

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 10th March 2005 in Newbiggin-on-Lune Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillor John Bull (Chairman), Councillors Caroline Morris, Ernest Leach, Hilary Mirrey, Paul Capstick, Janet Brownrigg, Fanny Jackson.
District Councillor Michael Metcalfe-Gibson
Clerk, Chris Elphick
1 member of the public

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Tim Stoddard.

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 10th February 2005 had been circulated.
Resolved that the minutes be signed by the chairman as a correct record

Children's Playgrounds

It was reported that agreement in principle had been received from the landlord's agent for the proposed Newbiggin-on-Lune site.

The Clerk is preparing a planning application for "Change of Use" from agricultural to recreational land. The entry to the public footpath beside Kesters Ash needs to be reinstated. The highway authority will be asked for a contribution towards a new gate at this point.

The transfer of the bowling green land at Ravenstonedale is progressing satisfactorily. A woodland management agreement for area surrounding this site is to be negotiated with the Forestry Commission.

The Playground Committee will be organising two major fundraising events. A Ceildh & Barbecue on August 27th at High Lane, Newbiggin-on-Lune and an "Evening Entertainment" (details to be announced) on 8th October in N-o-L Village Hall.

Finance

Sums Received

Playground donation (Bike Ride, Paul Bousfield)	£244.00
Playground donation (Joyce Bousfield)	£ 50.00
Playground donation (School Carol Singers)	£ 85.06

Accounts for Payment

Clerk's Admin expenses to 31/03/05	£ 52.80
Orton Parish Council (Admin)	£ 16.15

Proposed Re-cycling site

It was reported that the location recommended for a recycling facility on the verge at the rear of Ravenstonedale School has been refused permission by the Cumbria County Highways. EDC and the Parish Council are requesting reconsideration.

Local Development Frameworks

Councillors J Bull and H Mirrey were to have attended this meeting but were unavailable at short notice. Further meetings will be held shortly.

Annual Review of Staff Salaries and Conditions

Resolved that the Clerk's salary be amended in accordance with the National Agreement negotiated by the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks.

Allowances for Parish Councillors

New maximum rates of allowance had been received from Eden District Council. It is permitted to make an allowance to the Chairman not exceeding 20% of that received by an Eden District Councillor and 10% for other councillors.

Resolved that no allowances would be claimed by Ravenstonedale Parish Councillors.

Fire Service Local Control Rooms

It has been proposed that, as an economy measure, control of the Fire Service operations should be relocated to a remote "North West Call Centre".

Resolved that the Parish Council would write to David McLean MP in support of the retention of local Cumbria Fire Service control rooms with their specialist knowledge of the area.

Planning Applications

No. 04/1160	PROPOSED NEW SEPTIC TANK FOR BARN CONVERSION	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Row Foot Farm Barn No. 1, Ravenstonedale	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs D Pover	
Parish Council	No objections or observations	GRANTED
No. 04/1139	EXISTING OUTBUILDING AND LINK EXTENSION TO BE USED AS PART OF EXISTING HOUSE AND ENLARGING AN EXISTING WINDOW	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Hill Top Barn, Newbiggin-on-Lune	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs J Richardson	
Parish Council	No objections or observations	GRANTED
No. 05/0124	REGRADING OF AN EXISTING SLOPE TO MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE TO DISABLED VISITORS	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Smardale Gill Nature Reserve	
Applicant	Cumbria Wildlife Trust	
Parish Council	No objections or observations	
No. 05/0122	CONSTRUCTION OF REAR EXTENSION, INFILL EXTENSION, RAISING PART OF THE ROOF, INTERNAL REFURBISHMENT AND SITING OF TEMPORARY CARAVAN TO BE USED WHILST WORKS ARE IN PROGRESS	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Street Farm, Ravenstonedale	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs D Roper	
Parish Council	No objections or observations	
No.05/0083	GARAGE & STORE EXTENSION TO END OF HILLCOTE WITH A NEW ACCESS TO THE HIGHWAY	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Hillcote, Ravenstonedale	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs J Green	
Parish Council	No objections or observations	

Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CroW Act)

The parish council has received a copy of the final version of the "Right to Roam" map from the Countryside Agency.

Correspondence received

CALC Circular March 2005
Open Space magazine
SLCC The Clerk magazine
NALC Local Council Review
Standards Board Investigation Statistics
Standards Board A Code for the future – leaflets
Eden Rivers Trust Newsletter

The foregoing items of correspondence were noted and circulated as appropriate.

Public Participation

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

Date of next meeting:- and Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 14^h April 2005

Signed

Chairman_____Date 14th April 2005