

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 13th November 2014 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Ernest Leach (chairman) Cllrs, James Richardson, Paul Capstick, Hilary Law, Alison Morriss and Helen Shields
Clerk, Chris Elphick
District Councillor Ian Torkington
One member of the public

Apologies for absence had been received from Alex Watts-Tobin and County Councillor 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 9th October 2014 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Fell End Broadband

BT continues the installation and testing of the fibre network. Phase 2 of the scheme is now enabled and some properties are now connected. Installation of Phase 3 has commenced.

Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

A Table-Top Sale had been held on Sunday 9th November raising £170.60 for C & HC funds as well as being an enjoyable social occasion.

Planning Applications

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| No. 14/0830 | Fell mature Meta Sequola due to root disturbance and substantial lean:
Ravenstonedale Conservation Area |
| Type | Tree Works (CA) |
| Location | Junction in the grounds of Elm Lodge, Ravenstonedale CA17 4NG |
| Applicant | Chris Harrison-Beck |
| Parish Council | No objection if the work is essential
A Tree Preservation Order (TPO) was subsequently imposed by Eden District Council. |
| No. 14/0944 | Change of use of an agricultural building to 2 No, Dwellings with associated building operations |
| Type | Change of use PD/PN (Class JKLM) |
| Location | Barn at Home Farm, Brownber, N-o-L CA17 4NX |
| Applicant | Messrs K & GG Allison |
| Parish Council | No objection |
| No. 14/0897 | Felling of several trees in Churchyard |
| Type | Tree Works (CA) |
| Location | St Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale |
| Applicant | Mr Michael Metcalfe-Gibson |
| Parish Council | Regrets the loss of multiple trees but no objection if the work is essential for safety reasons. |

No. 14/0993 Fell Monkey Puzzle tree due to shading of greenhouse
 Type Tree Works (CA)
 Location Coldbeck House, Ravenstonedale CA17 4LW
 Applicant Mr Chris Kelley
 Parish Council Would regret the loss of this tree of special character.

Fell End Clouds

An application by Natural England to the Secretary of State for Environment for approval of its regeneration scheme has been **refused** by the Planning Inspectorate. The Planning Inspector's comprehensive report was made available to interested parties.

Finance

Sums received

HMRC (VAT)	£ 976.13
HMRC (VAT)	£1,105.70
Tennis Club (Rent)	£ 15.00
BDUK (Defra)	£5,765.00
EDC Community Fund Grant (Balance)	£ 565.00

Accounts paid prior to meeting

M Sedgwick (Joinery Fire door etc)	£1,203.50
Steven Hodgson (tree removal and hedge cutting)	£ 558.00
Play Inspection Company	£ 143.88
Keith Pratt (Fire exit & patio)	£4,000.00
A Kirby (Grasscutting)	£ 732.00

Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (Month 8)	£ 480.00
Keith Pratt (Balance)	£ 2,084.62

The foregoing receipts were noted and payments approved.

Precept for 2015-2016

The clerk presented a draft budget for consideration by the council. The figures for Eden District Council's rate rebate and the potential costs of a n election in 2015 were not available. A decision on the precept was postponed until the January 2015 meeting.

EDC Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Eden District Council is conducting a review of Polling Places in the district. It was agreed that the existing arrangements in Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall are satisfactory for Ravenstonedale parish.

Cumbria CC Consultation on proposed closure of Ravenstonedale School

Responses sought from public by 21st November 2014

Website: www.cumbriacc.gov.uk/childrensservices/school-organisation

The Parish Council has two representatives on the Ravenstonedale Educational Foundation who will report proceedings to the council. There being no pupils at the present time and no new admissions permitted, it appears that closure is inevitable.

Bus Routes

The 564 bus service from Brough to Kendal via Ravenstonedale and Sedbergh has been discontinued due to the withdrawal of financial subsidy by Cumbria County Council.

A new once weekly service from Brough to Kendal via Ravenstonedale and Tebay is now operated by Cumbria Classic Coaches.

Footway Lighting

District Councillor Ian Torkington reported on revised footway/amenity lighting proposals for following an inspection of the villages with EDC representative Chris Slater.

Following an edict from Electricity North West that, for safety reasons, all street lighting units will be removed from ENW poles during their maintenance cycle, a survey of existing stock is being undertaken .

Eden District Council, which maintains the footway/amenity lighting in Ravenstonedale and Newbiggin-on-Lune, is consequently reviewing its entire stock of lighting throughout the district. This is also a cost cutting exercise as EDC has no statutory duty to provide footway lighting. As well as being located on ENW poles, many are sited on privately owned properties in addition to those on dedicated poles. A provisional list of those lights which will be retained, those which will be relocated and those which will be removed at the end of their useful life has been compiled.

Public Participation

Re: New Irish Ford at Town Head. It was reported that the new pipes had started to silt up. Clerk to contact Highways.

Tree planting on the green at Little Close was hampering grasscutting and obstructing the highway at Back Lane. Clerk to contact Hewetson Trust.

New Salt Bins required at Bowber Head, Street/Stennerskeugh and High Chapel.

One at Back Lane needs replenishing.

Publications & Correspondence Received

CALC Circular – November 2014

Clerks & Councils Direct

Date of next meeting Thursday 8th January 2015

Signed _____

Chairman

Date 8th January 2015