

## **RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Present** Cllr. Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs. Helen Shields and Paul Capstick  
County Councillor, the Revd. Phil Dew  
Clerk. Chris Elphick

**Apologies for absence** had been received from Cllrs. Hilary Law, James Richardson, Richard Hunter and District Councillor Angela Meadowcroft

#### **Declarations of Interest**

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

**Minutes of the Meeting** held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **Public Participation**

Libby Bateman, former secretary of the Upper Eden Community Plan Committee, advised that there is to be a review of the stated aims and objectives of the Plan and revisions for the next ten years.

Each of the seventeen parishes involved has been invited to appoint a representative to serve on the review committee.

Immediately prior to this parish council meeting the clerk had received notification from Cllr Hilary Law that she would, as the former representative, be unavailable and recommended Libby Bateman.

This appointment was provisionally agreed by those present, subject to confirmation at the next council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Phil Dew reported flooding of the main road by The Gables, Ravenstonedale during recent heavy rain. Clerk will report to Highways.

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

Report from Management Committee meeting 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

It was reported that current use of the building had increased substantially and the premises were regularly in use every weekday. In addition, with the absorption of Ravenstonedale parish into the Yorkshire Dales National Park, both the YDNPA and Friends of the Lake District have been using the hall for meetings.

A scheme to install improvements to the acoustics, plus a revised lighting scheme is being prepared. The probable cost would be in the region of £5,000.

The pressing priority must, however, be to build an extension to house proper toilet facilities. This has become most urgent due to the increased numbers using the premises. Hilary Law volunteered the services of her firm to obtain quotations for the initial phase of construction. Planning Consent and Listed Building Consent have already been obtained.

