

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 13th September in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre at 7.30pm

Present Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs, Alex Watts-Tobin, Paul Capstick, Helen Shields and Hilary Law
Clerk. Chris Elphick
Annie Hamilton-Gibney, Development Officer, ACT
Broadband Champion, Libby Bateman
District Councillor Ian Torkington

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

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Law declared a personal interest in the "accounts for payment". The company of which she is a director, T A Law Ltd, is due to receive a payment for services provided.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 12th July 2012 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

Walking & Cycling Routes round Orton, Tebay, Ravenstonedale Area

Annie Hamilton-Gibney, Development Officer with ACT, is co-ordinating production of Maps/Leaflets with the help of the local communities.

Annie outlined the format and proposed content for four information packs, one of each for cycling or walking, Orton or Tebay.

Anyone interested in helping with the project should attend one of the working meetings on the dates given by Annie and on the posters.

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It was agreed that Item 10 on the agenda be considered at this point to allow the Broadband Champion, Libby Bateman, to move on to another meeting.

Fell End Broadband

Libby Bateman reported that funding for the project is now substantially in place and that BT are the preferred service partners. The procurement process is expected to be completed shortly.

The parish council has received a grant of £26,500.00 towards the project from the Prince's Countryside Fund.

Ravenstonedale Parish Council **resolved** to become a member of the Eden Community Broadband Forum (at no cost) in order to host the project. The Clerk was authorised to complete and sign the application form.

Community & Heritage Centre

The Clerk reported receipt of grants and donations as follows –

Awards for All, £10,000 towards the cost of the new central heating system

Donation from RPHG towards partition £1,000

Donation from C & HC Management Committee £910

An expected grant of £2,000 from Eden District Council was not forthcoming due to oversubscription. It is anticipated that this sum will be granted in the November funding round.

The sum of £18.60 was realised from the sale of two antique radiators from the hall.

The tiling of the former vestry floor had been completed and work commenced on the central heating installation.

Exterior excavations down to floor level had taken place at the south end of the building to facilitate installation of a boiler flue and drainage and remove dampness from the walls.

Scandal Beck Green Play Area

The renovation of the Beckside wall from the bridge and alongside the tennis court had been completed. This is both aesthetically pleasing and a necessary safety measure. The final account exceeded the budgeted cost by some £5,000 due to unforeseen ground conditions which required additional materials and equipment. The contractors, T A Law Ltd, have charged only the net cost for the extras with no added labour cost.

Planning Applications

No. 12/0676 Listed Building consent for replacement windows
Location Manor House, Ravenstonedale
Applicant Mrs C A Morris
Parish Council No Objections

No.12/0705 Listed Building consent for removal of two timber partition walls.
Location Former High Chapel, Ravenstonedale
Applicant Ravenstonedale Parish Council
Parish Council Support this Application

No. 12/0703 Fell four larch trees (due to poor condition and leaning towards electric lines) in Ravenstonedale Conservation Area.
Type Tree Works (CA)
Location Court Yard Flat, Coldbeck, Ravenstonedale
Applicant Mr P Taylor
Parish Council No objections

Finance

Sums received

Awards for All (Chapel Heating)	£10,000.00
HMRC (VAT reclaim)	£ 1,115.54
ENW (Wayleave)	£ 15.40
CWMET (Beckside wall)	£ 6,000.00
C & HC Donation (Tables)	£ 910.00
RPHG Donation (Partition)	£ 1,000.00
1818 auctions	£ 18.60
United Utilities (Wayleave)	£ 15.40
Fell End Broadband	£26,500.00

Accounts paid prior to this meeting

Donal Gibney (Vestry tiling)	£ 270.00
A Kirby (Grasscutting)	£ 870.00
J T Atkinson & Sons Ltd (Building materials)	£ 138.66
Paul Arkle (Bat survey)	£ 297.15

Accounts for payment

T A Law Ltd (Beckside wall)	£15,420.00
DN & BM Boustead (C & HC)	£ 882.00
C J Elphick (Month 6)	£ 472.40
HMRC (Month 6)	£ 7.60
C J Elphick (Admin expenses)	£ 292.72

Upper Eden Community Interest Company

Clerk reported on a meeting with Sue Mason, the new Project Administrator.

A revised confirmation that Ravenstonedale wishes to be included in the Upper Eden Neighbourhood Plan Area was signed by the chairman.

Date of next meeting Thursday 11th October 2012

Signed _____ Chairman Date 11th October 2012