

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Monday 2nd July in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre at 7.30pm

Present Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs, Alison Morriss, Alex Watts-Tobin, Helen Shields and Hilary Law
Clerk. Chris Elphick

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Paul Capstick, James Richardson and County Councillor Peter Thornton

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary or prejudicial interest in this agenda.

Minutes of the held on 14th June 2012 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

Upper Eden Neighbourhood Plan

Consideration was given to the merits of the Draft Upper Eden Neighbourhood Plan and the response from Ravenstonedale Parish Council.

The point was made that, in the introduction to the draft document, this parish was incorrectly named as Ravenstonedale and Newbiggin. The correct parish name is **Ravenstonedale**.

It was noted that, in several cases, proposals in the Draft Plan accorded with the existing Eden District Council Local Plan provided that it was suitably interpreted and applied. This has not always been seen to be the case.

It was further noted That Ravenstonedale would probably be incorporated into the Yorkshire Dales National Park within the foreseeable future, rather than Eden District. YDNP policies also need to be addressed.

- UENP 1** It was agreed that, subject to condition suggested, rural exception small development sites for local housing should be considered favourably.
- UENP 2** It was agreed that there should be less restriction on provision of housing on farms where reasonably justifiable. This should also apply to rural businesses such as caravan parks, campsites, etc.
- UENP 3** There was no concensus on this proposal. "Older People" come in many shapes and conditions. Not all are destitute or incapable. Not all would wish to be downsized from the houses which they have lived in, having worked to pay for their properties and adapted them to their own lifesyles. It does not address the question "what happens to the family when the qualifying "Oldie" is no longer present".
- UENP 4** It was agreed that the statutory housing densities proposed would be contrary to the character of traditional villages and farmsteads. There should be a dispensation granted in these locations.
- UENP 6** It was considered that, for small villages, the development rate was too prescriptive and should be market led. The re-use of former houses, particularly those with a recorded history, should be permitted where practicable.

Date of next meeting Thursday 12th July 2012

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 12th July 2012