

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 10th March 2016 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs James Richardson, Alison Morriss, Helen Shields and Hilary Law.
Clerk, Chris Elphick

Apologies for absence had been received from County Councillor Libby Bateman and Cllr. Paul Capstick.

Declarations of Interest

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

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 11th February 2016 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

Clerk reported that application had been made to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund for financial assistance towards the refurbishment of the Upper room. Work would include replacement of wooden shutters over the main hall with a glass screen, renewal of kitchen equipment, additional radiator in the History room and new floor covering. It was requested that the glass screen should have opening panels. Clerk to assess the possibilities, with due consideration given to user safety.

Clerk reported that the small shed in the corner of the graveyard was in a dangerous condition. When attempting to access the shed he had discovered a section of the roof had collapsed and that the front wall was leaning outwards (7 inches out of plumb). Builders had been instructed to remove the roof and as much of the wall as was necessary for safety. This work had now been carried out.

Yorkshire Dales National Park

An open meeting, hosted by Friends of the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, was held in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre on Thursday 25th February 2016 - 6.00 to 8.00pm to introduce the Orton Fells Landscape Partnership Project.

The project coordinators are hoping to work with local people on a major landscape project in the Orton Fells area which will, from 1st August 2016, will become part of the two National Parks.

Twenty or so local residents discussed their ideas on what was important to local inhabitants on matters of conservation and heritage and how best to manage it. Lists of priorities were displayed with sections for additional ideas.

YDNPA Meeting for Councillors & Clerks

There will be a meeting, hosted by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, for Parish Councillors and Clerks at the Westmorland Hotel on Tuesday 12th April 2016. 7.00pm to "meet the people" Those wishing to attend are asked to let the Clerk know ASAP.

Topics for discussion will include:

Implications of national park boundary extension;

Right to Buy' and affordable housing
The Wensleydale Project'
Dealing with flood damage
Neighbourhood Plans

Proposed parish, district, county representation on YDNP committee for Park Extension

County Councillor Libby Bateman had sent a message that discussions were ongoing regarding the number and makeup of members who will represent the new areas, which will constitute a 25% increase in the area of the YDNP, on the YDNP Board..

Finance

Accounts Paid prior to meeting

Printerinks (BDC)	£ 21.95
BT (phone DD)	£ 94.80
Allan Stobart (Fuels)	£ 196.09

Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (Month 12)	£ 549.00
HMRC (Month 12)	£ 65.40
C J Elphick (Admin exp)	£ 118.40

The foregoing payments were approved.

Footway Lighting, Ravenstonedale

Clerk had reported lights Nos. 10 & 14 not functioning to EDC. These have now been repaired.

Speed Limit – Newbiggin-on-Lune

Cumbria County Council are now proposing to install 30 MPH signs at all three entrances to the village.

Public Participation

There were no contributions from members of the public

Publications & Correspondence Received

CALC Circular – March 2016 – circulated
Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2016
Upper Eden Community News
ASHTAV AGM 19th March 2016

Date of next meeting Thursday 14th April 2016

Signed

Chairman

Date 14th April 2016