

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 11th October in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre at 7.30pm

Present Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs, Alex Watts-Tobin, James Richardson,
Helen Shields and Alison Morriss
Clerk. Chris Elphick
Broadband Champion, Libby Bateman

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

Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Leach and Shields declared a personal interest in the Fell End Broadband project as potential beneficiaries who reside and work in the area covered by the scheme.

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Community & Heritage Centre

It was reported that a telephone and broadband facility has been installed in the history room. This should be available as a wireless facility as renovation works progress.

The new central heating installation is progressing well.

Funding may be available to enable the installation of basic kitchen facilities in the former vestry.

Listed Building Consent has been granted for the removal of two wooden partitions in the entrance hall. This will enable the development of a spacious reception and display area.

Scandal Beck Green Play Area

It was reported that, without the knowledge or consent of the parish council, someone had laid wire mesh on the surface of the footbridge. This, doubtless well intentioned, interference with council property is unacceptable.

The work is believed to have been carried out by unqualified individuals and therefore would not be covered by insurance in the event of any accident involving the surface.

The bridge has been closed until such time as a safety inspection has been carried out. Professional advice on suitable surface treatments will be sought.

Winter Gritting

It was reported that Cumbria County Council has revised its Winter Gritting Schedule to include the bus route from the Fat Lamb through Ravenstonedale to Coldbeck & through Newbiggin-on-Lune as a Priority 2 for pre-salting treatment. This change of policy will include several parishes where school bus routes had previously remained untreated.

Planning Applications

No. 12/0761	Erection of livestock & general purpose agricultural building
Type	Full Application
Location	Bowderdale Farm, Newbiggin-on-Lune, CA17 4NB
Applicant	Mr N Curr
Parish Council	No objections.

Finance

The External Auditor's report for the year 2011-2012 contained no items requiring attention.

<u>Sums received</u>	
HMRC (VAT reclaim)	£ 2,946.38
<u>Accounts paid prior to this meeting</u>	
A Kirby (Grasscutting)	£ 546.00
<u>Accounts for payment</u>	
DN & BM Boustead (C & HC)	£ 360.00
C J Elphick (Month 7)	£ 472.40
HMRC (Month 7)	£ 7.60
C J Elphick (Admin expenses)	£ 19.76
BDO LLP (Audit)	£ 198.00

Election of Police & Crime Commissioner for Cumbria.

A schedule of dates & timetable of events had been received.

Fell End Broadband

Libby Bateman reported on the progress of the scheme. Funding is substantially in place. Invitations to tender for the installation work will be sent out shortly. It was resolved that, as the host body for the scheme, a committee be formed to represent the council's interest in the scheme. Initial committee members to be Ernest Leach, Helen Shields and Libby Bateman. The Clerk will be in attendance at meetings. Further members to be co-opted as required.

Public Participation

It was noted that the UECIC had been discussing the possibility of Ravenstonedale being twinned with an area in Italy. The parish council has received no request for this and no action is, therefore, anticipated.

A request was received for improved visibility markings to be added to the barriers on the new cycleway. There had been incidents reported of people running into the central barriers in the dark. This will be reported to Highways.

Correspondence Received

CALC Circular – October 2012
Upper Eden Neighbourhood Plan - Extended consultation period

Date of next meeting Thursday 8th November 2012

Signed _____ Chairman Date 8th November 2012