RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 18th February 2009 in Ravenstonedale Public Room (above the school)

Present Councillor John Bull (Chairman) Councillors, Caroline Morris

James Richardson and Ernest Leach

Clerk, Chris Elphick.

UECP Project Officer, Libby Bateman

One member of the public

Declarations of Interest

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

Apologies for absence had been received from County Councillor, Tim Stoddard, District Councillor George Boustead, Cllrs Paul Capstick Hilary Law and Alison Morriss

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 8th January 2009 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Finance

Accounts for Payment

Friends of the Lake District (Subscription) £ 27.00

David Labbate (Repair to waste bin outside school) £ 59.80

The foregoing two accounts were approved for payment

Planning Applications

No. 08/0741 CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTRY HOUSE

Location HWITH, Ravenstonedale

Site Visit, 29th January GRANTED

No. 08/0770 CONVERSION OF EXISTING BARN INTO DWELLING

Type Full Application

Location Bleaflatt, Ravenstonedale

Applicant Mr G Jackson.
Parish Council No objections

No.08/0867 Landscaping works in connection with Planning Approval No. 07/0030

Location The Chantry, Ravenstonedale

Applicant Mr & Mrs J Houston

Parish Council No objections or observations

Scandal Beck Recreation & Nature Area

BBC Breathing Places – A new application for £5,000 funding has been made. This was at the invitation of the BP committee and is available to organisations who have previously received a grant "to organise an event for publicity and to further the objectives of the original project". It is suggested that the site should be officially declared open with a social event. There are a number of items still awaiting completion on the site, such as planting, bird boxes, etc. and any surplus cash would be allocated as appropriate. A suggested date, assuming funding is forthcoming, is 20th June 2009. We will be advised if our bid has been successful sometime in April. Scandal beck Play and Nature Area does not have an official name and the description is somewhat unwieldy. The title "Scandal Beck Green" has been suggested. This appears appropriate as the area is to be registered as a Village Green to prevent future commercial development and to ensure its retention for public use in perpetuity. Any other suggestions will be considered.

The Tennis Club Pavilion has been vandalised. A quotation for repair has been received of £240 plus VAT. It was resolved that, subject to approval of the Tennis Club, this sum should be paid by the Parish Council.

Royal Garden Party 2009

Each year Cumbria County receives an allocation of two places for PC Chairmen and their partners for an invitation to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. John Bull's name has been entered in this year's ballot for a place.

R-dale - N-o-L Cycleway/Footpath

Following representations from the Parish Council, this scheme, which originated as a Millennium project, is to be presented to the Eden Area Committee for consideration as a suitable future project. The PC has received a copy of the Area Highways Engineer's report which will be presented to the Committee at its meeting on March 9th 2009.

"Duty to Involve"

The County Council and District Councils will soon be subject to a new statutory "Duty to Involve" in all their services and activities. This will obviously be of significance to town and parish councils. The Cumbria Improvement and Efficiency Partnership (CIEP) has arranged a series of seminars about this - arranged for later this month and next. Parish councils are invited to attend at no cost.

Public Participation

Local resident, Simon Thompson, provided details of the cost benefits of collecting aluminium cans for recycling and selling direct to scrap merchants. Mr Thompson has experience of this activity in other areas. The item will be discussed at a future meeting.

Correspondence received

CALC Circular February 2009
Funding Bulletin February 2009
Breathing Places – Newsletter
NALC – Green Matters Conference – 27th Feb 09
The foregoing items of Correspondence were circulated or noted as appropriate

| Date of next meeting: | Thursday 12 th March 2009 | | |
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| Signed | Ch | airman | Date 12 th March 2009 |