

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 14th November 2013 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

Present Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs, James Richardson, Alex Watts-Tobin, Hilary Law, Paul Capstick, Helen Shields and Alison Morris
Clerk, Chris Elphick
County Councillor Libby Bateman
District Councillor Ian Torkington
One member of the public

Apologies for absence There were no apologies

Declarations of Interest

Declarations of personal interest were declared in the Fell End Broadband Project by Cllrs Ernest Leach, Helen Shields and Alison Morriss on the grounds that their residences would benefit from the scheme. It was considered that a further 55 properties would also benefit from the scheme and these councillors were not excluded from discussions.

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2013 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

Fell End Broadband

All is now ready to proceed with the installation subject only to the grant of wayleaves over land owned by the Hewetson Trust. The Trustees have agreed to donate the wayleaves free of charge. The matter is being dealt with by their land agent, Carter Jonas. Confirmation is expected within a few days.

Children's Play Areas

Annual Inspection Reports have been received for the play areas at Scandal Beck and Newbiggin-on-Lune. Some minor repairs will be required. It was noted that the ground at Scandal Beck was waterlogged due to the recent heavy rainfall. In the longer term a drainage system would be needed.

It was resolved that a repeat order for annual inspection be given to the Play Inspection Company Ltd.

Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

The Clerk reported on a meeting with three members of EDC Planning Committee who were reviewing ways of re-using old buildings. They were impressed with the work transformation which had been made to our former chapel

The graveyard is in need of some basic tidying and waste removal. The Clerk has met with the organiser of Community Payback (formerly Community Service) who has offered to carry out the clearance at no charge.

Finance

Accounts for Payment

Play Inspection Company Ltd	£ 143.88
EDC Lottery Licence renewal	£ 20.00
C J Elphick (Month 8)	£ 480.00
C J Elphick (Month 9)	£ 480.00
J T Atkinson & Sons Ltd	£ 46.18
Hewitson & Harker (Broadband advice)	£ 238.80
TS Trenching (payment on a/c)	£21,318.00

The foregoing seven accounts were approved for payment

Speed Limit & Highways Concerns – Ravenstonedale Village

Concerns had been reported regarding traffic speeds in Ravenstonedale. There are also problems for larger vehicles manoeuvring round parked vehicles. This particularly affected buses, including the school bus, and the gritter. A wide ranging discussion ensued and it was decided to consult with Cumbria Highways to assess the situation. A 20 mph speed limit was suggested.

Public Participation

There were no further contributions from members of the public following the discussion on highways matters.

Publications & Correspondence Received

CALC Circular November 2013
CALC Annual Report
Cumbria Community Foundation – Winter Warmth Fund – leaflets
EDC “Planning for your Community” meeting 23rd November – posters
Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2013
Cumbria Independent Custody Visiting Scheme – Volunteers wanted
ACT – Introduction to Community Led Planning – 11th December 2013
EDC – Chairman’s Carol Service, 16th December – invitation
Eden Community Fund – Conference 23rd November 2013
CCC “Thinking about Fostering” poster

The foregoing items were circulated or noted as appropriate.

Date of next meeting Thursday 9th January 2014

Signed _____ Chairman Date 9th January 2014