

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General meeting held on Thursday 12th May 2016

in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm

Present Cllr. Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs. Hilary Law, James Richardson, Alison Morriss, Helen Shields, Paul Capstick and Richard Hunter.
County Councillor. Libby Bateman.
Clerk. Chris Elphick
4 members of the public (including former councillor Alex Watts-Tobin, visiting from California)

Election of a Chairman for the year 2016-2017

The Chairman invited nominations for the position.

Ernest Leach was proposed by Hilary Law, seconded by James Richardson and elected unanimously.

Cllr. Leach signed a Declaration of Acceptance of the office of Chairman for the year 2016-2017.

Election of a Vice-Chairman for the year 2016-2017

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Vice Chairman.

Hilary Law was proposed by James Richardson, seconded by Helen Shields and elected unanimously.

Apologies for absence. There were no apologies for absence.

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 14th April 2016 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

The Clerk reported that work would soon be commencing on improvement works to the upper room. This will be 75% funded by a grant from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Local Amenity Fund.

The Pilates group continues to use the hall on two evenings a week.

Scandal Beck Play Area

The play and recreation area has always been noted for poor drainage and this has been even more apparent during the past, exceptionally wet, winter. A scheme for installing land drains has been prepared and quotations for carrying out the work obtained. This is a major project and application is being made to various funds which may assist with the cost.

A safety inspection of the trees & shrubs has been carried out and a maintenance programme will be prepared.

Planning

No. 16/0227	Proposed extension to current dwelling house; change of use of adjoining barn to create new dwelling.	
Location	Rigg End, Newbiggin-on-Lune CA17 4NB	REFUSED
No. 16/0358	Convert barn to single residential unit (C3)	
Type	Full application	
Location	Bleaflatt, Ravenstonedale CA17 4NL	
Applicant	Mr G Jackson	
Parish Council	No objections.	
No. 16/0371	Proposed toilet & shower amenities and extension of hard standing for parking, change of use of part of field for agriculture and camping and placement of two yurts.	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Low Greenside, Greenside Lane, Ravenstonedale CA17 4LU	
Applicant	Ms R Dent	
Parish Council	No objections.	
No.16/0267	Change of use of vacant land to create a domestic parking area	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Artlegarth, Ravenstonedale CA17 4NW	
Applicant	Mrs A Richardson	
Parish Council	No objections.	
No. 16/0277	Erection of two storey side extension to provide bedroom and ancillary room.	
Type	Full application	
Location	The Tool House, Hwith, Ravenstonedale CA17 4LL	
Applicant	Mr M Windle	
Parish Council	No objections.	
No. 16/0319	Proposed single storey extension and internal alterations	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Bridge Farmhouse, Ravenstonedale CA17 4LN	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs H Hutchinson	
Parish Council	No objections.	

Finance

The Clerk circulated a Draft Statement of Accounts 2015-2016 which was received without comment.

Sums received

EDC Precept	£21,650.00	
EDC Rebate	£ 358.00	(£757 last year)
HMRC – VAT reclaim	£ 283.66	

Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (Month 2)	£ 472.60
HMRC (Month 2)	£ 141.80
C J Elphick (Admin. Expenses)	£ 192.06
CALC Subscription	£ 177.00

Public Participation

It was reported that, on a recent occasion, several horses had been seen grazing on the Millennium Field. The desirability of erecting a “No Horses” sign was considered. The matter will to be referred to the Millennium Field Committee.

It was noted that Ravenstonedale Parish Council was not organising any events to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. A Karaoke/Barbecue is being organised at Newbiggin-on-Lune on 17th June 2016.

A request was made that the areas cut by the parish council's contractor be extended at Garshill - Coldbeck to eradicate the ground elder.

A complaint was made regarding the proliferation of potholes in the short section of road between the A685 at Lune Spring Garden Centre and the village centre.

Publications & Correspondence Received

CALC Circular – May 2015 – circulated

Clerks & Councils Direct

FoLD - Conserving Lakeland.

Date of next meeting Thursday 9th June 2016

Signed

Chairman

Date 09th June 2016