

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 12th September 2013 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

Present Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs Paul Capstick, Alex Watts-Tobin, Hilary Law,
Helen Shields and Alison Morris
Clerk, Chris Elphick
County Councillor Libby Bateman

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr James Richardson and District
Councillor Ian Torkington

Declarations of Interest

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2013 had been circulated and were signed
by the chairman as a correct record.

Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

It was reported that the refurbishment of the Reception and Display Area has now
been completed. This was achieved with the assistance of a £7,300 grant from
Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust (CWMET).

In addition to the regular use for meetings of the Parish Council and the History
Group there is now a regular informal sewing circle using the facilities. There have
also been several party bookings, use by the children from Ravenstonedale Endowed
School and a Funeral Tea. The Vintage Costume display and exhibition put on to
coincide with National Heritage Weekend raised in excess of £400 to be shared
between R-dale Parish History Group and the C&HC Management Committee.
The Clerk is carrying out a Fire Safety Assessment in accordance with government
published guidelines for "small and medium places of assembly". It is apparent that
a secondary means of egress from the hall will be essential for larger gatherings.
This will require Listed Building Consent. Funding sources for this work are being
investigated.

Margaret Leake Legacy – Having been notified that Ravenstonedale High Chapel
was to be a beneficiary of a legacy by the late Margaret Leake, this has now been
withdrawn on the grounds that the chapel is no longer a place of worship.

Mrs Leake, although resident in the US for many years, has several family
connections with High Chapel (including relatives in the graveyard) and last
visited in 2012, after the closure.

It was **resolved** that further representation be made to the US Attorney dealing with
the case. The sum involved, potentially, would be approximately \$3,000.

Planning Applications

No. 13/0472 Variation of condition no.3 (samples of materials for external surfaces,
condition no. 4 (carbon emission restriction measures and condition no. 5
(architectural features).

Location Hwith, Ravenstonedale

Applicant Ms L Brook

Parish Council No objections

GRANTED

Fell End Broadband

A trial section of ducting has been installed to test new equipment. The trial was a
complete success. Final contact terms are about to be agreed with BT and the
installation contractor. Funding from Defra should then be available.

Finance

Sums received since July meeting

EDC (balance of tables grant)	£ 316.60
HMRC (VAT)	£ 861.75
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CWMET (Grant)	£7,300.00

Accounts paid prior to meeting

JT Atkinson & Sons Ltd	£ 29.95
Allan Stobart (Heating Oil)	£ 488.68
C J Elphick (Month 5)	£ 472.40
HMRC (Month 5)	£ 7.60
A Kirby (Grass)	£ 870.00
BT (Phone)	£ 75.60
C J Elphick (Burco Boiler)	£ 148.40

Accounts for payment

T A Law Ltd (Balance for becks side wall)	£4,200.00
M Sedgwick (Joinery)	£3,203.72
G & J Sedgwick (Plumbing)	£ 581.64
CBS Electrical Ltd	£1,905.80
Stephenson & Wilson (Painting)	£ 996.00
BT Broadband	£ 72.60
C J Elphick (Month 6)	£ 517.40
HMRC (Month 6)	-£ 37.40
J T Atkinson & Sons Ltd (Building materials)	£ 25.18
C J Elphick (Admin Expenses & Travelling)	£ 398.35
M Sedgwick (Display Boards)	£ 982.80

Annual & Weekly Playground Inspections

It was noted that the company which has been carrying out the Annual Inspection of the play areas is no longer trading. The Playground Inspection Company Ltd has been recommended by our insurers, Came & Company whose clients receive concessionary rates. A quotation of £59.95 plus VAT per play area has been received.

It was resolved that the quotation from The Playground Inspection Company Ltd be accepted.

Public Participation

It was noted that the village of Newbiggin-on-Lune has no speed restriction signs and that traffic speeds are of concern to residents. County Councillor Libby Bateman offered to contact Cumbria Highways to get this matter remedied.

The cycleway from Newbiggin-on-Lune to Ravenstonedale is popular and well used but it was reported that the grass verges need cutting and that litter, mainly near the A685 layby, is an intermittent problem.

Cllr Morriss suggested that some use may be made of Community Payback – the organisation which provides unpaid work for offenders. Clerk to investigate.

Annual review of Clerk's salary

The Clerk's Contract of Employment provides for an annual salary review. This was last carried out in 2011. The National Association of Local Councils has just published a new table of recommended rates. If applied for the Clerk's contracted hours this would provide an increase of just £2.08 per calendar month

Signed _____ Chairman Date 10th October 2013