

## LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

**Present**

Cllrs: Mr. D Banks (In the Chair), Mr. I Harrington, Mrs. C Merrie, Mr. C Wilson, Mr. Craig Eland, Miss K Metcalfe, Miss K Little, Mr. W F Mounsey, Mr. J Fleming (Clerk) and two members of the public

**Unapproved**

**Apologies for absence**

Cllrs:- Mr. T Wentworth Waites, Mr. M Holliday and County Councillor Claire Driver.

**829 Minutes**

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017, as a true record.

**830 Declarations of Interest**

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

**831 Public Participation**

**831.1** Two members of the public indicated their interest in being involved in the Langwathby Bridge 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.

Agreed to involve them in the discussion in the later agenda item.

**831.2 County Council Report – There was none**

**831.3 District Council Report –** Cllr Doug Banks briefly reported on:-

The resignation of Robin Hooper, Chief Executive of EDC, after 9 years service, consultation on Local Governance Boundary Changes with it being reported that most Parish Councils were happy with their situation, however consideration was being given by Ousby and Melmerby Parish Council over splitting into two separate Councils. Finally the discussions within EDC over the possible extension of the Town Hall in Penrith and the taking out of a £2.2M Public Works Loan to cover the cost. When taking into consideration the future letting/sale potential of Mansion House, the proposal had been presented as a cost effective exercise.

**832 Finance (Incl. Vat)**

**832.1 To note the following balances:**

Vat to be claimed (Claim made)	£ 179.88
Village Hall to refund	£1028.14
Penrith Building Society	£4648.18
Barclays	£1098.64

**832.2 The Following Accounts Were ratified**

Clerk Broadband/Tel Nov/ Sept	£ 30.00
Clerk Fee Nov/ Sept	£ 440.00

Opus Energy VH	£ 100.01
Opus Energy VH	£ 100.75
CCC Oil – VH	£ 741.91
Cemetery – Wire Brush	£ 3.50
Fieldview Electrical - VH	£ 247.08
Nigel Preston – Grass Invoice – Final	£ 700.00

### 832.3 To agree the following Payment

Clerks Expenses	£20.25
Mr. W Veitch petrol for grass cutting of the cemetery during 2017 season	£30.87

### 832.4 To note the Following Receipts:

Memorial Garden – Reimbursement	£310.00
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### 832.5 An Interim Set of Accounts was Tabled – Unanimously Accepted

### 832.6 Transparency Fund Grants

Reported that an application, for funds, had been made to the NALC Transparency Fund, being backdated to April 2016.

**Agreed:-** That should the funds be forthcoming, they be put towards financing a Microsoft Office 2016 programme, for the previously agreed purchase of a new laptop computer.

## 833 Planning Matters

17/0991	Outline application for 2 dwellings Land opposite 1 & 2 Moss Side Cottages	Objected
17/1029	Certificate of lawfulness for use of land for the open storage of construction materials and equipment Land at Fernwood, Edenhall	Supported
17/1100	Land Adjacent to Holme Eden, Langwathby Proposed residential dwelling	Supported

## 834 Highways and Land Matters

### 834.1 Path by School Entrance - Root Damage –In hand with Highways

### 834.2 Walby Garth Entrance – Resurfacing has been deferred to 2018/19

### 834.3 Grass Cutting 2018 – 2020 –

**834.3.1** A revised Tender document was agreed

**834.3.2** Tenders to be invited for the 2018 season, with an option to offer a discount should a three year contract be awarded, with a closing date of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

**834.3.3** **Agreed:-** Tender to be accepted to be agreed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman, if straight forward, with the full Council to be involved if not so.

### 834.4 Dangerous Culgaith Junction

Following discussion it was suggested that the 'Give Way' sign at the junction be replaced with 'Stop'. In addition it was suggested that 'Danger Concealed Junction' signage be positioned before the junction, after the railway bridge and that flashing, electronic equipment be positioned, prior to the junction, which displayed a passing vehicles speed.

#### **Action:-**

Agreed to convey the above suggestions to Country Councillor, Claire Driver, who was liaising with Highways on the matter, on behalf of the Parish Council

#### **834.5 Langwathby Bridge 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**835.1** Ideas for an Anniversary Celebration were discussed, which included a contribution from the two interested members of the public present. (Tom Anderson and Rachel Parratt).

**835.2** It was stressed that the celebrations will obviously be an Edenhall and Langwathby event.

**835.3 Agreed:-** That a subcommittee be formed, which included the W I, to take this matter forward. Cllr D Banks to arrange the date and venue of the first meeting.

#### **834.6 Langwathby Bridge Replacement. –**

It was reported that the Parish Council had formally requested, through the offices of Cumbria Highways, that initial steps, which will lead to a new bridge being built, be taken. It was asked that this matter be raised with the appropriate channels, possibly Highways England, with a view to this project being built into future funding budgets, which will lead, in time, to the design and construction of a new, permanent bridge.

It being fully appreciated that a project, such as this, requires a very large capital expenditure and will possibly take many years of planning before it can be completed; however Langwathby Parish Council asks that the first step on this road be taken. It being felt that after 50 years this is the least that the parishioners of Langwathby can ask.

