

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 13th February 2014 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Helen Shields, Paul Capstick and District Councillor, Ian Torkington.

Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in any item on this agenda...

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2014 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Fell End Broadband

It was reported that the installation of ducting for the broadband fibre cables is progressing on schedule despite the exceptionally adverse weather conditions. BT will soon be ready to install the cable and connect the first properties.

Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

In addition to the regular meetings of the Ravenstonedale Parish History Group, Parish Council, Sewing Circle, etc. the Lune Spring Players have been meeting twice weekly for rehearsals.

The premises had received a routine visit from Eden District Council's Food Safety Inspector who was impressed by the new kitchen facilities.

It was resolved to purchase an amplification system for use in the hall at a net cost of £250.00.

The Clerk had attended a presentation by a representative of Healthmatic, public toilet specialists. This could provide useful information for the construction of facilities at High Chapel.

Finance

Sums Received

HMRC – VAT	£ 3,592.02
RDPE/Defra	£ 8,922.00

Accounts Paid prior to meeting

TS Trenching (3)	£21,318.00
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Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (Month 11)	£ 480.00
FoLD – Membership renewal	£ 30.00
TS Trenching (4)	£ 21,318.00
JR Iveson (Amplifier inc. vat)	£ 300.00

Eden District Council – Open Meeting Newbiggin-on Lune

There had been a disappointing turnout for this meeting. Only our County Councillor, District Councillor and Clerk, plus three members of the public attended. No parish councillors from Orton, Tebay or Ravenstonedale attended

Public Participation

County Councillor Libby Bateman is actively resisting any reduction in local bus services as proposed by Cumbria County Council. Exact details of the proposals are not yet available.

Date of next meeting Thursday 13th March 2014

Signed _____ Chairman Date 13th March 2014