

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 14th October 2010 in Ravenstonedale High Chapel Room at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Caroline Morris (Chairman) Cllrs Helen Shields, Hilary Law, James Richardson, Alison Morriss and Ernest Leach.
Clerk. Chris Elphick
UECP Project Officer, Libby Bateman
One member of the Public

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllr Paul Capstick, County Councillor Peter Thornton, District Councillor George Boustead and PCSO, Janet Allinson

Declarations of Interest

Chairman, Cllr Morris, declared a prejudicial interest in planning applications Nos. 10/0825 and No. 10/0826. The applicant is a relative.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 9th September 2010 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Finance

Accounts for Payment

Ravenstonedale Public Room (2 meetings – 05-06)	£ 30.00
C J Elphick (URC water heater, hand basin & taps)	£266.89
BDO LLP (Audit)	£158.63
A Kirby (Grasscutting)	£658.00

Resolved that the foregoing four accounts be approved for payment

Auditor's report 2009-2010

The report contained no adverse or other comments

Equal Opportunities Policy

The draft policy was approved, subject to a reference to Irish Travellers referred to specifically as an ethic group, being removed. It was considered to be unnecessary. An amended draft will be presented to the next meeting of the council for signature.

Ravenstonedale High Chapel

The final draft contract to purchase had been received from the Synod's solicitors. Terms had been revised from the first draft in accordance with the council's suggestions. The Clerk had discussed the contract in detail with the council's solicitors, Dalton and Hague. Copies of the final draft were circulated for discussion.

It was **resolved** that Ravenstonedale Parish Council accept the offer to purchase the freehold property known as Ravenstonedale High Chapel from the North West Synod of the United Reformed Church for the sum of One thousand pounds in accordance with the terms stated in document TR1 received 6th October 2010.

It was further **resolved** that the Parish Council Chairman, Caroline Ann Morris and the Clerk to the Parish Council, Christopher John Elphick be authorised to sign the transfer document on behalf of the Parish Council.

A grant of £1,500.00 has been received from Eden Local Strategic Partnership towards Architects' Fees for alterations to facilitate the use of the former chapel as a community building.

An electric water heater and hand washing sink have been installed in the kitchen area to comply with food hygiene regulations

Planning Applications

No. 10/0802 **Extension to dwelling**
Type Full application
Location Studfold Farmhouse, Fell End, Ravenstonedale
Applicant Mr & Mrs T F Parkinson
Parish Council No objections or observations

No. 10/0825 Non-material amendments to application No. 10/0235 comprising of revisions to internal layouts and extension.

Type Non-Material Amend
Location King's Head Hotel, Ravenstonedale
Applicant Mr C Metcalfe-Gibson
Parish Council No objections or observations

No. 10/0826 Refurbishment works including flood protection.

Type Listed Building
Location King's Head Hotel, Ravenstonedale
Applicant Mr C Metcalfe-Gibson
Parish Council No objections or observations

No. 10/0797 Roof over approved silage clamp

Type Full Application
Location Bowderdale Farm, Newbiggin-on-Lune
Applicant Mr N Curr
Parish Council No objections or observations

Upper Eden Community Plan Group

Libby Bateman, Project Officer, gave a report on the current activities of the UECP. Full details may be found on the website <http://www.uecp.org.uk/Parishes.html>

Scandal Beck Green

The Chairman and Clerk had a meeting on site with the Playdale representative who will prepare a revised quotation and layout which should enable some further items, namely swings, to be installed. It is hoped that a further small grant from Cumbria CC together with funds already held will enable this work to proceed.

Proposed R-dale – N-o-L Cycleway

Councillors have met with County Councillor Peter Thornton and the Big Society group, including Rory Stewart, MP, to continue pressure to facilitate this project.

Ravenstonedale Parish History Group

The group has been meeting on Thursday afternoons to assemble and catalogue archive items, Birth Death & Marriage records, photographs, newspaper cuttings and much more. A business meeting to form a committee and adopt a constitution – followed by a slide show, will be held in the High Chapel Room on Tuesday 2nd November at 7.30pm. This will be advertised in the Link etc.

Future of Refuse & Recycling in Eden – Consultation

The Parish Council's response was confirmed. Clerk to return Questionnaire.

Councillor Training

Clerk to organise a CALC 'Selectives' meeting on a Thursday ASAP.

Correspondence received

Invitation from Chairman of EDC for Chairman to attend Carol Service Dec 2nd

Date of next meeting: Thursday 11th November 2010

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 11th November 2010