

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2014 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Ernest Leach (chairman) Cllrs Helen Shields, James Richardson and Paul Capstick
Clerk, Chris Elphick

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Hilary Law, Alison Morris, Alex Watts-Tobin, County Councillor Libby Bateman and District Councillor Ian Torkington.

Declarations of Interest

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

Election of Chairman for 2014-2015

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Chairman for the year 2014-2015.

Ernest Leach was the sole nomination and was elected unanimously

Election of Vice-Chairman for 2014-2015

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman for the year 2014-2015.

Hilary Law was the sole nomination and was elected unanimously

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2014 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

Annual Parish Meeting 2014

The Annual Parish Meeting had been advertised throughout the parish. There being no members of the public present, the meeting was closed at 7.10 pm.

Fell End Broadband

It was reported that the installation of 15 Km of ducting had been completed and installation of the fibre optic cables by BT is progressing.

Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

The Clerk is preparing a grant application for the installation of an emergency exit from the hall. This will also require Listed Building Consent. Assistance with the requisite drawings is being provided by Garsdale Design Ltd.

Planning Applications

No. 14/0090 Proposed display of 2 no. hoarding signs
Type Advertisement Consent
Location Kings Head Hotel, Garshill, Ravenstonedale
Applicant Mr C Metcalfe-Gibson
Parish Council No objections

No. 14/0371 Proposed implements and log storage building
Type Full Application
Location Cow Bank, Weasdale, Newbiggin-on-Lune
Applicant Mr & Mrs D Jackson
Parish Council No objections

Finance

NALC has released draft New Financial Regulations for consideration by councils following the repeal of Section 150 of the Local Government Act 1972, which requires every order for payment to be signed by two councillors. With suitable safeguards this could enable payments to be made electronically.

He clerk circulated a draft Statement of Accounts for the year 2013-2014

Sums Received

HMRC – VAT	£ 4,458.60
EDC Precept	£20,000.00
EDC Rebate	£ 607.00

Accounts Paid prior to meeting

TS Trenching (on account)	£15,000.00
CJ Elphick (SLCC Subs – 50%)	£ 73.50

Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (Month 2)	£ 480.00
CJ Elphick (GPC Fee)	£ 30.00

Localism Act 2011 – General Power of Competence

The Clerk has made application for qualification of section 7 of the CiLCA exam. This would widen the powers of the parish council to do “anything which a reasonable person may do” provide it is legal and not prohibited by other legislation. This replaces the “power of wellbeing” from the LGA 2000.

Public Participation

There were no contributions from members of the public

Publications & Correspondence Received

CALC Circular – May 2014
Clerks & Councils Direct
EALC Minutes 24th March 2014 (Street lighting & Local Plans) circulated.

Date of next meeting Thursday 12th June 2014

Signed _____ Chairman Date 12th June 2014