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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Thursday 8th September 2016
in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present

Cllrs: Mr. I S Harrington (in the Chair), Mrs. C Merrie, Miss. K Little, Miss K Metcalfe, Mr. W F Mounsey, Mr. T Wentworth Waites, Mr. M Holliday, Mr. S Peet, Mr. C Wilson, Mr. J Fleming (Clerk) and one member of the public.

Apologies for absence

Cllrs: Mr. D H Banks, Mary Robinson

737 Minutes

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held Wednesday 13th July 2016, as a true record.

738 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Miss. K Little and Mr. I Harrington, declared their positions as Langwathby Village Hall Committee representatives. Mr. S Peet in respect of Agenda Item 6.1 Langwathby Hall Development

739 Public Participation

739.1 There was an enquiry as to whether any private funding was available to assist with facilitating the proposed footpath from the Langwathby Notice Board to 'Old Powley's'. Agreed to raise the matter with County Councillor, Mary Robinson in respect of the 'Local Members Scheme'

739.2 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 reported to the meeting. As a consequence of not being able to navigate the low railway bridge, having to reverse back onto the A686. It was agreed to request signage from the Highways Department in order to alleviate the problem. It was also agreed to request the help and advice of County Councillor Mary Robinson.

739.3 A brief report was received from County Councillor Mr. T Wentworth Waites

740 Finance (Incl. Vat)

740.1 The following balances were noted.

Vat to be claimed	£ 307.91
Village Hall to refund	£ 0.00
Penrith Building Society	£2113.35

Barclays £5775.50

740.2 The following Accounts were ratified:-

Clerk Broadband/Tel July/August	£ 30.00
Clerk Fee July/August	£400.00
H & H Reeds Neighbourhood Plan	£ 84.00
BHF Defibrillator Cabinet	£659.94
E ON Electricity Village Hall	£ 57.79
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BDO External Audit	£240.00
Joe Thwaites. Memorial Garden	£ 45.00
N Preston Grass Cutting	£ 700.00
Transfer from PBS to Current account	£5000.00
Task Catering Village Hall	£ 245.78
Public Works Village Hall Loan Boar	£3726.04

740.3 The following Payments were agreed:-

BDO – External Audit Fee	£240.00
Clerks Mileage 32 miles @ 45ppm	£14.40

740.4 The following receipts were noted:-

Village Hall Committee	£111.57
Cemetery Burial	£150.00
Robson Liddle Edenhall Defib Donation	£100.00
Metcalfe Edenhall Defibrillator Donation	£100.00

740.5 An Interim Set of Accounts and budget was approved.

740.6 The External Audit report was approved

741. Planning Matters

741.1 15/0994 Langwathby Hall Development – reported that no final decision had been made on the application as negotiations were still ongoing.

741.2 Mr. S Peet left the meeting for this agenda item.

A letter of agreement between Langwathby Hall Farm and the Council in respect of the future location of the Memorial Garden was agreed and filed.

741.3 16/0777 Request to a fell a Cypress tree growing close to house Coach House, Edenhall, Mr B Weightman.

(it is pushing a wall and undermining drains and blocking light to property, also in the Edenhall Conservation Area)

Reported that the plans were currently being circulated to Edenhall Councillors for consideration.

742. Highways and Land Matters

742.1 Building Development Site - Salkeld Road

Reported that the agents had been contacted requesting the excessive, flowering, weed growth, be topped; however no action had resulted.

742.2 Tithe Cottage, Langwathby Overgrown Lylandii

Agreed to give permission for the tree in question to either be pruned or removed. The owners of Tythe Cottage had offer to cover any costs, which was accepted.

742.3 Visibility at Langwathby Bridge

The Highways department had agreed to prune the trees adjacent to the bridge, driving west and the matter was in hand. A further request was made that slight pruning was also required when traveling east, as the bridge was approached, again in order to improve visibility. Agreed to draw this to the attention of the Highways department.

