

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General meeting held on Thursday 11th May 2017

in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm

Present Cllr. Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs. Hilary Law, Helen Shields, Paul Capstick and Richard Hunter.
County Councillor. the Rev. Phil Dew
Clerk. Chris Elphick
NO members of the public

The Chairman welcomed the newly elected Cumbria County Councillor the Rev. Phil Dew to Ravenstonedale.

There being no members of the public present, the Chairman declared the Annual Parish Meeting closed at 1935 hours and proceeded with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Election of a Chairman for the year 2017-2018

The retiring Chairman invited nominations for the position.
Ernest Leach was proposed by Helen Shields, seconded by Paul Capstick and elected unanimously.
Cllr. Leach signed a Declaration of Acceptance of the office of Chairman for the year 2017-2018.

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

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Vice Chairman.
Hilary Law was unanimously elected.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. James Richardson

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 9th March 2017 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

(April Meeting had been cancelled. Clerk would have been unable to attend due to overnight road closures for maintenance)

Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

The Upper Room refurbishment is now complete except for the History Room. It will be necessary to empty the room in order to lay the new flooring. A mutually acceptable time for this work is to be arranged.

YDNPA Western Area Parish Forum Meeting.

The Clerk had attended a meeting held on 8th May 2017 in Orton Market Hall, 7.00pm. The meeting was well attended by representatives of a range of parishes newly absorbed into the Yorkshire Dales National Park.. Issues discussed included planning, enforcement as well as the National Park Management Plan and many other facets of life in a National Park. A powerpoint presentation may be found on the website at [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/ data/assets/pdf file/0005/952493/Parish-Forum-Orton-May-2017.pdf#Orton presentation](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/952493/Parish-Forum-Orton-May-2017.pdf#Orton%20presentation)

Planning Applications

No. E/12/17 Eelands, Ravenstonedale

Full planning permission for construction of Gable Balconies with glazed doors to the first floor.

Plans for the proposed balconies were studied and discussed.

It was **resolved** that no observations on or objections be made to the proposal.

Cumbria CVS Funding Fair 4th May 2016

The Clerk had attended the CVS Funding Fair at Redhills in order to make direct contact with a wide range of funding bodies. It is useful to be able to discuss future projects and assess the criteria by which projects are considered by the various organisations.

Finance

Audit 2016-2017

The Clerk circulated copies of the draft accounts for 2016-2017. These were received without comment. Notice was given that, in accordance with instructions from the External Auditor, full accounts will be made available for inspection by members of the public from 12th June to 21st July 2017.

Sums Received

HMRC - VAT refund	£ 1,867.97
YDNPA Grant on account	£ 5,902.96
YDNPA Grant balance	£ 3,553.04
Precept & EDC rebate	£21,904.00

Accounts Paid prior to meeting

J R Iveson (Crockery)	£ 749.90
Andrew Mason (Electrical)	£ 372.83
BT phone 23000 BB	£ 86.04
Stobart Fuels	£ 229.07
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C J Elphick (Month 1)	£ 586.60
HMRC (Month 1)	£ 27.80
Longhorn (Key Cutting)	£ 10.91
T B Davies (Stepladder)	£ 41.15

Accounts for Payment

Clerk's Admin Expenses to 20/04/17	£ 242.10
C J Elphick (Month 2)	£ 586.40
HMRC (Month 2)	£ 28.00
e-on	£ 39.36
CALC Annual Subscription	£ 180.54

A request for funding had been received on behalf of Kirkby Stephen Primary School.

It was noted that it may be considered perverse to be making donations to other bodies when the Parish Council was appealing to other external bodies for funding to achieve improvements to its own services

It was, however, resolved that, in order to demonstrate support, the sum of "200 be awarded from the residual funds from Friends of Ravenstonedale School.

Cumbria Highways

A new [online](#) "Report a Fault" service is being launched by [Cumbria County Council](#) which will improve how the council manages and responds to highways faults.

Members of the public can now report a fault easily online and add photos via the council's website, cumbria.gov.uk. There is an improved search facility that uses postcodes or street names, plus the ability to identify a fault's location via pinpointing on a map.

An advantage of logging the fault via the new online service is that people can provide their email address and receive automatic progress updates direct to their inbox. You can also view faults that have already been reported on a map, view the current status of each fault and register for automated updates on any previously reported fault.

Correspondence received

CALC Circular April 2017 (Circulated)

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Council Matters – Came & Co. Insurance (circulated)

YDNPA - Rights of Way maintenance transfer to Ranger Service from Cumbria CC

Appleby Horse Fair – Public Meeting, 22nd May 2017 - Appleby

Public Participation

There were no contributions from members of the public.

Date of next meeting Thursday 8th June 2017

Signed

Chairman

Date 09th June 2017