

## RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

**Present** Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs, James Richardson, Alex Watts-Tobin, Hilary Law, Helen Shields and Alison Morris  
Clerk, Chris Elphick  
County Councillor Libby Bateman  
Three members of the public

**Apologies for absence** had been received from Cllr Paul Capstick and District Councillor Ian Torkington

#### Declarations of Interest

Declarations of personal interest were declared in the Fell End Broadband Project by Cllrs Ernest Leach, Helen Shields and Alison Morriss on the grounds that their residences would benefit from the scheme. It was considered that a further 55 properties would also benefit from the scheme and these councillors were not excluded from discussions.

**Minutes of the meeting** held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

#### Fell End Broadband – almost ready to roll

Julia Watts from BT, who was to have presented a report on the project to date and the way forward was, at short notice, unable to attend  
It was reported that the balance of funding required to undertake the installation work had been authorised by Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK)  
Contracts have been signed with British Telecommunications plc (BT) and Civil Engineering Contractor TS Trenching. The only item now preventing commencement of work is the grant of a wayleave, which has been agreed in principle, from one landowner.

#### Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

There have been no further developments since the last Parish Council meeting  
In order to obtain a premises licence for the hall it will be necessary to have a secondary means of egress (fire exit). Work is in hand to apply for Listed Building Consent to install a doorway in the north west wall. A grant application to cover the cost is also being prepared.

#### Planning Applications

No. 13/0553	Two additional buildings, decking etc on lodges	
Type	Retrospective Full Application	
Location	Artlegarth Lodges, Ravenstonedale	GRANTED
No. 13/0718	Installation of 5 Air Source Heat Pumps	
Type	Full Application	
Location	St Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale	
Applicant	Ravenstonedale PCC, C Morris	
Parish Council	No objections	
13/0673	Regularised part deviation of access track granted 03/06/1997	
Type	Full Application – Retrospective	
Location	Lane Farm, Newbiggin-on-Lune	
Applicant	Mr J A Davis	
Parish Council	It was noted that a number of trees had recently been felled, apparently without consent and with consequent loss of habitat. A plan for replanting should be included in any permission.	

### Great North Air Ambulance

A request had been received for a donation towards the running costs of the Pride of Cumbria Air Ambulance.

It was resolved that the sum of £100 (one hundred pounds) be granted.

### Finance

The External Auditor's Report for the year 2012-2013 had been received. There were no matters requiring attention.

#### Sums received

Askham Oils (Rebate)	£ 10.00
St Oswald's (Chairs)	£ 20.00

#### Accounts paid prior to meeting

Bateman Engineering (Church mower)	£ 36.00
C J Elphick (First Aid & Accident book)	£ 31.32
C J Elphick (Doormat for reception)	£ 37.97
BT (Phone)	£ 61.20

#### Accounts for Payment

Adrian Kirby (Grasscutting)	£ 708.00
C J Elphick (Month 7)	£ 480.00
BDO (Audit)	£ 396.00
C J Elphick (Paper Warehouse)	£ 25.39
Great North Air Ambulance	£ 100.00

### Speed Limit – Newbiggin-on-Lune

Following concerns raised by local residents regarding traffic speeds in Newbiggin-on-Lune Cllr Bateman had received a report from Cumbria Highways which concluded that, despite the absence of Speed Limit signs, 30 mph was not being exceeded. No action was proposed.

Between the dates of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October data collection equipment was used to ascertain traffic volumes and speeds on the 3 roads that make up the village of Newbiggin on Lune. The roads that were included as part of the data collection are:

- C3074 High Lane
- U3281 Low Lane
- U3290 Main Street

As mentioned in you initial correspondence the area of primary concern is the U3290 Main Street which is “the main road through the village”. You will note from the data that the average speed of traffic is already very low, but more importantly well within what we would deem as acceptable limits for a mandatory 30mph. Having collected this information we then made contact with the Police to gain their views on potentially enforcing the area, should we go ahead with the implementation.

In order for the Police to give us their views they carry out an assessment in which they will apply their CRASH Speeding Protocol. This involves collating any relevant accident data and reviewing current traffic volumes and speeds. The data that they gathered shows that there have been “Injury Collisions” recorded in the village over the last 5 years and speeds are below the given threshold of 35mph. The results of the assessment being “If the evaluation indicates no history of collisions in the area and that the speeds records via the Traffic Data Units fail to meet the ACPO guidelines for prosecution NO enforcement will be undertaken.”

Given the low flows, low speeds and failure to meet the enforcement criteria we cannot support the introduction of a 30mph limit at this time.

Further discussion ensued regarding traffic problems in Ravenstonedale village. The main issue appeared to be parking round the Black Swan corner which could prevent access by large vehicles such as buses and emergency vehicles.

#### **Fell End Clouds**

Following objections to a proposal by Natural England to enclose an area of Fell End, Ravenstonedale known as "The Clouds" a new application is being to the Secretary of State which shows a reduced area of enclosure.

Concerns still exist regarding the restriction of access to the area by walkers and proposed changes to the eco-system. It was felt that the proposed period of ten years was insufficient to make significant improvements.

There was concern over the maintenance of fencing over the ten year period and the consequent potential danger to grazing sheep when fencing degrades.

#### **Public Participation**

Complaints were received about the overgrown verges on the Ravenstonedale to N-o-L cycleway. Highways to be reminded of their responsibility.

#### **Publications & Correspondence Received**

CALC Circular October 2013

Kirkby Stephen Community News

ASHTAV Magazine Autumn 2013

ASTAV AGM – Agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2013, Oxford

The foregoing items were noted or circulated as appropriate.

**Date of next meeting** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013