

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 11th September 2014 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Ernest Leach (chairman) Cllrs, James Richardson, Paul Capstick and Alex Watts-Tobin
Clerk, Chris Elphick
District Councillor Ian Torkington
Keith Pratt representing the Millennium Field Committee.
One member of the public

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Alison Morris, Helen Shields, and Hilary Law, County Councillor Libby Bateman

Declarations of Interest

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

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th July 2014 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Fell End Broadband

It was reported that several properties in Phase 1 have now been or will shortly be connected to the new High Speed Fibre Broadband system, as far down as the Fat Lamb.

Libby has featured, along with Ernest and his tractor, in an interview on BBC Newsnight reporting on the progress of the "Big Society". Fell End Broadband has also been featured in an article in The Times newspaper.

A meeting at the Fat Lamb on 4th September to celebrate the completion of Phase 1 was attended by Jim Murphy, CEO of BT, Julia Watts, Area Manager, Karen Spriggs, Defra and a good number of local residents.

Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

Listed Building consent had been granted to create an Emergency Exit from the main hall. Grants to cover 80% of the cost had been obtained from Eden District and Cumbria County Councils. The work is now being carried out by Keith Pratt.

Monthly meetings of the ABC Club, run by Fran Parkinson for junior school age children, will start on Saturday 4th October.

The Lune Spring Players are to start rehearsals for their next play on Monday evenings.

Ravenstonedale Parish History Group will be putting on a Local History Exhibition over the weekend of 20th/21st September.

The Shrubbery (opposite High Chapel)

It was noted that one of the pair of trees at the entrance to the shrubbery had started to dislodge stones in the roadside wall. It was agreed that both these trees should be removed for safety reasons. Consent has been obtained from EDC trees officer.

The flowering cherry tree has grown out over the roadway and is liable to damage BT overhead lines. This needs to be cut back accordingly.

The box shrubs have not been trimmed this year and are consequently overgrown.

It was **resolved** that these works be carried out by Steve Hodgson at a cost of £450.00.

Planning Applications

No. 14/0512	Extension & refurbishment works including the conversion of a detached stone store barn to provide ancillary accommodation.	
Location	Lockholme Head, Ravenstonedale	
Parish Council	No objections	GRANTED
No. 14/0444	Change of use from agricultural barn to stable barn and tack room (equine purposes).	
Location	Street Farm, Ravenstonedale	
Parish Council	No objections	GRANTED
No. 14/0500	Listed building consent for creation of emergency exit	
Location	Ravenstonedale High Chapel, Community & Heritage Centre	
Parish Council	Support this application	GRANTED
No. 14/0409	Listed Building Consent for replacement of 16 windows and rendering works to chimney stack.	
Location	The Haven, Ravenstonedale	
Parish Council	No objections	GRANTED
No. 14/0725	Proposed farmhouse	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Friars Bottom, Newbiggin-on-Lune CA17 4NS	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs N Ousby	
Parish Council	No objections	

Finance

A draft revised version of Financial Regulations for Ravenstonedale based on a template drafted by NALC, following repeal of Section 150 of the Local Government Act 1972 (two signatories rule) had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was **resolved** that the draft document be adopted with immediate effect. The new regulations allow for Revised payment authorisation methods including Direct Debits for such as the electricity and phone accounts. This would lead to reduced fees. Clerk reported that he had negotiated a new electrical unit supply rates with e-on.

Sums received

Eden District Council	£1,875.00
Cumbria County Council	£1,000.00
Cumbria County Council Members Budget	£1 844.00

Accounts Paid prior to meeting

CJE (BT Internet)	£ 75.60
BT Broadband	£ 81.60
e-on	£ 38.19
A Kirby (Grass)	£ 930.00
Keith Pratt (on account)	£3,600.00

Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (Month 6)	£ 480.00
C J Elphick (admin. expenses to 30/09/14)	£ 404.10
Broker Network Ltd (Insurance)	£ 1,421.94

The foregoing payments were approved.

Bus Routes

A meeting will be held to discuss the future of route 564 or alternatives on Thursday 25th September in the People’s Hall, Sedbergh at 7.30pm. Alex Watts-Tobin, Chris Elphick and Libby Bateman volunteered to attend.

Public Participation

A street light at Little Close which had been unlit for several months had been repaired within a week of it being reported to EDC by the Clerk.
The new Irish Ford at Town Head is now open for use. It was questioned whether hand rails should be fitted.

Publications & Correspondence Received

CALC Circular – September 2014 (circulated by e-mail)
Conserving Lakeland (FoLD)

Date of next meeting Thursday 9th October 2014

Signed _____ Chairman Date 9th October 2014