

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 14th September 2006 in Ravenstonedale Endowed School

Present Councillor John Bull (Chairman) Councillors Caroline Morris, Ernest Leach,
Fanny Jackson, Janet Brownrigg, Paul Capstick and Hilary Mirrey.
District Councillor Michael Metcalfe-Gibson.
Clerk, Chris Elphick.
Frank Chalmers (Public)

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Tim Stoddard.

Declarations of Interest

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

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 13th July 2006 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Children's Playgrounds

The lease for the Newbiggin land has still not been received back from the landlord's solicitor although verbal approval has been given.

A grant application for Newbiggin is pending with Cumbria Waste Management Environmental Trust (CWMET). A decision is expected following their meeting on 10th October 2006.

A further donation to the playground fund of £120. has been received from Joanne Boustead.

Finance

Accounts for Payment

A Kirby (Grasscutting)	£622.75
C J Elphick (Admin. Expenses)	£ 58.09

Sums Received

Kirkby Stephen Town Council (Postage reimbursement)	£ 69.00
United Utilities (Wayleave re: Scandal Beck)	£ 12.50

Parish Council Computer & Training

A new desktop computer and printer has been offered, free of charge, to the parish council by CALC under the DEFRA "Access" scheme which aims to get all parish councils computerised and connected to the Internet. Free training sessions are also available.

Planning Applications

No. 06/0488 ALTERATION TO REAR ROOF SLOPE AND EXTENSION TO
OUTBUILDING TO PROVIDE GARDEN ROOM.

Type	Full Application
Location	Whaup Cottage, Ravenstonedale
Applicant	Mr I Torkington
Parish Council	No objections
	GRANTED

No. 06/0598 PROPOSED NEW GRAPHIC DESIGN STUDIO

Type	Full Application
Location	Brownber Lodge
Applicant	Carne Whitney Partners Ltd
Parish Council	No objections. This application was a reduced version of a previous consent.

No. 06/0592 CONVERSION OF REDUNDANT BARN FOR USE AS DWELLING BY AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE
 Type Full Application
 Location Wath Farm, Newbiggin-on-Lune
 Applicant Mr P Wilson
 Parish Council No objections

No. 06/0611 CONVERSION OF BARN TO PROVIDE 3 UNITS OF ACCOMMODATION FOR HOLIDAY LETTING
 Type Full Application
 Location Vacant Barn adjoining The Green, Ravenstonedale
 Applicant Mr P A Rochford & Mrs A Davey
 Councillor Mirrey declared a possible business interest in this application and left the room.
 Parish Council No objections.

No. 06/0726 CHANGE OF USE OF PART OF FIELD TO GARDEN TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF TIMBER FRAMED STABLES
 Type Full Application
 Location Low Peterhouse, Ravenstonedale
 Applicant Mrs B Wood
 Parish Council No objections

Ravenstonedale High Chapel

It was reported that a meeting had been held with the Moderator of Synod, Revd Peter Brain, members of the parish council and local former members of the URC to investigate possible uses for redundant the High Chapel building.
 The purpose of the meeting was to discuss possible ways in which the Parish Council and the North Western Synod could work together to ensure that the buildings are maintained as a community asset.
 A full report of the meeting will be presented at the next parish council meeting.
 Any proposals for parish involvement would be preceded by a public meeting to ensure adequate long-term support.
 It was noted that the Big Lottery Fund – “Community Buildings” – would be a possible source of funding for repairs and maintenance should a scheme be implemented.

Upper Eden Community Plan

There was no update on progress because the next meeting of the UECP group had coincided with this parish council meeting on Thursday 14th September.

Being a Good Councillor

CALC is offering this new event for all local Councillors at Newton Rigg Conference Centre on 1st & 19th November. The cost would be £15.00 for one session or £25.00 for both.

Appleby New Fair Committee

The minutes of meetings on 11th July & 15th August were made available for circulation.

Public Participation

Mr Frank Chalmers expressed his support for the proposal to acquire the High Chapel building for community use.
 Mr Chalmers also noted that there had been an unacceptable amount of police activity in the village, caused by the activities of two particular residents.
 It was agreed that the parish council should contact the 2 Castles housing association and remind them of their responsibilities under the terms of their Anti-Social Behaviour Policy with regard to these tenants of their properties.

Correspondence received

CALC – County Circular September 2006
CALC AGM Saturday November 4th 2006, Castle Green, Kendal
CALC Events & Training Programme
Local Council Review
Clerks & Councils Direct
CCC – Transport Plan 2006 Delivery Report
Eden Local Strategic Partnership – Meeting, Penrith, 11th Sept.
Sport England – Survey
Clerk’s Salary & Conditions – Survey – Clerk had responded.
Eden District Community Transport
Funding Appeal – North-West Air Ambulance
CCC- Draft Right of Way Improvement Plan
EDC – Planning Committee Agenda August 2006
CPFA Annual Report

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

Date of next meeting: Thursday 12th October 2006

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 12th October 2006