

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 14th February 2013 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre at 7.30pm

Present Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs, Hilary Law, Helen Shields, and James Richardson
District Councillor Ian Torkington
County Councillor Peter Thornton
Clerk. Chris Elphick
Broadband Champion, Libby Bateman
Two members of the public

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Paul Capstick, Alison Morriss and Alex Watts-Tobin

Declarations of Interest

Councillors Leach and Shields each declared personal interests in the items on Fell End Broadband and Fell End Clouds. Clerk advised that a dispensation would be granted on the grounds that they were representing the entire community of Fell End, Ravenstonedale and acting in the public interest.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 10th January 2013 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Community & Heritage Centre

It was reported that the new central heating system is now operational. This has been mainly funded by a grant of £10,000 from the Big Lottery, Awards for All plus £2,000 from Eden District Council's Village Halls Fund.

A grant of £3,116. has been approved by EDC's Community Fund for the purchase of a set new chairs for the Centre. Two sample chairs had been received and the preferred option was that from Alpha Furnishing Ltd.

The installation of kitchen units in the former vestry is in progress. This has been funded by a grant of £2,500 from Cumbria County Council's Local Member's Fund on the recommendation of councillor Peter Thornton.

Fell End Broadband

A meeting of the parish council's Broadband Committee will be held on Thursday 21st February at 3.00pm to consider tenders received for the implementation of the infrastructure.

Fell End Clouds

It was reported that local residents who had reservations about the management scheme proposed by Natural England had had a meeting with Rory Stewart MP to express their views. Natural England was represented by Stephen Lund.

Concerns included the potential health and safety risks to the public and residents of Fell End resulting from cattle being grazed without any segregation from the public highway and pollution of watercourses which feed private water supplies to residential premises. There was also concern for physical danger to walkers in the vicinity.

A meeting of the Fell End Graziers is to be held at the Fat Lamb on Monday 18th February.

Referendum on Upper Eden Neighbourhood Development Plan 7th March 2013

It was reported that the relevant documents will be available to view in High Chapel on Thursdays between 2.00 and 4.00 or by appointment. Referendum notices are on the parish notice boards. All documents had been posted on Ravenstonedale.org website under Neighbourhood Plan

Inquiry into National Park Extensions

It was reported that the Public Inquiry into the proposed extensions will be commencing on Tuesday 4th June 2013 at the Kendal Green Hotel.

Finance

Accounts for payment

Gary Sedgwick (Heating)	£ 4,255.61
A R Mason (Electrical installations)	£ 1,460.64
C J Elphick (Month 11)	£ 472.40
HMRC (Month 11)	£ 7.60
Bateman Engineering (Mower Repair)	£ 196.00
C J Elphick (Admin Expenses)	£ 137.32

The foregoing items were approved for payment.

Planning

No planning applications had been received

Public Participation

Contributions from members of the public had been received during the discussion on cattle grazing at Fell End.

Correspondence & Publications Received

CALC Circular, February 2013 (Circulated)

Clerks & Councils Direct

Go Cumbria Travel Guide

Copy of a letter from Mr Paul Bonsall to Eden District Planning Dept complaining of excessive signage throughout the village advertising pubs/hotels.

Greenside land ownership query

Date of next meeting Thursday 14th March 2013

Signed _____ Chairman Date 14th March 2013