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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Thursday 17th November 2016 in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present

Cllrs: Mr. D H Banks (in the chair), Mr. I S Harrington, Mrs. C Merrie, Miss. K Little, Mr. W F Mounsey, Mr. T Wentworth Waites, Mr. M Holliday, Mr. C Wilson, Mr. J Fleming (Clerk) and four members of the public.

Unapproved.

Apologies for absence

Cllrs: Mr. S Peet, Miss K Metcalfe

748 Minutes

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held Thursday the 8th September 2016, as a true record.

749 Developing an Emergency Plan

Hellen Atkin from 'ACTion With Communities in Cumbria' gave a short presentation on what was required in order to prepare a local 'Emergency Plan'. Credit was given on the work the Council had already done in this respect and guidance was given on how to take the project forward towards conclusion; it being noted that limited grant support was available to facilitate public involvement and communication.

750 Declarations of Interest

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

751 Public Participation

751.1 The problem of large wagons visiting Frank Bird Poultry Ltd, incorrectly turning left after Town Head Farm onto the 'Back road', instead of proceeding a further 200m on the A686 before turning right into the plant was, quite forcibly, raised again as another incident had taken place, after dark, that very evening. The Council recognized the seriousness of the problem and gave an assurance that urgent steps were in hand with the Highways Department to have an appropriate sign erected. In addition Eden District Council were aware of the street light that had been damaged by a previous incident and the Council would ask, again, to have this reinstated at the earliest opportunity.

751.2 A point was raised that it appeared that some parishioners, riding horses in Langwathby, were unaware that horses were not permitted on the village green; agreed that the sign informing the public of this ruling be reinstated.

751.3 It was reported that sheep were escaping onto the Bridleway from the village down to the river; agreed to have the field fencing checked to make sure that it was stock proof.

751.4 Brief reports were received from County Councillor Mr. T Wentworth Waites and District Councillor Mr. Doug Banks.

751.5 Concern was expressed over possible District Hospital closures and in particular the loss of bed spaces at Alston; agreed to write as part of the consultation exercise.

752 Finance (Incl. Vat)

752.1 The following balances were noted:

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| Vat to be claimed | £ 468.00 |
| Village Hall to refund | £ 0.00 |
| Penrith Building Society | £2113.35 |
| Barclays | £2677.50 |

752.2 The following accounts were ratified:

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| Clerk Broadband/Tel Sept/October | £ 30.00 |
| Clerk Fee Sept/October | £400.00 |
| W Vietch Cemetery Honorarium | £180.00 |
| Defibrillator Installation Edenhall | £150.74 |
| E ON Electricity VH | £ 53.57 |
| E ON Electricity VH | £ 69.84 |
| Beacon Fire Protection VH | £ 71.28 |
| Joe Thwaites. Memorial Garden | £ 25.00 |
| N Preston Grass Cutting | £700.00 |
| Field View Electrical VH | £ 48.00 |
| Scottish Fuels Boiler Repairs VH | £168.17 |
| Scottish Fuels Boiler Repairs VH | £152.06 |
| Scottish Fuels Oil VH | £309.75 |

752.3 It was agreed to make the following payments

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| Clerks Mileage 32 miles @ 45ppm | £14.40 |
| Stationary - Heatons | £ 3.45 |
| Cemetery Plan Scan and photocopying | £ 9.00 |

752.4 The following receipts were noted:

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| Village Hall Committee | £ 983.61 |
| Cemetery Fees | £ 400.00 |
| Village Hall Loan | £1863.02 |

752.5 An interim set of accounts and budget were approved.

752.6 Budget proposal for 2016/17 and Precept

Resolved to accept a budget for 2017/18 of £18531

Following a lengthy discussion it was resolved to increase the precept for 2017/18 by £2000. This, regrettably, being necessary in order to cover costs borne by the Council following the refurbishment of the tennis court and installation of the tarmac lay by, opposite the shop, in Langwathby; both initiatives having been well received by Parishioners and considered major improvements to the facilities of the village.

Proposed by Cllr M Holliday and seconded by Cllr I Harrington and unanimously accepted by the Council.

753 Planning Matters

- 753.1** 15/0994 Langwathby Hall Development – Plans have been passed.
753.1.1 Memorial Garden – Relocation is now in hand.
753.2 16/0892 East Lodge Edenhall, tree felling – Supported
753.3 16/0878 Greenway, Langwathby, Alterations and Extension
 – Supported

754 Highways and Land Matters

754.1 Visibility at Langwathby Bridge

Reported that the tree pruning had taken place and the visibility greatly improved.

