

## LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

### Present

Cllrs: Mr. D Banks (In the Chair), Mr. I Harrington, Mrs. C Merrie, Miss. K Little, Mr. W F Mounsey, Mr. M Holliday, Mr. C Wilson, Miss K Metcalfe, Mr. T Wentworth Waites, Mr. J Fleming (Clerk) and five members of the public.

### Apologies for absence

County Councillor Claire Driver

### 807 Minutes

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017, as a true record.

### 808 Declarations of Interest

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

### 809 Public Participation

**809.1 Edenhall Social Group** - Reported that a social group had been formed to enhance the social life in Edenhall village. Contact Mary Savage.

**809.2 Edenhall Notice Board** – Volunteers had offered to relocate it from the bus shelter back to its original position against the wall. at their cost, this was agreed.

**809.3 Extra Playground Equipment - Langwathby** was requested. It was explained that to provide extra equipment would be very expensive and had not budgeted for – left unresolved.

**809.4 Potholes** – The poor quality of some repairs was reported. – agreed to raise with Highways

**809.5 Tennis Court – Langwathby.** Concern was raised that this facility was being used, on occasions for football, by some children. A request was made that this facility be used for tennis only and that children wishing to play football should do so on the green. Agreed a notice would be put up on the entrance to the court to this effect.

**809.6 Langwathby Recycling Site** – Parishioner were asked to crush boxes.

**809.7 Failed Footway Light, Church Lane Edenhall** – To report to EDC.

**809.8 District Councillor Report** – A brief report was received from Cllr D Banks.

**809.9 Dangerous Culgaith Junction** - Serious concern expressed over the safety and increasingly poor visibility at this junction. Agree to raise the issue with Highways

**809.10 Footpath Vehicle Parking** – Concern was expressed – Reported that the issue had already been raised with the Community Police Officer.

## **810 Finance (Incl. Vat)**

### **810.1 The following balances were noted:**

	<b>£</b>
Vat to be claimed	697.16
Village Hall to refund	72.38
Penrith Building Society	5625.97
Barclays	1192.14

### **810.2 The Following Accounts were ratified:**

Clerk Broadband/Tel July/August	30.00
Clerk Fee July/August	440.00
GOPAK Chairs VH	952.25
GOPAK Chairs VH	15.97
Viking Office Supplies	29.32
Opus Energy Electricity V H July	73.65
Cartridge People – Ink	22.98
Joe Thwaites. Memorial Garden	80.00
N Preston Grass Cutting	700.00
Laminating posters	18.74
John Dulson – Mower/ Playground	882.00
Beacon Fire Protection VH	71.52
C C C Defibrillator road signs	141.00
PWLB VH	25.00
W Veitch – Cemetery Upkeep Honorarium	180.00

### **810.3 It was agreed to make the following payments:-**

Clerks Expenses 20/7/2017 – 28/9/2017	38.69
Printer Cartridges	17.24

### **810.4 The following receipts were noted:**

Village Hall Committee	933.29
PBS Transfer to Current account	5500.00
PBS Transfer to Current account	1500.00

### **810.5 An Interim Set of Accounts were Approved.**

**810.6 PBS Investment** – Reported that the PBS Investment had been changed from a Deposit to Gross Account paying 0.3% more interest.

**810.7 External Audit** – Reported that this had been approved.

## **811 Devolution and Transfer of Assets from EDC to Parish Councils.**

Note:- In order to have a full record of the Parish Councils position on this important matter, additional information and detail has been added to this minute item, subsequent to the close of the meeting, in order to provide depth and clarity.

**811.1** It was very reluctantly accepted that the Parish Council had no option but to agree to take over the responsibility of Footway Lighting in the Parish; to do otherwise would lead to the removal of the 26 'Accepted' lights, which would not be in the interest of parishioners.

**811.2** It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would commit to EDC, their agreement to 'take over' this responsibility, during the 2018/2019 financial year, on the following terms:-

- On the date of 'take over' all footway Lights would have been converted, by EDC, at their expense, to LED bulbs, positioned on a hinged pole and that the '6 year Footway Lighting Electrical Inspection.' would be up to date and current.

In view of the £8m assets held by EDC, this was not considered an unreasonable condition to insist on.