The current 'temporary', rather iconic, structure has served the community well over the years but does not have an indefinite life.

**834.7 Roadside Verge Edenhall Crossroads. –** Reported that the damage to the roadside verge, opposite the United Utilities premises, caused by the construction of a new lay by, had been reported to United Utilities. Serious concern had been expressed over the state of the verge, with a demand being made, by the Council, that it be fully reinstated, once their work had been completed.

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

**835.1 A Draft Legal Agreement** had been drawn up by EDC regarding the Devolution of Footway Lighting to the Parish was presented to the meeting.

##### **835.2 Terms of Take Over - Impasse**

The Council reaffirmed its position that a condition of taking over the 'Accepted' Footway Lights in the Parish was that they had all been converted to **LED bulbs on hinged columns**; this point being strictly 'Not negotiable'.

However EDC had stated that work on upgrading the Footway Lighting, in the Parish, post the 1/4/2018, will not be initiated until the Parish Council had signed the agreement, before the 1/4/2018 and before any work commencing!

**Agreed:-** That the Parish Council would consider the final draft of the Legal Agreement, which would include full and itemized details of the state of each and every Footway Light to be taken over, at the March meeting and make a decision accordingly.

**835.3** It was reported that EDC had released a further £750,00 in order to convert all new columns to 'Hinged'.

**835.4** It was reported that the final date for a Parish Council to agreed to the taking over of lighting, within their Parish, had been extended to the 1/4/2019.

## 836 Correspondence, Notices and Publications

### 836.1 Langwathby Parochial Foundation and Poor Charities

An invitation had been received for Langwathby Parish Council to nominate a trustee to the Langwathby Parochial Foundation and Poor Charities, following the resignation of Sandra Henderson after 27 years service.

Action:- Following discussion no name was forthcoming however subsequent to the meeting, Cllr Kerry Little agreed to be nominated.

### 836.2 Fire Fighters Charity – Books Wanted

Ghyllmount Dental Practice in Penrith is supporting 'The Fire Fighters Charity' ( [www.firefighterscharity.org.uk](http://www.firefighterscharity.org.uk) ). They are requesting books to be donated to the 'Ghyllmount Book Corner' at reception at the Ghyllmount Practice in Penrith or at the Penrith or Carlisle fire station.

Action:- Agreed to publicise on the LPC website and the LPC Memo report.

### 836.3 'ACRE' - Village Hall Week.

'Action with Communities in Rural England' are organizing a Village Halls Week. A suggestion was received to invite the poet, playwright and broadcaster, Ian McMillan to give an entertaining presentation in Langwathby Village Hall sometime in 2018.

Action:- To forward to the Village Hall committee for their consideration.

### 836.4 Woodland Trust's Tree Packs

Information was received regarding the Woodland Trusts tree planting initiative, where tree packs are issued, free of charge, to schools and community groups. ( [www.woodlandtrust.org](http://www.woodlandtrust.org) . )

Action:- To raise awareness of the initiative.

## 837 Councillor Matters

**837.1 Station Lighting** - Concern was raised over the poor lighting as you left Langwathby station, from the east bound platform, approaching the road, beneath the railway bridge.

Action:- To take the matter up with the Settle-Carlisle Railway Development Company.

### 837.2 Road Surfacing Quality

Concern was raised over the perceived deteriorating quality of road surfacing in recent years. It being noticed that new road surfacing that had been put down in the last few years did not appear to have the same durability of that laid in the past.

If a change in materials and possible the depth of surfacing, had taken place, it was wondered as to whether this had been false economy, especially when the recent epidemic of potholes were considered; the recent weather also aggravating the problem.

Action:- Agreed to discuss this issue with Highways.

### 837.3 Tree Stumps – Langwathby green

A discussion centered around the tree stumps on the corner of Langwathby Village Green, opposite the War Memorial. It was concluded that due to the complication of underground services, located in this area and the cost of removing the stumps, they were better left.

### 837.4 Salkeld Road – School to Little Salkeld Bridge – Road Issues

It was reported that a number of drains were in need of jetting and quite a few of potholes required attention, on this stretch of road.

Action:- Report to Highways.

**837.5 Recycling Centre Langwathby**

Issues associated with the Recycling Centre at Langwathby, was raised, including the problem of insufficient bins and also their location within the site. Also 'Fly Tipping' was still an on-going problem.

**Action:-** Decided that a site visit with EDC be requested to discuss the issues first hand.

**837.6 High Mill Langwathby – Waste Foul Water**

This on-going problem had been reported to the Environmental Agency on a number of occasions, and a site visit had taken place; however the problem still had not been resolved. There was grave concern that the beck could be contaminated, with the obvious risk to aquatic life, if the source of the problem could not be found. The 'lake' of foul water, forming in Robin Hood Lane, was also a hazard to walkers and their dogs.

**838 Dates and venue of 2018 meetings**

Venue Langwathby Village Hall – Back Room - Commencing 7.30pm

Thursday March 15th

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May (Prov)

Annual Parish Meeting followed by AGM and May meeting

19<sup>th</sup> July (Prov)

13<sup>th</sup> September (Prov)

15<sup>th</sup> November (Prov)