754.2 Drain Cleaning in Langwathby

Reported that this work had been attended to.

754.3 Erosion of River Bank at Langwathby Bridge

Reported that this work was still in hand.

754.4 Robin Hood Lane Footpath Stile

The stile had been inspected by a representative of the Council and it was decided that the addition of extra stone steps on either side, would facilitate its safe use. This would be attended too.

754.5 30 mile Speed Limit Approaching Langwathby Bank

Following previous concern expressed regarding the speed of traffic entering the 30 mph limit on the A686 from the east, the Highways Department had agreed, initially, to collect traffic speed data in order to assess the extent of the problem in the vicinity of the railway bridge. The issue would also be reported to CRASH, which is a multi-agency body set up by the Cumbria Road Safety Partnership, to look into road safety issues in Cumbria

754.6 Footpath Lighting

It was frustratingly reported that still no reply had been received from EDC regarding the Parish Councils request for 'Light No. 8' at Sunnyside to be reinstated in Edenhall.

754.7 Tree Pruning in St Peters Churchyard

Following a site visit, EDC had agreed to prune the trees, as requested, in the churchyard. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to the District Council for their cooperation in this matter.

754.8 Emergency Plan

The first draft of the plan was accepted as an initial step with it being agreed that further work was needed in order to develop the detail, in order for it to be fully effective.

754.9 Renovation of Cemetery Seat

An estimate would be sought as to the cost of renovation.

754.10 Bridleway from Town Head Farm to River

Decided to defer a decision on the tree pruning required and the replacement of the seat to the March meeting.

754.11 Housing Needs Survey

Agreed that the Council had no comment to make regarding the proposed survey being undertaken by South Lakeland District Council on behalf of EDC.

754.12 Verge Tree Pruning. Beacon Edge – Luham

Following the Councils request to the Highways Department, it was reported that the overhanging vegetation on this road had been pruned as requested. The Council was very please that a particularly good and thorough job had been done, for which it was very grateful.

754.13 Langwathby Notice Board to Old Powley's Footpath

The Council was very pleased to be able to report that 'ABN', who were operating an animal feed mill in the Parish, had agreed to generously donate the full £2492 required, as part of their 'Side by Side' initiative, as the Parish Councils contribution, to facilitate the creation of this path. The Highways Department had indicated that they hoped to complete the work by the end of January 2017, weather permitting. The Council were particularly indebted to 'ABN' for their support and generosity.

754.14 Signage to Frank Bird Ltd - See 751.1

754.15 Road Markings School

It was confirmed that the agreed 'School Keep Clear', road markings have been programmed to be installed in January 2017.

755 Correspondence.

755.1 Chairman's Carol Service.

A warm welcome was extended to all to attend the EDC Chairman's Carol Service on Monday 12th December 2016 at 6.30pm, at St Andrews Church in Penrith.

755.2 Penrith and District Red Squirrel Group.

A request for a donation had been received by the Penrith and District Red Squirrel Group. The Council policy not to support any Charity, out of its public funds, was restated, no matter how worthy the cause.

755.3 Adult Learning Survey.

It was reported that 'Cumbria Learning and Skills' were distributing an Adult Learning survey to every house in the community shortly. The Council was asked to encourage as many parishioners as possible to complete it.

756 Defibrillator Signage for Langwathby and Edenhall.

It was reported that a grant application to Cumbria County Council had been made to cover the cost of signage.

757 Councillor Matters

757.1 Sapling Growth - Trees Opposite The Shop

Joe Thwaites had offered to remove the sapling grow free of charge. This offer was gratefully accepted by the Council.

757.2 Hedge Trimming – Two Castle Housing Vicinity.

Agreed to investigate the issue.

757.3 School Back Road Potholes.

The Potholes on the edge of the road, at the entrance of the lane to the rear of the school, was reported. Agreed to report the issue to the Highways Department.

757.4 Cemetery Lawn Mower Servicing.

Agreed to authorise.

757.5 Directional Sign near the War Memorial.

Reported that this sign was out of alignment – agreed to report to the Highways Department.

758 Date of next meeting – Thursday January 12th.

Meeting closed: 9.20 pm