

Langwathby Parish Council - Minutes of Meeting Held on Thursday 12th November 2015

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- Mr. Tom Wentworth Waites and Mr. Chris Wilson

Present

Cllrs: Mr D H Banks (in the Chair), Mr. Ian Harrington (Vice Chair), Mr. M Holliday, Miss K Little, Mrs C Merrie, Mr W Mounsey, Mr S Peet, Mr. J Fleming (Clerk).

667 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 24th September 2015 be agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

668 Declarations of Interests

Cllrs K Little and I Harrington declared their positions as Village Hall Committee representative and Cllr S Peet in connection with the planning application at Langwathby Hall.

669 Public Participation

669.1 None.

669.2 Received update report from District Councillor, D Banks.

670 Neighbourhood Plan

Approval was still awaited following it being forwarded to the 'Examination stage'.

671 Village Hall Committee

671.1 Report from Village Hall committee – none was received.

671.2 It was clarified that in order for the Village Hall Committee to reclaim Vat on purchases, an invoice, made out to the Parish Council, must be submitted to the Clerk for payment, the Village Hall Committee reimbursing the Council with the Net amount. The above arrangement is in order as the Parish Council is the owner of the Hall, the Village Hall Committee being a sub-committee of the Council. For local authority audit and financial procedure reasons it is not possible for the Village Hall Committee to purchase and pay for an item directly 'Online' and then seek reimbursement of the Vat element from the Council.

672 British Heart Foundation (BHF) – Defibrillator Grant Application.

It was reported that the BHF had approved (FOC) the provision of two Defibrillators, a Call Push Rescue Training Kit and DefibSafe cabinet, both to be located on an outside wall, one at the School and the other at the Shop in Langwathby. A requirement of this provision being that First Responder and Call Push Rescue (CPR) is offered in the village from time to time, as required.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would undertake this responsibility; initially inviting those who would like to be trained to contact the Clerk. An application in respect of Edenhall is ongoing.

673 Planning Matters

673.1 15/0851 High Mill Langwathby, Installation of 2 Silos,12 LPG tanks and additional liquid storage tanks. – recommended approval, it being noted that this development could create 17 extra jobs.

673.2 15/0994 Residential development and the demolition of two existing buildings at Langwathby Hall, Langwathby. – a decision being made following site visits. (Cllr. Mr. S Peet left the meeting while this agenda item was discussed)

674 Highways Land Matters

674.1 Annual Playground Inspection – ROSPA Inspection report awaited. John Dulson to be asked to check the security of the swing crossbar fixings

674.2 Replacement of Swing seats – Edenhall – work completed.

674.3 Tennis Court Refurbishment – EDC Grant approval awaited. Eleven letters of support for this initiative had been received.

674.4 Dog Waste Bin – A complain had been received that dog waste was being disposed of in the litter bin, located by the shop, along with a request that a specific dog waste bin be provided - Agreed that the public's attention be drawn to the issue, with a request that dog owners clear up after their animals, taking the waste home or putting it in the litter bin by the Langwathby Notice board and **NOT** in the bin provided by the shop. An update to be requested from the EDC Environmental Community Warden on the current EDC policy and provision regarding dog waste.

674.5 Creation of two parking areas on Village Green

674.5.1 It was confirmed that Highways planned to start this work, early in the New Year.

674.5.2 It was asked that the top of the kerb be made level with the grass to minimize the risk of tripping.

674.5.3 It was confirmed that the Parish Council has agreed to contribute £1000 towards the work.

674.6 Bus shelter – Edenhall

The work required was decided upon and Cllr.Ian Harrington agreed to obtain a revised quotation for the work from Stephen Sinkinson, Haven West, Langwathby.

674.7 Property Inspection – Langwathby South and North – Completed

674.8 Overhanging Cemetery Bushes – N Preston to be asked to prune.

674.9 War Memorial Chains – Agreed to refurbish next summer.

674.10 Edenhall Bus Shelter - Drainage spouts, Cllr I Harrington to clear.

674.11 Seat near Hopes Garage – John Dulson be asked to repair.

675 Finance

675.1 The following balances were noted as at 24/9/2015

Penrith Building Society	£9,668.44
Barclays	£18,111.02
VAT to be claimed	£985.70
Total Assets	£19,202.46

675.2 Accounts to be Ratified:-

	£	
E On		79.35

675.3 Agreed to pay the following Accounts:-

	£	
Beacon fire Protection (VH)		101.64
Scottish Fuels (VH)		90.53
Heaton's Office Solutions (VH)		1101.74
EDC		140.00
Joe Thwaites		30.00
Clerks Training and Expenses		58.70
W Veich		18.00
M E Armstrong		249.99
Printerland (£20 cash to claim back)		130.80

675.4 The following receipts were noted:-

	£	
Walkers Funeral Expenses		150.00

675.5 Budget for 2016/17 to be confirmed at the January meeting.

675.6 Clerks Expenses arrangements.

It was agreed that the newly appointed Clerks fee and expenses arrangements be the same as that of the retiring Clerk, as before, in line with NALC rates. Agreed to pay mileage from Blencarn.

675.7 Office Printer

It was agreed to replace the Office printer at a net cost of £89.00

676 Councillor Matters

1. Agreed to the servicing of the Cemetery grass mower.
2. Disposal of Cemetery grass cuttings. Cllr D Banks to resolve.
3. Defective catch on Cemetery gate – John Dulson to be asked to repair.
4. Reported that leaves were blocking the drain by the bus shelter in Langwathby
5. The poor condition of road markings in Langwathby was reported – Highways to be notified.
6. Concern was raised over dog fouling in the Cemetery.

7. Concern was expressed that the yellow bikes, erected for the Tour of Britain Race, were now looking stale and jaded. It was suggested that they should be removed to enable rejuvenation in readiness for a future race.
8. Reported that the light near the old police house, near to the Chapel, was not functioning, EDC to be advised.
9. It was confirmed that EDC had not approved the replacement of the light near to Sunnyside, Edenhall. The cost of replacement being approximately £2500. Agreed that the Council should consider if it could afford to undertake the work itself as it was a very dark area of the village. A final decision being made at the January meeting after considering the 2016/2017 budget.
10. It had been reported to the Council that a customer of the Shepherds Inn had tripped over the post and chain division, on the evening of Thursday 22nd October, between the pub car park and the village green and had sustained an injury that had required hospital treatment. Councilors expressed their concern over this very regrettable accident.
11. It was noted that the chains and posts, quite a long standing feature of the village, between the pub car park and the village green, have always been painted and maintained over time, being last refurbished two years ago. It was agreed that they were due to be done again in the near future. Cllrs D Banks and S Peet agreed to take the matter in hand.
12. The pruning of the trees on the village green was raised. Agreed to consider the matter again next year.
13. Highways to be reminded that there were redundant road signs, near to the bridge, that needed collecting.

677 Correspondence, notices and publications

677.1 All correspondence was noted

677.2 Police Budget Cuts – it was reported that EDC were making a detailed and considered response on their behalf and that of Parish Councils, under the consultation process.

677.3 Lazonby Fire Station - Proposed closure of. It was agreed that the Council would consider a response, after the January 12th Council meeting, before the closure of the consultation period on the 22 January 2016

678 Date of next meeting –

Following a discussion on the best night of the week to meet, it was agreed to continue to meet on a Thursday evening.

The next meeting being on Thursday 14 January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Back Room, Langwathby Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.15 pm