

## RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre at 7.30pm

**Present** - Councillor Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs. Helen Shields, Alison Morriss, Hilary Law, Richard Hunter and James Richardson.  
Clerk, Chris Elphick

**Apologies for absence** had been received from Cllr Paul Capstick, County Councillor Libby Bateman and District Councillor Angela Meadowcroft.

#### **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 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

#### **YDNPA Parish Forums**

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) currently holds periodic Local Forums for parishes within the National Park. These, currently are divided into a "north area" and "south area" meeting respectively in Hawes/Bainbridge or Leyburn/West Burton or Grassington/Settle area.

The twenty-six parishes newly annexed to the authority have been asked whether they wished to join the existing north/south area forums or form an additional Western Dales forum meeting in Orton or Sedbergh. The following response had been sent to YDNPA:

"Having studied the National Park map it was apparent that the newly annexed Western Dales area is of sufficient size and relative remoteness from existing YDNP centres that a separate forum should be established."

#### **Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre**

It was reported that the Upper Room refurbishment was progressing satisfactorily and should be completed during January.

#### **Great North Air Ambulance**

A request for funding had been received from the Great North Air Ambulance Service. This service receives no government funding and relies solely on voluntary contributions.. It was **resolved** that the sum of £200.00 be awarded.

#### **Planning**

Following receipt of a report of examination, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority resolved to adopt the Yorkshire Dales Local Plan on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

The adopted Local Plan contains a number of modifications, required by the examining Inspector, to make the document sound and legally compliant. The new Local Plan replaces all of the 'saved' policies of the Yorkshire Dales Local Plan 2006, the Minerals and Waste Local Plan 1998 and the Housing Development Plan 2012, for the purpose of guiding new development proposals and land use changes, in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Full details are available on the YDNPA website. Ravenstonedale Parish Council made no comment on the proposals

It was noted that information on planning applications submitted by the YDNPA to the parish council is now minimal, amounting to simply an application number. No paper information is now available. A scheme must be devised whereby the information may be downloaded from the YDNPA website and projected on to a screen at meetings. It was **resolved** that YDNPA be advised of this unsatisfactory situation.

A Transparency Fund exists to enable parishes to purchase projector and laptop computers for this purpose. Ravenstonedale is, however, not eligible due to the annual turnover being greater than £25,000. A Wi-Fi facility exists in the C&HC and a projector is available from the History Group. Clerk to investigate availability of a laptop computer up to a price of £300.00.

There had been no new planning applications since the last meeting. Detailed results of the following applications may be viewed on the YDNPA website

<b>E/12/5A</b>	Hill Top, N-o-L -	Granted
<b>E/12/4</b>	Black Swan –	Granted
<b>E/12/7</b>	Bleaflatt	Granted
<b>E/12/10</b>	Stennerskeugh	Granted
<b>E/12/2A</b>	Artlegarth Lodges	Granted

### Finance

A draft budget to set the Precept for 2017-2018 was provided by the Clerk. It was resolved that the total Precept for 2017-2018 should remain unchanged from the previous year, 2016-2017 at £21,650.

#### Accounts paid prior to meeting

e-on	£	78.34
Allan Stobart (fuel)	£	197.93
Rent – N-o-L Play Area	£	100.00
SLCC Subs	£	108.00
ALCC Subs	£	10.00
CBS Electrical	£	340.39

#### Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (Month 10)	£	586.40
HMRC (Month 10)	£	28.00
C J Elphick (expenses to 10/01/17)	£	178.37
Great North Air Ambulance	£	200.00

The foregoing accounts were approved for payment.

It was **resolved** that a payment of £1,500 towards general running costs be made to Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall, subject to receipt of a copy of the hall's latest annual accounts.

### Correspondence received

Kirkby Stephen Newsletter Dec. 2016  
Village appraisal news  
Clerks & Councils Direct

### Public Participation

There were no contributions from members of the public

**Date of next meeting** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 **Amended to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

Signed

Chairman

Date 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017