

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting Thursday 11th February 2010 held in Ravenstonedale Public Room

Present Councillor Caroline Morris (Chairman) Cllrs, Alison Morriss, James Richardson, Helen Shields and Ernest Leach.
Clerk, Chris Elphick
PCSO Janet Allinson

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Paul Capstick, Hilary Law, District Councillor George Boustead, County Councillor Peter Thornton and UECP Project Officer Libby Bateman.

Declarations of Interest

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

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21st January 2010 had been circulated to all members and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Proposed Designation of Ravenstonedale as part of a National Park

At the Parish Council meeting on 21st January 2010 A show of hands had indicated that a significant majority of **members of the public** present indicated approval for inclusion in a National Park. Councillors did not, on that occasion, put it to a vote.

At the subsequent meeting on 11th February 2010, the council vote was split and it was **resolved** that Ravenstonedale Parish Council will not, as a body, be expressing a preference for inclusion in a National Park or not. Individual councillors will be encouraged to make their own responses to the consultation.

It was felt that those present at the January meeting were not a representative cross section of the community.

Ravenstonedale High Chapel

Despite assurances from its legal secretary, the Parish Council is still awaiting purchase documentation from the North West Synod of the United Reformed Church. A supply of heating oil has been received and the boiler checked for operation. Thanks are due to Bill Wappet and Chris Harrison-Beck for their services.

Finance

Accounts for Payment

Askham Oil Supplies (URC heating oil)	£246.07
C J Elphick (Costs for Newsletter)	£ 47.30
Friends of the Lake District (Subscription)	£ 27.00

The foregoing three items were approved for payment

Planning Applications

No. 09/0986	Alterations to dwelling	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Fallowfield, Ravenstonedale	
Applicant	Mr J Nicholson	
Parish Council	No objections	GRANTED

Ravenstonedale War Memorial

A request had been received from the PCC that parish council should undertake repair work to reinstate displaced coping stones on the war memorial. The Parish Council is empowered to maintain and repair war memorials under the War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923, s.1.

It was **resolved** that, subject to reasonable price, the repairs be carried out by monumental masons, Able Memorials, who had satisfactorily carried out previous work in the churchyard. The same firm is to be asked to give a revised quotation for making safe the memorials in the URC graveyard.

Playgrounds Inspection

The inspection report from RoSPA included a recommendation for "No Dogs" sign at Scandal Beck Green. This was already in hand and will be implemented.

Dog Waste Bins

A suggestion had been received that Dog Waste Bins be installed in the village. Considerations of desirability, cost, locations, responsibility for disposal of waste, etc were discussed. It was resolved that no action be taken to provide dog waste bins in the parish. Dog owners are urged to act responsibly, in accordance with the law and take their pets' deposits home.

Appointment of Parish Council Representative to N-o-L Public Hall Committee

Cllr James Richardson was appointed to replace Neil Hodgson who had resigned.

Upper Eden Community Plan Group

A report of the UECP meeting, 4th February 2010 was held over to the next parish council meeting due to the absence of both Cllr Mirrey and UECP Project Officer.

Councillor Training

The CALC 2010 training programme had been received. Suitable short courses for both new and experienced councillors were suggested to ensure continuity of Quality Parish status. Dates to be confirmed.

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

A replacement is required for John Bull who has moved from the parish. A suitable volunteer will be sought. PCSO Janet Allinson will advise on duties.

Public Participation

There were no contributions from members of the public

Correspondence received

CALC Circular February 2010 – circulated by e-mail
FoLD Conserving Lakeland magazine
EDC Litter Pick Campaign
CCC Local Links for Kirkby Stephen? Council services information
Clerks & Councils Direct
Open Space magazine

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

Date of next meeting: Thursday 11th March 2010

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 11th March 2010