

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting Thursday 12th November 2009 held in Ravenstonedale Public Room

Present Councillor Caroline Morris (Chairman) Cllrs Hilary Law, Alison Morriss, James Richardson and Ernest Leach.
Clerk, Chris Elphick
UECP Project Officer, Libby Bateman

Apologies for absence had been received from PCSO Gemma Threlkeld, County Councillor, Peter Thornton and District Councillor George Boustead.

Welcome to new Councillor

A warm welcome was extended to new Councillor, Helen Shields of Tarn House, Ravenstonedale who will replace former Councillor John Bull.
Councillor Shields signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 8th October 2009 had been circulated. It was pointed out that the planning application No. 09/0288 had been incorrectly marked as GRANTED. This should have read "REFUSED". The minute was amended accordingly and the corrected version was signed by the chairman as a true record.

Ravenstonedale High Chapel

The Clerk read out a letter from the North West Synod of the United Reformed Church responding to the Parish Council's suggestion that a lease on the former High Chapel be granted for 100 years at a peppercorn rent.

The Synod has responded with an offer that the Parish Council may purchase the Grade II Listed Building, complete with Graveyard, for the sum of £1,000 (One thousand pounds) in full and final settlement.

Resolved that the purchase be made subject to acceptable conditions. A meeting with the Synod's representatives has been arranged for Thursday 19th November at 3.00pm.

Renewal of Lotteries Licence

Resolved that the Lotteries Licence be renewed at a cost £20.00 for the year.

This could also be utilised by other voluntary organisations in the community wishing to raise funds.

Precept for 2010 - 2011

Draft proposals had been circulated to Members. The itemised table was examined and found acceptable.

Resolved that the precept for 2010-2011 be set at £15,000 (Fifteen thousand pounds). This would equate to approximately £32.00 per elector for the year or 63 pence per week.

Finance

Accounts for Payment

EDC Lottery Licence	£20.00
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Eden Parish – District Liaison Group

The Clerk had attended the Annual General Meeting of the Eden Parish – District Council Liaison Group held Wednesday 11th November 2009 at Penrith Town Hall. Minutes of the meeting will be circulated when received from EDC.

North West Air Ambulance

A request for funding had been received from the North West Air Ambulance Charity. This helicopter is based at Blackpool and serves the North West region. The Council has, in previous years, made donations to the Great North Air Ambulance (Pride of Cumbria) which is based more locally at Penrith. It was decided to continue with this practice and support the more local charity.

Upper Eden Community Plan

The meeting was asked to declare its future commitment to UECP. In order to attract funding from grant-giving bodies it will be necessary to adopt a formal identity rather than operating simply as a meeting of parish representatives. Projected operating costs of £87,500 will be required over a three year period. These will be raised as follows:

RDPE Local Action Grant	£52,500
Receipts from Parish Precepts	£15,000
In kind contributions	£10,000
Private sector Charitable Trust	<u>£10,000</u>
Total	£87,500

Following investigations into the various options, it had been recommended that a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee would be the most suitable format. Clerk recommended that, before making a commitment, a draft Constitution should be prepared outlining Aims and objectives, Membership, Responsibilities, etc. It was **resolved** that Ravenstonedale Parish Council should become a partner in a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee of the Upper Eden Community Plan Group. Voting was: four in favour, three abstentions.

Public Participation

Libby Bateman announced that Natural England would be commencing a consultation on possible revision of National Park boundaries and AONBs would commence in mid-December. The Clerk had received this information from Natural England after the agendas had been sent out. Documents will be circulated by e-mail as soon as they are received.

Correspondence received

CALC Circular November 2009
CALC Annual Report & AGM Notice
Cumbria Rider – Public Transport Guide
EDC – Code of Conduct Training – 7th December, 6pm Appleby Supper Room
Open Spaces Society – Magazine
Cumbria Highways – Working Together
ASHTAV – Journal October 2009

The foregoing items of correspondence were noted or circulated as appropriate.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14th January 2010

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 14th January 2010