

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 19th July 2018
in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

Present Cllr. Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs. Hilary Law, James Richardson, Alison Morris and Helen Shields.
County Councillor Phil Dew
District Councillor Angela Meadowcroft
District Councillor Adrian Todd
Clerk. Chris Elphick
Approx. 5 Members of the Public

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Paul Capstick

Declarations of Interest

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

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 14th June 2018 had been circulated. Cllr. Richardson noted that his comments on the requirement to declare interests in Public Hall matters had been omitted. An amendment was inserted and the minutes were signed by the chairman as a correct record

Resignation of Councillor Richard Hunter

The Chairman had received a letter of resignation from Councillor Richard Hunter. The vacancy was reported to Eden District Council and notices were posted on parish notice boards inviting applications for an election. No election was requested within the prescribed period, ending 13th July 2018 the parish council is therefore free to co-opt a replacement councillor.

Two applications for the post had been received, one from Libby Bateman, former county councillor and currently Ravenstonedale's representative on the Upper Eden Neighbourhood Plan Review Committee and the other from Amanda Walker, a barrister from London who has lived in Newbiggin-on-Lune for two years and operates Brownber Hall Country Hotel.

The Clerk had prepared voting slips for a secret ballot but members opted to defer a decision until the next meeting in September in order to acquaint themselves with Ms Walker. Clerk to arrange an informal meeting.

Eden District Council – Devolution of Services – Amenity Lighting

A revised contract for the parish council to accept responsibility for selected amenity lighting throughout Ravenstonedale and Newbiggin-on-Lune had been submitted by Eden District Council . The consultation period has been extended to 30th September 2018. Terms and conditions need to be agreed by the parish council.

Those who carried out the original survey in 2014, Alex Watts-Tobin and Ian Torkington were no longer available and it was agreed that the Chairman, Cllr. Richardson and the Clerk should inspect the proposed locations for lights to be transferred and suggest alternatives for those units being removed.

District Councillor Adrian Todd, EDC's portfolio holder for footway/amenity lighting urged that a decision be made at an early date to assist EDC with its planning and negotiation with suppliers.

A report will be made to the next meeting of the parish council and a decision made.

Scandal Beck Green

The project to install a land drainage system throughout the recreation area has now been completed. Some re-seeding may be required due to the continuing hot, dry weather. Final grant claims have been submitted to YDNPA and EDC. It is noted that the contract price of £9,780 plus VAT had been helped by generous grants received from Cumbria County Council, Eden District Council and the YDNPA totalling £8,500 leaving a net cost to the parish of £1,280

Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre

Planning application has been made for renewal of planning consent for a two-storey extension to accommodate toilets and facilitate disability access to first floor. This was necessary due to the expiry of the existing consent from Eden District Council. Every effort will now be made to acquire the necessary funding for the project.

The AGM Minutes and Accounts of the Management Committee were presented to the meeting.

A fundraising Table Top Sale is being organised for 26th August (Bank Holiday Sunday) and a seasonal Social Event on 1st December. Details to follow.

Tree Services

Fallen branches had been removed from the green opposite Dickie Green Cottages for safety and to enable the grass to be cut.

Planning Applications

No. E/12/31/LDC	Lawful Development Certificate in respect of the existing use of Ashley Bank as a single dwellinghouse with the outbuildings as holiday lets (Beechtree Cottage and Ashley Cottage)
Location	Ashley Bank, High Lane, Newbiggin-on-Lune
Parish Council	No objections to this existing use.

Finance

Sums received

VAT refund	£ 2,232.57
R-dale Tennis Club (rent 2016 & 2017)	£ 30.00
YDNPA Sustainability Fund (Play Grant)	£ 5,000.00
EDC (Play Grant Balance)	£ 500.00

Accounts Paid prior to meeting

DM & BH Boustead (Scandal Beck Green Drainage)	£11,484.00
S W Hodgson Tree Services	£ 180.00
Bateman Engineering (Church Mower)	£ 371.64

Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (Month 4)	£ 597.80
HMRC (Month 4)	£ 42.20
C J Elphick (Expenses to 19/07/18)	£ 129.60
Williams Agricultural & Industrial Engineering (Millennium Field Mower repairs)	£ 169.89

Public Participation

It had been reported that the N-o-L Play Area Bin needs emptying. It is noted that nobody has been appointed to carry out this task. Previously it has been done by those carrying out the weekly inspections.

County Councillor Dew reported on his various activities throughout the county during the past month. He noted that the cost to councils and the police of administration for Appleby Horse Fair was in the region of £230,000 this year.

Correspondence received

Clerks & Councils Direct

Staff Matters (Public may be excluded)

Proposed appointment of Assistant Clerk to train for substantive post.

Job specification, Accommodation, Equipment, hours, rate, etc. are being considered.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 13th September 2018

Signed

Chairman

Date 13th September 2018