

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th February 2018 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre at 7.30pm

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

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. Paul Capstick, Helen Shields 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 11th January 2018 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Public Participation

County Councillor Phil Dew presented a report of his activities during the past month. These are noted in Appendix 1 to these minutes. There were no further contributions from the public

Eden District Council – Devolution of Services

A Draft contract for taking over existing lights has been requested in accordance with a resolution recorded in Minutes of January 2018.

Advice has subsequently been received from NALC regarding terms of proposed EDC contract. It is recommended that the EDC contract should not be signed without further clarification of terms offered. This advice will be heeded.

Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

Suggestion received from resident for a badminton facility. This would require alterations to lighting in the hall which is already proposed along with improvements to sound quality.

A Grant application for cost is being considered. Probable cost in the region of £5,000. Could add loft insulation to a grant app.

Scandal Beck Play Area

Having received a grant of £5,000 for the Scandal Beck drainage scheme from YDSDF we now have sufficient to proceed with the work. This will involve substantial groundworks. Consideration will be given to revising the layout of footpaths which will be disturbed during this operation.

Application for funding from N-o-L Public Hall

A letter has been received from Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall committee requesting funding towards a £16,000 roof repair. An application form will be forwarded to the secretary of the committee. The parish council has offered to advise on sources of funding from outside the parish.

Upper Eden Community Plan – Review Committee

No Progress Report had been received from Libby Bateman

Planning

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
	YDNPA report is recommending refusal of this application but, due the parish council's response in favour of approval, the decision will be made at a YDNP planning committee meeting. Cllr Law will speak on behalf of the PC and the Applicant proposes to speak for himself at the meeting on 13 th February 2018 at Bainbridge.
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	No objections.
Application No. E/12/17A	Eelands, Ravenstonedale Revised version of withdrawn application E/12/17, with added safety features. It was noted that Ravenstonedale Parish Council made no observations on or objections to the original proposal in May 2017. It was considered that this re-application did not significantly differ from the original therefore no objections were raised.
Carr House, Mallerstang	Notice received from a local resident of a proposed referendum on this long running application. Further details are being sought. It was reported that the site will be open to visitors between 10.00 am and 12.00 on Saturday 17 th February.

Finance

<u>Sums received</u>	
HMRC VAT reclaim	£ 390.42
<u>Accounts Paid prior to meeting</u>	
Allan Stobart (Heating Oil)	£ 468.30
Postage	£ 14.52
<u>Accounts for Payment</u>	
C J Elphick (Month 11)	£ 600.60
HMRC (month 11)	£ 13.80

Western Dales Parish Forum Meeting 16th April 2018

Westmorland Hotel 7.00pm. Cllr James Richardson and the Clerk will attend.

Publications & Correspondence Received

CALC Circular, February 2018

Great North Air Ambulance –Thanks for donation

Eden Association of Local Councils – flyer

Draft Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18 (Audit)

Date of next meeting Thursday 8th March 2018

Signed

Chairman

Date 8th March 2018

Appendix 1

Report to Ravenstonedale Parish Council 8 February, 2018 - **Phil Dew**

Highways

All operatives are currently on winter maintenance or filling pot holes. Grit bins will be replenished as time allows.

Astroturf

The funding committee for the replacement Astroturf at KSGS met on Monday, 5 February, 2018, in order to consider the draft business plan. Representatives from EDC were present and informed the committee that a revised funding process was being considered. A maximum of £300,000 will be made available to be distributed across all the parishes in Eden - rather than a grant of £150,000 towards the new pitch which had been mentioned in previous discussions. I have spoken to the leader of the council, Kevin Beaty, and expressed disappointment given that this is a key asset for the whole Upper Eden area. I am meeting with Kevin at the Town Hall in Penrith on Tuesday 20 February, 2018, to discuss the best way forward.

Eden Local Committee

I met with officials on 19 January, 2018, to discuss practical considerations relating to the Appleby Horse Fair. The CCC contribution from the highways budget amounted to £62,000 - enough to pay for a second gulley cleaner. In my opinion the Fair should either be actively discouraged or a way should be found to ensure that the families who attend it make a significant contribution to the running costs.

We met with Highways England on Friday, 2 February, 2018, to discuss the dualling of the A66. The possibility of a KS bypass was also mentioned which I oppose.

Full Council Meeting

CCC met on Thursday, 11 January, 2018, and I flagged up the Kirkby Stephen Division on the eastern fringes of the County which is all too often forgotten. The Chief Executive, Katherine Fairclough, acknowledged that the authority is too 'Carlisle centric' and pledged to be more inclusive.

The issue of broadband provision was discussed and I reminded county councillors of the woefully inadequate service in some of our rural areas and asked Connecting Cumbria to ensure that superfast broadband becomes a reality throughout the County.

Western Dales Bus

The new S5 service was filmed by the BBC on Thursday, 25 January, 2018, and passengers were interviewed. The report will be part of a national programme on rural transport. I just happened to be driving the bus on that day and was able to speak up for the volunteer bus service. Please encourage local residents to use the service [09:41111:51114:31].

Planning

A planning application has been submitted to convert the former HSBC building into a cafe. It will be part of the Costa franchise. I support the application.

I support the YDNP A proposal to significantly increase the council tax paid on second homes in the national park. This could be as much as five times the normal rate. The proposal needs to be studied carefully to ensure there are no loop holes and no unforeseen adverse consequences.

General

Geraldine and Robert Bolton, who run the local hearing clinic, Eden Hearing Services, were successful in their funding bid and the future of the clinic is secure for at least the next twelve months. I was fortunate to be in a position to support the bid on the grant making trust. Please support this free service which is available at the Local Links from 10-12 noon on the third Tuesday each month.

I have an ongoing debate with Cumbria Constabulary about policing in the County.