

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting Thursday 15th April 2010 held in Ravenstonedale High Chapel at 7.30pm

Present Councillor Caroline Morris (Chairman) Cllrs James Richardson, and Ernest Leach.
Clerk, Chris Elphick
3 members of the public

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs, Alison Morriss, Hilary Law, Helen Shields, Paul Capstick, District Councillor George Boustead, County Councillor Peter Thornton, PCSO Janet Allinson and UECP Project Officer Libby Bateman.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Morris declared a personal interest in planning applications Nos. 10/0235 & 10/0236. The applicant is a close relation.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 11th March 2010 had been circulated to all members and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Grasscutting 2010

A quotation for Grasscutting throughout the village and Newbiggin-on-Lune had been received from A Kirby, Kirkby Stephen who has carried out the work satisfactorily for several years. The areas will now include the former High Chapel graveyard and the Village Shrubbery.

It was **resolved** that Mr Kirby be instructed to carry on the fortnightly service.

Ravenstonedale War Memorial

The kerbs and plinth surrounding the War Memorial in Ravenstonedale Churchyard are in need of repair. A quotation to carry out repairs has been received from Able Memorials who have previously carried out remedial works in the churchyard.

It was **resolved** that Able Memorials Ltd be authorised to carry out the repairs for the sum of £385 plus vat.

Ravenstonedale High Chapel

It was reported that a draft sale document had been received from the Synod's solicitors. The document has been passed to the Council's solicitors for action.

Parish Council Insurance

A new specialist provider – Aviva (formerly Norwich Union) - appears to provide superior cover plus playground inspections at best rates. Clerk to obtain further details of cover and comparative quotation.

Finance

Sum Received

HMRC – Vat repayment £440.58

Accounts for Payment

CALC – Annual Subscription £139.50

Cumbria Playing Fields Association – Subscription £ 15.50

C J Elphick (Computer Ink) £ 35.56

The foregoing three accounts were approved for payment

It was **resolved** not to renew the following two subscriptions as they were considered poor value for money.

Local Council Review – Subscription ~~£ 13.50~~

Open Spaces Society - Subscription ~~£ 40.00~~

Planning Applications

- No. 10/0220 PROPOSED REPLACEMENT DOORS & WINDOWS
Type Full Application
Location Dickie Green Cottages, Ravenstonedale
Applicant Two Castles Housing Association
Parish Council No objections
- No. 10/0205 PROPOSED GENERAL PURPOSE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING
Type Full Application
Location Greenside Farm, Ravenstonedale
Applicant Mr A Winder & Son
Parish Council No objections
- No. 10/0235 PROPOSED EXTENSION & REFURBISHMENT WORKS INCLUDING FLOOD PROTECTION
Type Full Application
Location Kings Head Hotel, Ravenstonedale
Applicant Mr Metcalfe-Gibson
Parish Council Support this application to restore this local business to viability. This is a significant historic building within the conservation area of Ravenstonedale and warrants sympathetic restoration and renovation. It should also generate employment opportunities.
- No. 10/0236 PROPOSED EXTENSION & REFURBISHMENT WORKS INCLUDING FLOOD PROTECTION
Type Listed Building Consent
Location Kings Head Hotel, Ravenstonedale
Applicant Mr Metcalfe-Gibson
Parish Council Support this application to restore this local business to viability. This is a significant historic building within the conservation area of Ravenstonedale and warrants sympathetic restoration and renovation. It should also generate employment opportunities

Children's Playgrounds

Work on Scandal Beck Green has been hampered due to lack of funding. It was proposed that the Playground Committee be reinvigorated and new funding applications made.

It was resolved that there should be a "No Dogs" policy for the Green and notices erected to that effect, in accordance with the recommendation of the RoSPA inspector.

Richard Staley was authorised to conduct a drystone walling workshop for schoolchildren and parents near the end of term.

UECP

There was no report from the UECP due to the absence of both Cllr Law (who was indisposed) and the Project Officer.

Public Participation

The question was put "should Scandal Back be fenced to prevent access by children". It was noted that discussion and a risk assessment on this point is ongoing. Mr Michael Metcalfe-Gibson asked "who is responsible for the beck at Town Head which is encroaching on to common land by erosion". Clerk to make enquiries of Environment Agency & Eden Rivers Trust.

Date of next meeting (Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council) Thursday 13th May 2010

Signed _____ Chairman

Date 13th May 2010