

## **RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre at 7.30pm**

**Present** Cllr. Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs. Hilary Law, James Richardson,  
Richard Hunter and Helen Shields.  
County Councillor Phil Dew  
Clerk. Chris Elphick

**Apologies for absence** had been received from Cllrs. Paul Capstick, Alison Morriss  
and District Councillor Angela Meadowcroft.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Richardson declared an interest in planning application E/12/32 as he was  
the applicant.

**Minutes of the Meeting** held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 had been circulated  
and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Chairman proposed that Item 9 on the agenda be brought forward to enable Libby  
Bateman to attend a meeting of the Upper Eden Community Plan Review Committee.

#### **Upper Eden Community Plan – Review Committee**

Libby Bateman reported that, at the initial meeting of the Committee, the  
original objectives of the Community Plan were examined to evaluate the  
success or otherwise of the aims set out.

It was noted that some forty items had been actioned plus a further fifteen  
which were no longer relevant.

It was requested that further items for inclusion in an updated plan should be  
sent to Libby within the next few days.

A particular need for Ravenstonedale would be the construction of an extension  
to the Community and Heritage Centre which would house toilet facilities on  
two floors plus disability access to the upper storey. It may be possible to  
include a public toilet facility within the extension.

#### **Public Participation**

Cllr Richardson noted that he had received a verbal complaint from a resident  
at Town Head, Ravenstonedale about vehicles speeding past his property.  
The Clerk responded that such items must be received in writing with specific  
details before any action could be considered by the council.

#### **Eden District Council – Devolution of Services**

EDC will not be continuing its provision of street/footway lighting in parishes in  
accordance with policy adopted by the council on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

Surveys of existing stock were undertaken in 2014 and schedules made for those lighting units which would be transferred to the parish councils, those that would be removed plus some with queries “to consult with Amey”. Nothing further was heard until enquiries were made in September 2017 which added the information that those units “for consultation” would be added to the list of those to be removed.

The Clerk circulated a sheet Frequently Asked Questions and responses which had been provided by EDC, also a list of items to be addressed by Ravenstonedale.

Following discussion it was resolved that Eden District Council should be asked to provide a draft contract, including details of items to be transferred, for transfer of assets to Ravenstonedale Parish Council.

### **Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre**

A detailed specification has been received from T A Law Ltd which will enable tenders to be invited for the proposed toilet extension.

### **Play Areas – repairs**

The detailed annual inspection reports received before Christmas indicated minor maintenance requirements only. These will be addressed when the weather improves. On the morning of this meeting the Clerk had received notification that a Grant of £5,000 had been authorised by the Yorkshire Dales Sustainable Development Fund which will enable the Scandal Beck Green drainage scheme to be implemented. Arrangements will now be made with the appointed contractor.

### **Highway Markings**

The recently installed Highway Markings at Town Foot have been successful in keeping clear access for larger vehicles including gritters. This has enabled the route to be reinstated on the county highways gritting schedule. Parking on the footway outside High Chapel continues despite the provision of a single white line by Highways. Other measures to be considered.

### **Planning**

Application No. E/12/26	Single storey extension
Location	The Tool House, Hwith, Ravenstonedale
Applicant	Mr Windle <b>GRANTED</b>
Application No. E/12/23A	Detached Workshop/Store to one bedroom unit for use as ancillary accommodation for personal residential use and storage
Location	“Smithy” at Ash Pot, Fell End, Ravenstonedale
Applicant	Mr Manoucheri <b>GRANTED - Conditional</b>
Application No. E/12/32	Section 73 application to remove Condition 2 of S/97/0254 in respect of Local Occupancy.
Location	Hill Top Barn, Newbiggin-on-Lune.
Applicant	James Richardson
Parish Council	Cllr Richardson took no part in this item The Clerk, who had submitted the application, had previously advised the planning authority of a potential conflict of interests within the council. No objections were made on the grounds that it was an existing consent and the application was reflecting a change of planning policy over a period of twenty years and later inclusion within the Yorkshire Dales National Park

Application No. E/12/34	Full planning permission for demolition & re-building of part of barn and conversion of the whole of the barn to create a three bedroom dwelling with associated parking and curtilage.
Location	Kiln Barn, Wath Lane, Newbiggin-on-Lune
Applicant	Richard Horner
Parish Council	This was a reapplication, with revisions, of a former consent. No objections were made.

**Great North Air Ambulance**

A request for funding had been received from the Great North Air Ambulance Service which is a registered charity carrying out invaluable work in our area. The sum of £200.00 was awarded.

**Finance**

The Clerk presented councillors with a draft budget outlining probable expenses for the forthcoming year 2018-2019 to set the precept requested from Eden District Council. The total suggested, less a £155. Rebate from Eden District Council was £26,025. This represents £54.90 per elector for the year or just £1.05 per week. It was noted that additional costs would be likely due to the devolution of street lighting responsibilities to the parish from Eden District Council in the foreseeable future. Precept for 2018-2019 was confirmed at £26,025.

Accounts Paid

C J Elphick (Month 9)	£ 599.00
HMRC (Month 9)	£ 15.40

Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (Month 10)	£ 600.60
HMRC (month 10)	£ 13.80
Admin Expenses	£ 115.90
FoLD (subscription)	£ 30.00
GNAA (donation)	£ 200.00
Allan Stobart (Heating Oil)	£ 468.30

The foregoing six payments were approved.

**Publications & Correspondence Received**

CALC Circular, December 2017/January 2018  
 Clerks & Councils Direct  
 EDC Visit Eden Newsletter – December 2017  
 Upper Eden Community Newsletter December 2017

**Date of next meeting** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Signed

Chairman

Date 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018