742.4 Blocked Drains Behind the Langwathby Bus Shelter.

The Highways department had been notified of the problem, in Addition to the cleaning of the gully near to the Council houses in Salkeld road, the matter is in hand.

742.5 Erosion of River Bank at Langwathby Bridge

Reported that this matter was still in hand.

742.6 Robin Hood Lane Footpath Stile.

It was unanimously considered by the Council that this issue had still not been resolved satisfactorily. It was reported that the stile in question had been part of the route for over 60 years. It was not accepted that the line of the path was through the gate. The original stile had been safe to use, its replacement was less so and needed further steps added to make it a safe route for all users. It was agreed to refer the issue back to the Highways Department and also to investigate the historical records relating to the path.

742.7 Langwathby 30 mile Speed Limit Issue

Concern was expressed regarding the speed of traffic entering the 30 mph limit on the A686 from the east. It was agreed to raise the matter with the Highways department with a view to either extending the limit 100yards east and or installing electronic speed indicator warning signs.

743.8 Footpath lighting

743.8.1 No reply had been received from EDC regarding the Parish Councils request for 'Light No. 8' at Sunnyside to be reinstated at Edenhall.

743.8.2 It was reported by EDC that 'Light No.4' ,outside Lilac Cottage, Edenhall was not working and in a poor condition. As this light did not match the criteria in the EDC 'Footpath Lighting Policy' a decision had been made to disconnect the supply and remove the fitting.

743.9 Tennis Court

743.9.1 Reported that the Council were still awaiting the repair of two small areas of surface damaged by weed growth.

743.9.2 Reported that both the adult and junior coaching classes had been well supported and had been very well received. The Council expressed its grateful thanks to Judith Wilson for organizing the courses in conjunction with the Penrith coach.

743.9.3 Reported that the shop had initiated a tennis racket hire facility.

743.10 Trees in St Peters Churchyard

The meeting's attention was drawn to the need for trees to be pruned

in the Churchyard. Agreed to raise the matter with EDC, with a view to requesting a site visit in order to decide what action needed to be taken.

743.11 Emergency Plan

743.11.1 It had been requested by the 'Cumbria Association of Local Councils' (CALC) and Action With Communities in Cumbria (Act) that the Parish Council compile an 'Emergency Plan' for implementation in the event of an unforeseen crisis affecting the community. It was agreed implement this both for Langwathby and Edenhall. It was also agreed to invite Hellen Atkin from ACT to discuss the implementation of such a plan at the November meeting.

743.12 Dog Fouling Sign

Three quotes had been received for the replacement of the sign located behind the Langwathby bus shelter. It was agreed to place and order for the sign from Extreme Signs, Penrith.

743.13 Road Markings School

The CCC Traffic Management Office have reported that the agreed 'School Keep Clear', road markings will be installed once the traffic regulation order was in place following it going through the formal consultation process and appropriate EDC Committee.

744 Correspondence.

There was none.

745 Defibrillator.

745.1 Defibrillator Signage for Langwathby and Edenhall.

It was reported that this matter was in hand.

745.2 Reported that the installation of the Edenhall defibrillator was immanent.

745.3 Reported that a First Responders course had been organised at the Edenhall Hotel for Thursday 22nd September.

746 Local Concerns

746.1 It was reported that the road between Beacon Edge, past the Roundthorn Hotel, subsequently joining the B6412 near to Luham Farm is used frequently by cyclists on the Coast to Coast route. In a number of places the trees in the wooded areas and other shrubs alongside this route are making it difficult for cyclist to get off the road to avoid oncoming traffic. Agreed to raise the issue with the Highways Department with a view to pruning the roadside trees to improve visibility and make the road safer for cyclists.

2. The wooden seat in the cemetery is in need of renovation.

746.3 The Bridle way from Town Head Farm to the river and river side seat.

747 Date of next meeting – Thursday November 17th

Meeting closed: 9.25 pm