

Langwathby Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting Held on Thursday 14th January 2016
in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Unapproved.

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Mr. Simon Peet, Mr. Chris Wilson and County Councillor, Mary Robinson

Present

Cllrs: Mr D H Banks (in the Chair), Mr W Mounsey, Mr I S Harrington, Mrs C Merrie, Mr. M Holliday, Mrs K Little, Mr T Wentworth Waites and Mrs Kathryn Metcalfe, Mr G Edgar (Chairman Langwathby Village Hall), John Fleming (Clerk)

598 Minutes

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held Thursday 12th November 2015 and the Extra – Ordinary held on the 8th December 2015, as a true record.

599 Co – option of Councillor for the Edenhall Ward.

Kathryn Metcalfe was unanimously co –opted onto the Council, proposed by Cllr M Holiday and seconded by Cllr C Merrie

600 Declarations of Interest

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

601 Public Participation

601.1 No comments or requests were received.

601.2 A report was received from County Councillor, T. Wentworth Waites and District Councillor, D. Banks.

601.3 A Village Hall report was received from G Edgar. The Chairman thanked Mr. Edgar for his work as Village Hall Chairman and to all his committee for the sterling work that was put in by all, on behalf of the Village Hall, it was recognized and greatly appreciated by the Council.

Mr. G Edgar left the meeting.

602 British Heart Foundation (BHF) – Defibrillators

602.1 It was reported that the two defibrillators, funded by the British Heart Foundation, had been delivered and would be installed in the near future, one at the school and the other at the shop.

602.2 The organisation of 'First Responder' training courses was in hand.

602.3 It was confirmed that Chris Jones would take responsibility for the equipment at the shop and Carol Merrie along with Kerry Little at the school, all reporting any problems to the Clerk for action.

603 Planning Matters

603.1 15/0851 High Mill Langwathby, Installation of 2 Silos, 12 LPG tanks and additional liquid storage tanks – approved.

603.2 15/0994 Residential development at Langwathby Hall, Langwathby. It was reported that negotiations were on – going with the Planning Officer and the Developers, in respect of the proposed relocation of the Memorial Garden.

603.3 16/0001, Development at Sunny Bank, Edenhall. Plans were passed to the Edenhall Councillors to circulate for comment. (Subsequently there was no objection)

604 Highways and Land Matters

604.1 Annual Playground Inspection Report

The report was received and tabled and the Council authorised the Chairman to proceed with implementing the recommendations.

604.2 Tennis Court Refurbishment. Following confirmation that the grant aid that had been applied for from the Alston and East Fellside (Eden) Community Fund and the Eden Community Fund, had been awarded, a unanimous decision was made to proceed with the refurbishment, as per the budget and to award the contract to 'Tarmark', Haltwhistle, Northumberland.

The Council expressed their grateful thanks to the previous Clerk, Sarah Fairlamb, for the conscientious work that she had put into this project. It was agreed to invite Sarah to join the Tennis Committee, so as to give her the opportunity to become involved with the use of the facility in the future.

604.3 Dog Fouling and loose Dogs on Langwathby Village Green.

Complaints had been received regarding loose dogs frightening children and adults in the area of the village green. Parishioners were to be asked, via the 'Memo' and the report in the 'Herald', to walk their animals responsibly and, obviously pick up any waste. It was agreed that more 'Keep Your Dog on a Lead' signs were to be erected.

604.4 Damage to the Village Green.

Concern was also been raised over vehicle owners, especially tractors, parking off the road and damaging the grass.

604.5 Bus shelter – Edenhall. Reported that a revised quotation had been sought. The Council authorized the Chairman to proceed with the work subject to this being acceptable.

604.6 Footpath Light – Edenhall. The Council was mindful to replace to this light, at the Councils expense (approx. £2500), subject to affordability.

604.7 Pruning of Trees – Edenhall. Reported that trees in the vicinity of the hotel were in need of pruning.

604.8 Shepherds Inn Car Park Insurance Issue. Reported that this matter was in the hands the Insurers.

604.9 Traffic Concerns – Langwathby School.

It was reported that incidences of irresponsible car parking, by some, at the school, was causing a major safety hazard for children arriving and departing on the school buses. It was agreed that the provision of bollards, between 8.45 and 9.15am, to facilitate the safe parking of buses, was to be explored. In the context of the discussion, the area nearby, currently sheep handling pens, were discussed. The concern expressed over this matter to be highlighted in 'Memo' and the Council's report in the 'Herald'.