- The date of 'take over' being the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 or the date from which the upgrading of all the Footway Lights in the Parish had been completed, if after the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 and no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.
- A grant covering the external costs the District Council would otherwise have paid for the delivery of this Footway Lighting service, would be paid to the Parish Council at the current rate (£120.96 per light), from the date of 'take over', and annually after that, on the following basis:-

		£
Year 1 2018/19	100%	3144.96 (£120.96 X 26)
Year 2 2019/20	75%	2358.72
Year 3 2020/21	50%	1572.48
Year 4 2021/22	25%	786.24
Year 5 2022/23	No grant.	Zero

- A legal agreement would be drawn up between Langwathby Parish Council and Eden District Council stating the conditions governing this Devolution of this responsibility. This being signed before the date of 'take over'. The Parish Council seeking independent legal guidance if necessary.
- The Parish Council would make its own 'All Risks' insurance arrangements. (Current insurance quote being an extra £100 per annum premium for 27 lights, valued at a replacement cost of £3000 each.)

- A Training workshop to be organised and financed by EDC to train Parish Council representatives and it's Clerk, in Footway Lighting management and Health and Safety requirements. This to have been completed before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.
- Before signing an agreement the Parish Council would require a satisfactory conclusion to discussions, with EDC, regarding the future arrangements over the provision of 'group maintenance' and 'electricity supply contracts' and the financial contract arrangements regarding the '6 year Footway Lighting Electrical Statutory Inspection.' (Currently £9.42 per light)

It was the unanimous view of the Parish Council that it was common sense and obviously more cost effective for 'group maintenance' and 'electricity supply contracts and arrangements regarding the undertaking of the '6 year Footway Lighting Electrical Statutory Inspection', to be put in place, rather than each individual Parish Council having to make their own financial arrangements.

EDC being asked to negotiate and facilitate such agreements on behalf of Parish Councils, as a service to Parishes within their District and to the wider community, with Parishes covering the cost of managing this service..

The Parish Council would expect EDC to pay centrally for these arrangements, with each Parish Council fully reimbursing EDC annually on a 'per light' basis. There being no cost to EDC in this respect.

## **812 Planning Matters**

### **17/0551 The Watch, Langwathby,**

Change of use from office to nursery and alterations

Supported, following reassurances regarding a safe access.

## **813 Highways and Land Matters**

**813.1 Path by School Entrance - Root Damage** – In hand with Highways.

**813.2 Telephone Boxes.** –

**Edenhall**– Volunteer had come forward to repaint the box

**Langwathby**– Volunteer be sought to repaint the box; it being agreed to leave the repair of the door for the time being.

**813.3 School Keep Clear Markings.** – Work had been completed, however parking problems were still occurring – Agreed to seek a site meeting with Highways.

**813.4 Walby Garth Entrance – Road Surface.** – In hand with Highways

**813.5 Damaged Manhole Cover, Langwathby Green** – Work completed

**813.6 Footway Vehicle Parking** – Actioned by Community Police Officer

**813.7 Bridle Path** – Due to the high risk of being washed away by floods it was agreed not to replace the seat overlooking the river bank.

**813.8 Cemetery Railings Painting** - In hand

**813.9 Recycling Site Fly Tipping** – A strong mention in the Memo had been actioned

**813.10 Parish Fishing** - Erection of a sign to clarify the position. – Actioned

**813.11 Empty House, Salkeld Road.** – Confirmed a subsidence problem.

**813.12 Robin Hood Lane Stile** – Discussed - the issues were unresolved.

**813.13 Edenhall Collapsed Drain Cover** – Repaired

**813.14 Langwathby Village Hall External Insulated Wall Coating** -

Reported that following investigation, the coating material was classed as 'Low Risk' – Agreed to confirm position with the Fire Inspection Officer.

**813.15 Neighbourhood Plan** – Reported the Consultation was completed on the 29<sup>th</sup> September. Responders comment's would be forwarded to EDC in the Parishes Consultation Report.

#### **814 Co-option of a Langwathby Ward, Council Member**

Two candidates were discussed and following a secret ballot Mr. Craig Eland, Honeysuckle House, Low Mill, Langwathby was duly co-opted, by a majority decision.

#### **'815 Correspondence, Notices and Publications**

**815.1 War Memorial Workshp** – 4<sup>th</sup> October 9.45 – 13.00 Carlisle

Agreed to request a copy of the minutes with view to seeking grant aid.

**815.2 CALC AGM** Sat 18<sup>th</sup> November Carlisle Race Course

**815.3 A Visitor by Public Transport to Langwathby** had complained over the perceived community spirit and care that visitors to the village received. Agreed to address the points raised.

**815.4 EDC Planning Policy Team** – A 'Call for Sites' had been received:- Strategic Housing Land Available Assessment and Brownfield Land Register. Response date by 27/11/2017

#### **816 Councillor Matters**

**816.1 Langwathby Village Hall** – Possible vehicle access to rear via the Trisvelhus by Esh, Langwathby Hall, development – Reported that the developers had agreed in principle to this proposal. Agreed to seek a site meeting to discuss the detail.

#### **'817 Date and Venue of Next Meeting**

Langwathby Village Hall - back room.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.05 pm