

## LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of Meeting Held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

**Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Messrs. S Peet, C Wilson and T Wentworth Waites

**Present**

Cllrs: Mr D H Banks (in the Chair), Mr W Mounsey, Mr I S Harrington (Vice Chairman), Mrs C Merrie, Mr. M Holliday, Mrs K Little, Miss Kathryn Metcalfe, John Fleming (Clerk) and two members of the public.

**695 Minutes**

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held Thursday 14th January 2016, as a true record.

**696 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Mrs. K Little and Mr. I Harrington, declared their positions as Langwathby Village Hall Committee representatives.

**697 Public Participation**

The following issued were received:-

**697.1** A stile on the Langwathby to Hunsonby footpath, (Robin Hood Lane), was in need of attention and an extra step. In addition it was reported that the adjacent field was now in crop and as a consequence the boundary footpath was quite narrow, resulting in clothing catching on the, boundary, barbed wire, fence.

Action, Cllr M Holiday agreed to inspect the site and report back to the May meeting. The Clerk to clarify the legal position regarding the minimum width of a footpath

**697.2** Concern was expressed over the damage being done to the verge of the village green by vehicles using the lay bys near to the shop.

Reported that action was in hand, by the Highways department, to tarmac the two lay bys in question and the issue of driving on the village green had been highlighted in a recent edition of the 'Memo'.

**697.3** Reported that sections of 'Ladies Walk' has been washed away by the recent flooding and a request was made that this be repaired.

Reported that this path was the responsibility of the landowner not the Parish Council, however Cllr Harrington agreed to look into the matter.

**697.4** A query was raised over whether part of the proposed Langwathby Hall development was building on a 'Green field' site, which was not

environmentally desirable and in addition concern was raised over the possible felling of trees on the site.

Reported that the Council was due to receive revised plans and these issues would be considered when these were received.

**697.5** A brief report was received from District Councillor, D. Banks.

## **698 British Heart Foundation (BHF) – Defibrillators**

**698.1** As stated at the January meeting, it was confirmed that Chris Jones, along with his staff, would take day to day responsibility for the equipment at the shop and Carol Merrie along with Kerry Little at the school. The Clerk agreed to act as the **CPAD Guardian**, reporting any faults or damage arising with the equipment, to the North West Ambulance Service.

**698.2** Reported that the British Heart Foundation was offering a maximum grant of £400 toward a Defibrillator and Cabinet (Cost £1600) as from April 2016. It was agreed to seek the funding shortfall to facilitate a Defibrillator being located at Edenhall.

## **699 Planning Matters**

**699.1** 15/0994 Residential development at Langwathby Hall, Langwathby. It was reported that a site had been agreed for the relocation of the Memorial Garden.

**699.2** Guidance had been received from the Planning Department stating that in future the Parish Council was required to state specifically whether it 'Supported', 'Objected' or had 'No Comment' to make when responding to planning application. The Clerk had revised the Council's documentation accordingly.

## **700 Highways and Land Matters**

### **700.1 Review of Fees Langwathby Cemetery**

This issue was discussed and it was decided to consider any possible revision of fees at the May meeting.

### **700.2 Annual Property Inspections**

Inspection sheets were distributed to Councillors, along with Risk Assessment Forms (for completion where appropriate). Inspection Reports to be submitted at the May meeting.

### **700.3 Tennis Court refurbishment**

Reported that the work was well underway and nearing completion.

### **700.4 Bus Shelter Edenhall and Notice Board**

Reported that the repairs to the Bus Shelter had been completed and that the notice board had been relocated, inside the Bus Shelter.

### **700.5 Playground Report**

Work on implementation of the report recommendations was in-hand.

### **700.6 Pedestrian Traffic Hazard – Salkeld Road**

Agreed to discuss with the Highways Department the possibility of providing a footpath between the Notice Board and 'Old Powley's'.

### **700.7 Traffic Concerns – Langwathby School.**

The irresponsible car parking, by some, at Langwathby School was, again, raised and discussed. It was agreed, by a majority decision, to take advice from the Highways Department over this, ongoing, child safety concern.

**700.8 Parking issues at the Meadows Court and Meadowside** housing development were discussed. Resolved to raise the issue with the Eden Housing Association, with a view to securing a satisfactory outcome.

## 701 Finance

<b>701.1 To note the following balances:</b>		<b>£</b>
Penrith Building Society		9713.35
Barclays		9218.00
VAT to be claimed		1383.72
Sundry Debtor – Village Hall		119.43
Sundry Debtor EDC Community Fund		<u>1562.50</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>21997.00</b>

### 701.2 Accounts to be ratified:

Clerk Broadband/Tel January/February 2016		30.00
Clerk Fee January/February 2016		400.00
E.On	VH	65.26
PRS/PPL	VH	143.32
Scottish Fuels	VH	317.47

### 701.3 To note the following receipts:

VHC Reimbursements		1209.64
Cemetery		100.00
EDC Community Fund – Tennis Court		<u>4687.50</u>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>5997.14</b>

### 701.4 The following payments were agreed.

Clerk mileage 20 miles @45ppm		9.00
Logic Business Systems – rectify E Mail fault		43.20
Stamps – Office		14.04
Tarmark (+Vat)		18376.00
S Sinkinson		600.00

## 702 Councillor Matters

An opportunity for Councillors' to raise issues on behalf of residents.

*Note: no decisions can be made on these matters but they may be placed on a future agenda of the Council.*

**702.1** It was reported that the wicket gate from the 'Meadows' onto Henderson Lane was in need of attention. Cllr D Banks agreed to investigate.

**702.2** Surplus soil was needing to be removed from the cemetery, being consecrated ground, advice was to be sought as to whether this was permissible.

## 703 Correspondence

Following were received since the last meeting and are not on the agenda:

**703.1 Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday 21<sup>st</sup> April Bonfire Celebration.** Further correspondence had been received and following discussion, it was agreed to proceed with the arrangements for this celebration, providing that a suitable site was found.

### 703.2 EDC Scrutiny Work Programme Consultation.

The Council had been asked to put forward topics for the EDC Scrutiny Councillors to consider, in their investigation on how well the EDC services operate. Serious concern was expressed over the current staffing levels in the Planning Department and it was agreed that this issue be raised. It was the responsibility of EDC to ensure that the Planning Department was properly staffed and the current situation was putting undue pressure on existing staff and was impacting of the efficient operation of the department.

**704 Date of next meeting** – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Langwathby Village Hall. (Annual Parish Meeting). It was agreed to request a speaker from the 'Friends of the Settle – Carlisle Line' for this evening.

Meeting closed: 9.25 pm and was followed by a meeting of the Williamson Trust.