604.10 Road Markings. It was reported that the renewal of the road markings in Langwathby was in hand with the Highways Department.

605 Finance

605.1 The following balances were noted:

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Penrith Building Society	9713.35
Barclays Community Account	6323.49
VAT claimed	1383.72
Sundry Debtor – Village Hall	<u>648.38</u>
Total Assets as at 6/1/2016	<u>18068.94</u>

605.2 The following accounts were ratified

Clerks Fee October/November 2015	400.00
Clerks Fee December 2015	200.00
N Preston Grass Cutting	700.00
E On Electricity	82.83
JT Atkinson Paint	93.65
M E Armstrong Re-Issue of Cheque	528.67
Stopped Cheque Bank Charge	12.50
Fieldview Electrical Emergency Lights	52.68
Fieldview Electrical Toilet Alarm	83.68
Play Inspection Company	180.00
Field View Electrical Fire Alarm Sensor Stage	56.28

605.3 Agreed the following payments

Norris and Fisher Insurance	1709.08
E ON Electricity	89.10
Printerland Ink Cartridges	69.36
Clerk Broadband/Telephone Oct/Nov/Dec	45.00
Clerk Mileage 42 miles @ 45p	18.90
Office consumables	6.45
Arnison Heelis Solicitors	354.96
PRS for Music, Agreed to pay when due.	

605.4 The following receipts were noted:

Cemetery Fees	350.00
EDC Recycling Income	467.47

605.5 'Online payment' authorization. A revised document was approved.

605.6 Budget proposal for 2016/17 and Precept

Resolved to accept a budget for 2016/17 of £19,004.

Resolved that there should be no increase in the precept for 2016/17.

606 Lazonby Fire Station – Proposed Closure

The Council expressed strong support for its retention; the Clerk was instructed to respond to the consultation process accordingly.

607 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.

607.1 The Meadows Parking. Concern was expressed regarding parking on both sides of the road at the entrance of the Eden Housing's 'Meadows' development, which was causing difficulty and becoming a traffic hazard.

607.2 Cemetery Fees. An issue was raised regarding the Council's revised Cemetery fees, in respect of the erection of a headstone. Agreed to discuss at the March meeting.

607.3 Recycling Area. Concern was raised regarding, unrecyclable, polystyrene being dumped at the Recycling Centre; agreed to highlight the issue in the Council's report in both the 'Memo' and the 'Herald'; stating that this area was not a 'Tip' and requesting that the public use this facility in accordance with the rules.

607.4 Edenhall Notice Board. The wall behind the notice board at Edenhall had collapsed. It was reported that the area had been roped off, as it was a safety hazard and that the relocation of the notice board was being considered.

607.5 Pedestrian Traffic Hazard – Salkeld Road. Concern was expressed over the absence of a footpath between the Langwathby Notice Board and the entrance to Powley's Farm (Old Powley's); this was causing pedestrians to have to walk on the road. As a consequence of increased traffic and parking on both sides of road, the issue was becoming a safety hazard, especially for elderly pedestrians.

608 Correspondence

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

608.1 Eden Local Plan – submitted to Government on 22/12/2015

608.2 Buckingham Palace Garden Party - 19th May 2016.

Unanimously agreed to nominate the Chairman and his wife to attend.

608.3 Wheldrake Village Hall Roof Appeal (Yorkshire) was noted.

608.4 CALC – Training Programme 2016 was tabled.

608.5 Community Land Trust Conference 28/1/2016. Was noted.

608.6 Citizens Advice Services revision in Rural Cumbria. Was noted.

608.7 Queens 90th Birthday 21st April Bonfire Celebration. Agreed to participate.

608.8 External Audit. Reported that the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd replaces Audit Commission from 2017.

609 Future meeting dates and arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting

Resolved to agree the following dates: 12 May (Annual Parish Meeting), 26 May (AGM), 14 July, 8 September and 10 November.

610 Date of next meeting – Thursday 3rd March at 7.30pm in the Back Room, Langwathby Village Hall.

Meeting closed: 9.40 pm