

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 12th February 2015 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs, James Richardson, Hilary Law, Alison Morriss and Helen Shields
Clerk, Chris Elphick
District Councillor Ian Torkington
County Councillor Libby Bateman
Sergeant Michael James – Cumbria Police
More than thirty members of the public

Apologies for absence had been received from Alex Watts-Tobin, and Paul Capstick

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Morriss declared an interest in the item on buses. She is a director of Cumbria Classic Coaches.

The Chairman introduced Sergeant Michael James from Cumbria Police, Penrith.

Mike James has been newly appointed to lead the Community and Events Planning, Eden Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th January 2015 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Public Participation - Tarn Bridge, Town Head

More than thirty local residents attended and announced themselves as "Friends of Tarn Bridge".

Following the statement from Cumbria Highways that the old bridge was not economically repairable and would either be demolished or fall down in time, the Friends are seeking alternative measures to maintain the present structure.

Highways are proposing to replace the bridge, which had been closed to vehicular traffic for some time, with a new, wooden footbridge. A new "Irish Ford" has recently been built a few yards upstream to accommodate traffic. Any work carried out on Tarn Bridge would be for historic reasons within the Conservation Area of Ravenstonedale..

It was suggested that the Friends of Tarn Bridge (FTB) organise themselves into a working group and appoint officers, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and members if representations are to be made as a credible body.

Ravenstonedale Parish Council will consider any proposals received in writing not less than ten days prior to a meeting date.

Bus Services

Cumbria Classic Coaches are proposing an additional Thursday service from Kirkby Stephen to Kendal via Ravenstonedale (A685) Shap, Orton, Tebay and Grayrigg. The Parish Council has sent a letter of support to the Traffic Commissioner.

Planning Applications

14/1067	Rebuilding of storage shed on same footprint and retrospective change of use of land to builders yard
Type	Full Application
Location	Land at High Lane, Newbiggin-on-Lune CA17 4NY
Applicant	T A Law WITHDRAWN
14/0924	Change of use of an agricultural building to a cottage with associated operational development
Type	Change of use PD/PN (Class JKLM)
Location	Agricultural Barn, Clouds Lane, Ravenstonedale CA17 4LL
Applicant	Ms L Brook GRANTED
No.14/1101	Reserved matters for an agricultural workers dwelling
Type	Reserved matters
Location	Adamthwaite, Ravenstonedale CA17 4NW
Applicant	Mr & Mrs B Williams
Parish Council	No objections
No. 15/0031	Proposed cattle housing extension building
Type	Full Applications
Location	Park House Farm, Mill Street, Ravenstonedale CA17 4LT
Applicant	Mr R Metcalfe-Gibson
Parish Council	No objections
No. 15/0036	Change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse
Type	Change of Use
Location	Gracette Moor, Newbiggin-on-Lune CA17 4ND
Applicant	Mr A Thistlethwaite
Parish Council	No objections

Finance

Funds received

Defra Broadband, (Final payment FEBB}	£5,322.50
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Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (Backup Hard Drive)	£ 50.89
Keith Pratt Gutter	£ 40.00
Keith Pratt (Fire Door & Kitchen painting)	£ 414.08
C J Elphick (Month 11)	£ 620.00
Allan Stobart Fuels	£ 144.09
CBS Electrical	£ 234.72
C J Elphick (Expenses to 28/02/15)	£ 176.26

Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

A Plaque has been received from Eden District Council acknowledging the Grant received from the Community Fund towards the installation of an Emergency Exit facility from the main hall.

Fell End Broadband

It was reported that the final grant payment of £5,322.50 had been received from BDUK/DEFRA.

Of the 58 properties on the Fell End Superfast Broadband scheme, twenty are now connected, forty-eight are enabled while the final ten are awaiting connection of overhead lines. It is expected that the outstanding work will be completed during February.

Publications & Correspondence Received

CALC Circular – February 2015 - circulated
Rural Housing Alliance – Affordable Rural Housing – A guide for Parish Councils
Appleby Fair Strategy 2015-2018 (circulated)
FoLD – Conserving Lakeland
ASHTAV - Magazine

Date of next meeting Thursday 12 March 2015

Signed

Chairman

Date 12 March 2015