

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 14th April 2016 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre at 7.30pm

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

Apologies for absence had been received from County Councillor Libby Bateman, Councillors Hilary Law and Alison Morriss

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 10th March 2016 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

A grant of £9456 has been approved by YDNPA to cover 75% of the proposed refurbishment of Upper Room.

Application has been initiated for funding towards the construction of the proposed extension/toilet block.

Quotations are being invited for repairs the useful storage shed in the graveyard which had been part demolished for safety reasons.

Scandal Beck Play Area

Attention had been drawn to the lack of a waste bin near the play area.

On inspection it was noted that a significant amount of standing water remained on the site.

It was known that a drainage scheme would, at some stage, be needed and following a particularly wet winter it is now essential. Quotations have been invited to install a suitable system.

Sources of Grant Funding to assist with the costs involved are being investigated. Some tree works and undergrowth trimming would be desirable for safety reasons. Advice is being sought.

Regular visual inspection reports on the play area and equipment should be carried out and a volunteer is required.

Richard Hunter volunteered to carry out regular checks on the Newbiggin-on-Lune play area which was formerly covered by Alex Watts-Tobin.

Yorkshire Dales National Park

The Clerk had attended a meeting for Parish Councillors & Clerks, hosted by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) at the Westmorland Hotel on Tuesday 12th April 2016.

The presentations given by the Chairman and National Park Officers covered the existing work of the YDNP and implications of national park boundary extension; how the transition would be effected and what changes in responsibilities of "who does what and when". This particularly concerned the relationship between the YDNP Local Plan, Eden District Local Plan and existing Neighbourhood Plans.

It is currently proposed, subject to confirmation, that additional representation on the YDNPA Committee would include one member from Lancashire County Council, one from Lancaster City Council and one from Eden District Council. No additional Parish Council representation is proposed.

Planning

No. 16/0240 Change of use from residential farmhouse to holiday let and conversion of existing barn to residential unit.

Type Full Application
Location Street Farm, Ravenstonedale CA17 4LL
Applicant Ms A Sixsmith.
Parish Council No objections

No. 16/0227 Proposed extension to current dwelling house: change of use of adjoining barn to create new dwelling.

Type Full Application
Location Rigg End, Newbiggin-on-Lune CA17 4NB
Application Mr & Mrs Penhalurick
Parish Council It is considered that the scale and design of the proposed building works in this elevated location would be visually unacceptable.

16/0220 Conversion and extension to existing redundant barn

Type Full Application
Location Town End Barn, Ravenstonedale CA17 4NG
Applicant Mr D & Mrs S Murray
Parish Council No objections to the proposed barn conversion but would have preferred exterior finish to be stone rather than render.

Finance

Sum Receivable

VAT reclaim to 31/03/2016 pending (submitted) £ 283.66

Accounts Paid prior to meeting

S W Hodgson (Tree lopping & Shrubbery) £ 360.00
Keith Pratt (Shed work) £ 327.67
e-on (electricity) £ 207.07
Raven Graphics (Drawings) £ 67.50

Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (Month 1) £ 596.00
HMRC (Month 1) £ 18.40
CALC – Annual Subscription £ 177.00

Public Participation

There was some discussion regarding the possible installation of a Brown Sign on the A685 to advertise village facilities. No specific request had been made by any party but, following some controversy over signage during the past year, clarification on the current position was sought. Clerk to contact former District Councillor Ian Torkington for further information.

Publications & Correspondence Received

CALC Circular – April 2016 – circulated
ASHTAV magazine – Spring 2016
Eden Community Fund – Annual Report
Council Matters – Came & Company – insurers “Parish Matters”
Police & Crime Commissioner election notice.

Date of next meeting Thursday 12th May 2016

Signed

Chairman

Date 12th May 2016