

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs Helen Shields, James Richardson, Alison Morriss and Paul Capstick
Clerk. Chris Elphick
Broadband Champion, Libby Bateman

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Hilary Law and Alex Watts-Tobin, County Councillor Peter Thornton and District Councillor Ian Torkington.

Declarations of Interest

Councillors Leach and Shields each declared a personal interest in the Fell End Broadband Project insofar as they would receive benefit from the completion of the project due to the location of their residences.
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 14th February 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, the installation of kitchen facilities in the former vestry has been completed and one hundred new chairs have been ordered.

The hall has been booked by the charity Kendal Windows on Art (KwoA) which will be running an intergenerational project "Fresh Steps" with Ravenstonedale Primary School. A meeting has been arranged with representatives of the charity, Mrs Boggon, head teacher and councillors to discuss the project.

Fell End Broadband

A meeting of the council's Broadband Committee was held on 28th February 2013 to select a contractor for the project from those who had submitted tenders. The proposals were scored against a set of criteria.

It was resolved that the proposal for installation of Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) submitted by British Telecom be accepted.

Minutes of the Broadband Committee see Appendix 1.

Fell End Clouds

It was reported that further discussions had taken place between the Fell End Commoners, other residents and Tim Nicholson of Natural England. Attempts are being made to resolve health and safety issues created by the proposed grazing of cattle on the unfenced public road and the contamination of private water supplies.

Referendum on Upper Eden Neighbourhood Development Plan

A referendum had been held throughout the seventeen parishes in Upper Eden as a result of which the Upper Eden Neighbourhood Plan was adopted and will override policies contained in Eden District Council's Local Plan. This is the first Neighbourhood Plan to be adopted in England Under the Localism Act 2011.

A683 Proposed Road Closure

It had been reported that there are proposals to close the A683 in the vicinity of Rawthey Bridge and Cross Keys for 11 weeks for essential works commencing in June 2013. The parish council had received no notification of this proposal and although the area is outside the parish boundary little information has, to date, been made available from Cumbria Highways or South Lakeland District Council.

Finance

Sums received

Eden District Council (Chairs Grant 90%)	£2,849.40
Cumbria County Council (Kitchen Grant)	£2,500.00
RC&HC donation for central heating	£2,000.00
HMRC VAT repayment	£1,169.48

Accounts paid prior to meeting

Alpha Furniture Ltd (Chair Deposit)	£ 585.00
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Accounts for payment

Gary Sedgwick (Kitchen Plumbing)	£ 1,340.70
Malcolm Sedgwick (Kitchen supply & fit)	£ 2,136.21
J T Atkinson (Kitchen sink)	£ 94.99
C J Elphick (Kitchen Hand wash sink)	£ 89.31
C J Elphick (Sample Chair)	£ 33.60
C J Elphick (Month 12)	£ 472.60
HMRC (Month 12)	£ 7.40
C J Elphick (Admin Expenses to 31/03/13)	£ 117.90
C J Elphick (Replacement Computer Monitor)	£ 126.32

The foregoing sums were approved for payment.

Planning

No. 13/0105 Fell Cypress tree close to church in Ravenstonedale Conservation Area
Type Tree Works (CA)
Location St Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale CA17 4NQ
Applicant Ravenstonedale Parochial Church Council
Parish Council No objections

No. 13/0119 Erection of replacement dwelling
Type Full Application
Location Chantry Lodge, Ravenstonedale, CA17 4NQ
Applicant Mr & Mrs J Houston
Parish Council No objections

Public Inquiry into proposed extensions to Yorkshire Dales National Park

Ravenstonedale Parish Council had no additional representations to make at the Public Inquiry.

Public Participation

A complaint had been received regarding a dangerously recessed drain cover by Ravenstonedale's post box. Clerk has reported this to Cumbria Highways.

Correspondence & Publications Received

CALC Circular, March 2013 (Circulated)
Clerks & Councils Direct
Go Cumbria Travel Guide
ASHTAV magazine
Whole Valley Planning in the Lake District National Park – leaflets
Came & Co (Insurance) Parish Matters
Eden Local Plan – Housing Preferred Sites & Policies – Consultation until 22nd April

The foregoing items were circulated or noted.

Date of next meeting Thursday 11th April 2013

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 11th April 2013

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL – Broadband Committee

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 28th February 2013
in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre at 3.00pm**

Committee Members

Cllr Ernest Leach (Chairman)	Libby Bateman (Broadband Champion)
Cllr Helen Shields	David Roper
Christopher Metcalfe-Gibson	Chris Elphick (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Apologies for absence had been received from David Roper

Declarations of Interest

Councillors Leach and Shields each declared a personal interest in the Fell End Broadband Project. Mr Metcalfe-Gibson and Mrs Bateman also declared an interest insofar as all would receive benefit from the completion of the project. Clerk advised that a dispensation would be granted to all on the grounds that they were representing the entire community of Fell End, Ravenstonedale and acting in the public interest.

Fell End Broadband

Invitations to Tender for the project had been sent to several potential installers/operators on 1st December 2012. Two proposals had been received, one from Lonsdale Network Services Ltd and the other from British Telecom.

The merits of the two proposals were examined and scored on a points scheme as laid out by BDUK in the tender document. The highest score was attained by British Telecom.

It was **resolved** that British Telecom be awarded the contract for installation of FTTP in Fell End, Ravenstonedale. Clerk to notify the bidders of the Council's decision.

Next steps

- To obtain confirmation of Wayleave grants in favour of BT
- To obtain confirmation of total installation cost to the Community
- To obtain confirmation of availability of RDPE funding (£17,500)
- To appoint a contractor for excavation of approximately 7.5 miles of duct trench.
- To ascertain what further funding sources might cover any shortfall in funds currently confirmed. Are funds available from CCC Connecting Cumbria ?

Other items discussed

What size and depth for trenches? Where would we provide secure storage for supplies? Who would be responsible for overall for Project Management?

Are any planning consents required?

A condition of the BT contract is that of the 58 properties potentially served by the scheme, not less than 60% i.e. 35 would subscribe to the facility.

To date, 28 subscriptions of £150.00 had been received. Libby assured the meeting that others would be forthcoming shortly.

It was noted that David Roper had arranged a meeting with the one remaining landlord who has not yet granted a wayleave.

Date of next meeting to be arranged as required

Signed

Chairman.

Date