

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 10th November 2005 in Ravenstonedale High Chapel Room at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillor John Bull (Chairman) Councillors Caroline Morris, Ernest Leach, Paul Capstick, Fanny Jackson, Hilary Mirrey, Janet Brownrigg.
Clerk, Chris Elphick.
1 member of public – Richard Tolley

Declarations of Interest

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

Apologies for absence had been received from District Councillor, Michael Metcalfe-Gibson and County Councillor Tim Stoddard.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 13th October 2005 had been circulated.

Resolved that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

Joint Parishes Plan Proposal for Kirkby Stephen & District

Cllr Morris & the Clerk had attended a meeting of the Parish Plan Committee on Wed. 26th October. The meeting had selected a draft series of questions to form the basis of the proposed questionnaire. Anna Scamans is to type and circulate the draft list for further refinement. Information display boards are to be made available for demonstration in the KS Community Centre and for loan to local meetings. Next meeting Thursday 19th January 2006.

Quality Parish Status

It was reported that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk had met with Clive Moth from CALC to further discuss the merits of the Quality Parish scheme in relation to the parish of Ravenstonedale. Information on the scheme had been sent to each councillor with the agenda.

It had been established that, with the exception of the production of a quarterly newsletter, Ravenstonedale met all the required criteria. The Clerk had prepared a draft newsletter for Autumn 2005. If this was produced and distributed to each household in the parish, as the first of a quarterly series, it would fit the criteria. Distribution, initially, could be achieved by each councillor agreeing to deliver to approximately forty addresses. Printing costs were estimated at thirty pounds for 300 copies.

The sum of £300. was included in the 2006-2007 precept for application costs.

Children's Playgrounds

No response has yet been received from Carter Jonas regarding the N-o-L lease.

The clerk had had prepared a suggested schedule of works required on the Ravenstonedale site prior to installation of play equipment. This included a Risk Assessment.

Quotations are to be obtained for the works and grant applications made.

A Variety Show is planned for 10th December in N-o-L Public Hall in aid of playground funds.

Planning Applications

No 05/0770 REMOVAL OF DETERIORATING AND OBSTRUCTIVE BRIDGE, RE-GRADING SLOPE FOR DISABLED VISITORS

Type Full Application

Location Smardale Gill Nature Reserve

Applicant Cumbria Wildlife Trust (Andrew Walter)

Parish Council No objections GRANTED

No. 05/0772 CREATION OF ADDITIONAL WINDOW; INSERTION OF THREE ROOF LIGHTS; CREATION OF ROOMS WITHIN ROOFSPACE; CREATION OF

	W.C. WITHIN STORE ROOM and REPLACEMENT OF METAL GARAGE DOOR TO WOODEN DOORS
Type	Listed Building Consent
Location	Coldbeck Farmhouse, Ravenstonedale
Applicant	RP & JM Johnson
Parish Council	No objections
No. 05/0885	CONVERSION OF BARN TO 3 HOLIDAY LETS
Type	Listed Building Consent
Location	High Lane, Newbiggin-on-Lune
Applicant	ME & DM Boustead
Parish Council	No objections
No. 05/0912	UTILISATION OF ADJACENT STORAGE AREAS AND REAR CONSERVATORY
Type	Full Application
Location	Scandal Beck Cottage, Mill Street, Ravenstonedale
Applicant	Mr & Mrs G Ashworth
Parish Council	No objections

Finance

Accounts for payment

Viking Direct (Stationery)	£ 61.86
C J Elphick (Admin Expenses)	£117.36

The foregoing two accounts were approved for payment

Account Balances at 05/11/2005

Treasurer Account	£ 120.69
BMM Account	£3,675.93
Playground Account	£6,924.19

Precept for 2006/2007

Budget suggestions had been prepared by the Clerk

	2005/2006	2006/2007
Salaries	£2,100.00	£2,375.00
Administration (Inc News)	£ 350.00	£ 600.00
Advertising	£ 00.00	£ 00.00
Audit	£ 150.00	£ 150.00
Subscriptions	£ 200.00	£ 200.00
Insurance	£ 280.00	£ 300.00
Grant N-o-L Hall	£ 400.00	£ 500.00
Grants St. Os.	£ 350.00	£ 500.00
Grasscutting	£1,250.00	£1,300.00
Gardening	£ 150.00	£ 300.00
Cycleway	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Playground	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Training	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
Room Hire (Meetings)		£ 150.00
Parish Plan		£ ??????
Quality Parish		£ 300.00
Total	£7,580.00	£8,775.00
Contingencies (@ 10%)	£ 920.00	£ 875.00
Precept	£8,500.00	£9,650.00

Resolved that the Precept for 2006-2007 be set at **£9650.00**

Cost per elector per year would be	£21.44 (£0.41 per week)
Cost per D Band property per year	£38.61 (£0.74 per week)

Ravenstonedale Endowed School

Appointment of new Parish Council Governor to replace Hilary Mirrey.

Barbara Stephens had agreed to serve as Parish Council representative if required.

Resolved that Barbara Stephens be appointed.

Proposed Tree Planting on A 685, Coldbeck

A group of residents at Coldbeck had arranged with Cumbria Highways that they could plant some additional trees on the verge of the A685 to reduce traffic noise at their properties. Highways had agreed to the request subject to the applicants insuring against public liability "in perpetuity".

The Clerk stated that it would not be possible for the Parish Council to accept responsibility for trees, which are the property of a third party, growing on land owned by the County Council, in perpetuity.

The Parish Council Public Liability Insurance only covers "the normal activities of a parish council" and could not be stretched to cover another party's trees situated on County Council land.

The applicants to be informed of this decision.

Public Participation

There were no contributions from members of the public.

Correspondence received

CALC AGM – Cleator Moor, Sat. 12th Nov. 10.30am

CALC – Annual Report

CALC.- Circular November 2005

CCC – Winter Driving leaflet

Clerks & Councils Direct

Local Council Review

ASHTAV News

The foregoing items were noted and circulated as appropriate.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 12th January 2006

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 12th January 2006