

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 10th September 2015 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs Paul Capstick, Helen Shields, James Richardson and Richard Hunter
County Councillor Libby Bateman
Clerk, Chris Elphick

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Alison Morriss, Hilary Law and District Councillor Angela Meadowcroft

Declarations of Interest

All councillors declared an interest in the application No. 15/0547 for LB consent on Ravenstonedale High Chapel. The clerk advised that this was unnecessary as councillors would be acting on behalf of the community and no personal or prejudicial interest would arise.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 9th July 2015 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

Ravenstonedale High Chapel Community & Heritage Centre

The Clerk reported that Full Application for Consent to build a Toilet Extension and Disability Access to 1st floor has been submitted to EDC.
Application has also been made for Listed Building Consent to replace existing wooden shutters to the gallery with a fixed timber and glass partition.
The Clerk had, in company with a local joiner, carried out a detailed examination of the Victorian windows in the main hall which are in a poor state of repair. It was concluded that most of the main timbers are in sound condition and could be renovated. The swivel sashes require more extensive work but would be repairable. The estimated cost for the timber work and re-puttying glass would be below £1,500.00. This is much lower than had been expected. It was resolved that Malcolm Sedgwick be commissioned to carry out the work.

Helen Shields has organised a Pilates class for an initial six week trial. Demand has been such that two classes are being run consecutively on Tuesday evenings. It is likely that the classes will continue beyond the initial programme.

A Table Tennis table has been acquired and a meeting is to be arranged to organise details of use and set up a management committee. Contact Helen Shields or Chris Elphick for details.

Planning

No.15/0547	Two Storey Extension at former High Chapel, Community & Heritage Centre.	
Type	Listed Building	
Location	Main Street, Ravenstonedale CA17 4NQ	GRANTED
No.15/0470	Proposed extension into existing workshop & extension of existing outbuilding	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Fern Cottage, Ravenstonedale CA17 4NG	GRANTED
No.15/0490	Conversion of internal garage space to form ground floor bedroom & bathroom	
Type	Listed Building consent	
Location	The Manor House, Ravenstonedale CA10 4NG	GRANTED

No. 15/0491	Proposed lowered paving area	
Type	Listed Building consent	
Location	The Manor House, Ravenstonedale CA10 4NG	GRANTED
No. 15/0431	Proposed hardstanding	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Adj. to & north of A685 Ravenstonedale	
Applicant	Mr R Metcalfe-Gibson	GRANTED
No. 15/0733	Change of use of Nursery to 3 no. affordable housing units.	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Biggins Day Nursery, Newbiggin-on-Lune CA17 4NT	
Applicant	Mr T Capstick	
Parish Council	Support this application which will create additional affordable dwelling space in the village.	
No. 15/0755	Proposed Greenhouse, Summerhouse and Array of ground mounted Photovoltaic panels	
Type	Full Application	
Location	The Tower House, Brownber, Newbiggin-on-Lune CA17 4NX	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Wardrope	
Parish Council		
No. 15/0681	Proposed garage & store	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Town Head Farm, Ravenstonedale CA17 4NQ	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Richardson	
Parish Council	No objections	
No. 15/0732	Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of 3 bedroomed detached house	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Chantry Lodge, Ravenstonedale CA17 4NQ	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Houston	
Parish Council	Support this application to replace a former dwelling.	

Finance

External Audit 2014-2015 received the Auditor's unqualified opinion. This indicates that the Council's finances are all in order.

The Council had agreed the updated version of its Financial Regulations as recommended by NALC (Minutes September 2014) but the final authorised version had not been signed. This has now been remedied.

In accordance with the terms of the updated regulations, a Debit Card application was made, for use by the Clerk. This will enable small authorised accounts to be settled, without the use of cheques, between meetings

A new electricity tariff for the Community Centre has been negotiated with e-on

Payments made prior to meeting

A Kirby (Grass)	£ 762.00
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Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (Month 6)	£ 457.40
HMRC (Month 6)	£ 42.60
C J Elphick (Planning)	£ 97.50
C J Elphick (Expenses)	£ 131.40
Came & Company (Insurance)	£1,391.37
e-on (Electricity)	£ 47.97
BDO (Audit)	£ 360.00

Garden Waste Skip Agreement

Following the recent withdrawal of the fortnightly garden waste skip facility, EDC has now agreed to provide a limited number of villages with a skip, subject to conditions. The garden waste skip service outside the school will be resumed. Please let the parish clerk know if the skip is full, 015396 20605.

Public Participation

A volunteer is required to carry out weekly visual inspections of the play area and report any defects. Please phone 015396 20605.

Publications & Correspondence Received

CALC Circular – September 2015 – circulated
Clerks & Councils Direct
Council Matters – Came & Company (Insurers)

Date of next meeting Thursday 8th October 2015

Signed

Chairman

Date 8th October 2015