

## RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

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

**Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs Alison Morris and Paul Capstick

**Declarations of Interest** There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest.

**Minutes of the meeting** held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **Fell End Broadband**

It was reported that the first phase of installation of ducting is complete and awaiting BT engineers to insert the fibre cables.

#### **Children's Play Areas**

The Annual Inspection Reports revealed a few very minor defects which will be resolved shortly. It was noted that the Scandal Beck area was waterlogged. Drainage schemes to solve this problem are being investigated.

#### **Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre**

The High Chapel graveyard has been tidied by a Community Payback team at no charge to the parish.

The sum of £1,100.00 was paid to the Parish Council by the Management Committee as a contribution towards the cost of heating oil, electricity and insurance for the current year.

#### **Finance**

##### Precept for 2014-2015

The Clerk had prepared a draft budget for the coming year. Following detailed discussion of future requirements and to maintain existing services, it was **resolved** that the precept for the year 2014 - 2015 be set at £20,000.00. This equates to a charge of approximately 82p per week per elector.

##### Sums Received

HMRC – VAT	£ 3,637.08
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C&HC Management Cttee (Oil, Electric, Insurance)	£ 1,100.00

##### Accounts Paid prior to meeting

TS Trenching (1)	£21,318.00
TS Trenching (2)	£15,960.00
Keith Pratt (C&HC Roof repairs)	£ 140.30
BT (Internet)	£ 75.60
e-on	£ 50.66
Kilvington Solicitors (Broadband Wayleaves)	£ 600.00
BT (Rental)	£ 57.20

Accounts for Payment

Bateman Engineering (Mower repair)	£ 234.11
Carter Jonas (Broadband Wayleaves)	£ 1,200.00
C J Elphick (Month 10)	£ 480.00

The foregoing accounts were approved for payment

**Eden District Council – Open Meeting Newbiggin-on Lune**

Eden District Council's Executive (ie a meeting of the Portfolio Holders) have been holding some of their meetings in the Community. As well as their formal meeting, they hold an informal session prior to the meeting at 6pm to allow Parish Councils or members of the public to ask questions or voice opinions or concerns about the services that EDC provides.

The next such meeting is scheduled to be held at **Newbiggin on Lune Village Hall on Tuesday 28 January**

**Public Participation**

Kyle Blue, Chairman of Orton Parish Council, reported that a planning application has been made to erect a 67 metre high wind turbine in Orton parish. Both Orton and Tebay parish councils have recommended that this application be refused on the grounds of the scale of this unacceptable intrusion into an area of open countryside. It is feared also that, if granted, this would lead to a proliferation of applications along the ridge to Ash Fell.

Cllr. Blue suggested that members of Ravenstonedale PC may wish to make their own representations to Eden District Council Planning Committee.

**Date of next meeting** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014