

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 10th June 2010 in Ravenstonedale Public Room (above the school) at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Caroline Morris (Chairman) Cllrs Helen Shields, James Richardson and Ernest Leach,
Clerk. Chris Elphick

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllrs Paul Capstick, Alison Morriss and Hilary Law, County Councillor Peter Thornton, District Councillor George Boustead, PCSO, Janet Allinson and UECP Project Officer, Libby Bateman (all at other meetings)

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Morris declared a personal interest in Planning Application No. 10/0308. The applicant is her brother.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 13th May 2010 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Parish Council Insurance

An alternative quotation for the Parish Council's insurance had been received from Came & Company Insurance Brokers. The policy is underwritten by Aviva Insurance (formerly Norwich Union). Previously there had been only two specialist providers of parish council insurance, Allianz Cornhill and Zurich.

The standard cover offered by Aviva is substantially greater than that of Allianz, the current provider. The Allianz renewal premium was £716.23 against Aviva £604.55 with a further 5% discount if a three year contract is agreed, making the premium £574.32.

It was **resolved** that a three year agreement be signed with Aviva via their brokers Came and Company.

Finance

The Draft Statement of Accounts 2009-2010 was submitted for approval. Cllr Leach queried the item "Contingencies £760.00". Details of this expenditure which related to grants, etc. not specifically included in the budget for the year were produced.

It was **resolved** that the Draft Statement of Accounts be approved.

It was noted that the Notice of Audit had been posted on the notice board on 31st May 2010 in accordance with instructions from the external auditor.

Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (admin expenses)	£140.85
Able Memorials (War Memorial repairs)	£452.38

It was **resolved** that the foregoing two items were approved for payment

Ravenstonedale High Chapel

It was reported that sale documentation is still awaited from the URC solicitors.

A safety check had been carried out on the headstones in the graveyard, plus a quotation for reinstatement from Able Memorials Ltd. The details had been forwarded to the URC Synod for information.

Thanks were expressed to Richard Staley for making safe the loose render on the gable end of the building at no charge.

Scandal Beck Green

It was reported that the Chairman and Clerk had been preparing funding applications for continuation of the overall plans for the play and nature area.

Ravenstonedale School has been making use of the facilities as an outdoor classroom.

It was reported that undesirable activities had been noted in the form of empty lager cans left on the green. The police have been asked to look out for any undesirable activities.

Cllr Morris had attended a meeting to introduce "Open Space Protection" training. This is being followed by the "Our Green Space" project which gives training on the development and management of open spaces.

The Clerk had met Shirley Muir on site and discussed how the project may help Ravenstonedale. Although our project is well advanced further on-site consultation, joined by other project leaders, could be advantageous.

Topics to be addressed include the relevance of :

history (local heritage and archaeology and the history of people's involvement)

wildlife (including do we let the grass grow long?)

amenity (including do we keep the grass short and tidy?)

access and how to improve it

recreation

interpretation

education

and how to balance all of these needs.

A meeting is to be arranged with other groups by Shirley.

A section of the becksid wall by the tennis court had collapsed and needs urgent attention. A barrier and warning notices to be installed pending full repairs.

Ravenstonedale – Newbiggin-on-Lune Cycleway

There has been further communication with Highways to see if the priority for the project could be enhanced, particularly as cycleways are being constructed from Kirkby Stephen to the Station and Kirkby Stephen to Brough. A reply is awaited.

Planning Applications

No. 10/0220	PROPOSED REPLACEMENT DOORS & WINDOWS	
Location	Dickie Green Cottages, Ravenstonedale	WITHDRAWN
No. 10/0363	REPLACEMENT OF DOORS & WINDOWS	
Type	Full Application	
Location	Dickie Green Cottages, Ravenstonedale	
Applicant	Mr J Williamson – Two Castles Housing Association	
Parish Council	No objections	
No. 10/0413	CROWN RAISE TWO CYPRESS TO 5m (T1 & T2), FELL ONE HOLLY (T3), FELL ONE CYPRESS (T4) CROWN RAISE ONE CYPRESS TO 4m (T5) IN RAVENSTONEDALE CONSERVATION AREA.,	
Type	Tree Works (CA)	
Location	Former High Chapel, Ravenstonedale	
Applicant	Mr C Elphick - Ravenstonedale Parish Council	
Parish Council	Support this application to improve the visual access to the chapel	
No. 10/0351	GARDEN TERRACE (REVISED PROPOSAL)	
Type	Full Application	
Location	The Chantry, Ravenstonedale	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Houston	
Parish Council	It was noted that this location is currently subject to an Enforcement Order to carry out alterations to the existing terrace for which permission has previously been refused by the Appeal Inspector. The council was not certain that this application has addressed all the conditions of that Enforcement Order	

No. 10/0308 REMOVE STONE YARD WALLS AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DRY
STONE WALL AND ENTRANCE GATES
Type Listed Building Consent
Location Park House Farm, Ravenstonedale
Applicant Mr R Metcalfe-Gibson
Parish Council Cllr Morris took no part in the discussion of this application.
There were no objections

NO. 3/10/9016 PROVISION OF EXTERNAL WALLED PLAY AREA WITH A LEAN-TO
SHELTER
Location Ravenstonedale Endowed School
Parish Council Support this application. A query was raised whether the materials proposed
for the lean-to shelter were the most appropriate for a prominent aspect of this
building within the Conservation Area of Ravenstonedale.

Upper Eden Community Plan Group

Invitations have been received to the "Working Together Conference" 30th June at
Brough.

Proposed Ravenstonedale Local History Group

Information is available for potential members. A meeting for interested parties will
be held on Thursday 8th July at 2.00pm in Ravenstonedale High Chapel. Members of
Sedbergh & District History Society will be present to report on their experiences over
the thirty years of their Society.

Upper Eden First Responders

The Clerk has been co-operating with the First Responders in the formation of a
"100 Club" for fundraising, being promoted through the Council's Lotteries Licence

Public Participation

Mr David Lowe had, earlier in the meeting, spoken in opposition to planning
application No. 10/0351, The Chantry.

Correspondence received

CALC – County Circular June 2010
The Circular had been circulated to all councillors by e-mail

Date of next meeting: Thursday 8th July 2010

Signed _____ Chairman Date 8th July 2010