – Circular June 2012

Eden Rivers Trust – Newsletter Summer 2012

Date of next meeting Monday 2nd July 2012

Signed _____ Chairman Date 2nd July 2012