

# LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Thursday 21st March 2019  
in Langwathby Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

**Unapproved**

**Apologies**

County Cllr Ms. C Driver, Cllr T Wentworth – Waites

**Present**

Cllrs: Mr. D Banks (in Chair), Mr. I Harrington, Mrs. C Merrie, Miss. K Little, T Anderson, C Eland, C Wilson, Mr. Holliday, Mr. J Fleming (Clerk).

Three members of the public

**11/3/19 Public Participation**

**Children's Play Area – Langwathby Village Green.**

Two parishioners raised issues regarding the children's play area on Langwathby Village Green. Concern was expressed over the risk of a young child, running off the site, onto the busy roads bordering the site; this being particularly relevant where a parent was looking after two children at any one time. A point was also made that the equipment was, after many years of use, beginning to get a little 'tired'.

**Action:** - Agreed to set up a small Parish Council Sub-Committee to look into the issues raised. It being suggested that parishioners with young families be invited to become involved, along with two Councilors, namely Cllr Kerry Little and Cllr D Banks The sub - committee reporting back to the Parish Council, with the Parish Council having the final say on any decisions.

**12/3/19 Minutes**

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Council Meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019, as a true record.

**13/3/19 Declarations of Interest**

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

**14/3/19 County and District Councillor Reports**

**County Councillor Report**

There was none.

**District Councillor Report.**

District Councilor D Banks commented that there was nothing to report as the District Council was totally consumed, currently, with the May 2<sup>nd</sup> District and Parish Elections.

**15/3/19 Planning Matters**

The following decisions were reported: -

**19/0065 – 10 Salkeld Road, Langwathby – Two story side extension and rear porch. Supported**  
**19/0097 – Millriggs, Salkeld Rd, Langwathby - Replacement agricultural building Supported**

<b>16/3/19</b>	<b>Finance (Incl. Vat)</b>	
<b>16.1/3/19</b>	<b>The Following Balances were Noted.</b>	<b>£</b>
	Penrith Building Society	2678.65
	Barclays	1634.11
	Sundry Debtor - VAT	1482.61
	Sundry Debtor – Village Hall	<u>217.59</u>
	<b>Total Assets</b> as at 15/3/2019	<b>6012.96</b>
<b>16.2/3/19</b>	<b>An Interim Set of Accounts Were Presented.</b>	
	This was unanimously accepted.	
<b>16.3/3/19</b>	<b>The Following Accounts Were Ratified.</b>	
	Clerks Fee January/February	440.00
	Clerk Broad Band - Tel January/February	30.00
	Playdale – Edenhall Playground	2698.84
	Penrith Posters – Laminating	12.00
	Norris Fisher – Insurance	1746.11
	Opus Energy 11/2/19 VH	113.02
	Opus Energy 11/3/19 VH	93.61
	X2Connect – Langwathby Phone Box Paint	99.52
	Field View Electrical – V H	261.59
	Field View Electrical – VH	96.00
	PWLB – Village Hall Loan	3726.04
	Enterprise Amey – VH	30.60
	Cleanspec – VH	19.80
	Solway Direct – Cemetery Bench	423.60
<b>16.4/3/19</b>	<b>The Following Payments Were Agreed</b>	
	Clerks Expenses 24/1/19 – 21/3/19	24.30
	Internal Audit	75.00
	David Willetts - Parish tree Survey.	260.00
	David Willetts - Pruning Oak Tree Langwathby Green	380.00
<b>16.5/3/19</b>	<b>The Following Receipts Were Noted:</b>	
	Robson – Liddle – Edenhall Playground donation	100.00
	Airle/Mark Holden Hindly – Edenhall Playground donation	280.00
	D Toppin – Langwathby Phone Box donation	50.00
	Langwathby Stores - Langwathby Phone Box donation	100.00
	Hopes Garage – Langwathby Phone Box donation	50.00
	Shepherds Inn – Langwathby Phone Box donation	50.00
	Cleo's Hair / Beauty – Langwathby Phone Box donation	50.00
	Nobles Garage – Langwathby Phone Box donation	50.00
	Colin Dawson – Langwathby Phone Box donation	50.00
	Village Hall Refund	2312.16
	Village Hall Refund	89.15
	Richardson Funeral Directors – Cemetery Fees	250.00
	Pinfold Rent	1.00
<b>16.6/3/19</b>	<b>The Following Transfer was Noted.</b>	
	PBS to Current Account	6000.00
<b>17/3/19</b>	<b>Highways and Land Matters</b>	
<b>17.1/3/19</b>	<b>Langwathby Phone Box Conversion to Information Kiosk</b>	
	The renovation and conversion will take place during April.	
<b>17.2/3/19</b>	<b>Cemetery Seat</b> – This was now installed.	
<b>17.3/3/19</b>	<b>Cemetery Gravel</b> – Two quotes were awaited.	

**17.4/3/19 Surface Water - Salkeld Road - Opposite Hopes Garage.**

Reported that the problems still had not been resolved and that the road surface beginning to break up.

**Action:-** Agreed to take the matter up with Highways again.

**17.5/3/19 Tree Register and Safety Survey**

1. A survey of the trees on Langwathby Green and Edenhall Green, by the swings, had been received.
2. Pruning was required to the Oak tree by the Langwathby bus shelter and also to a tree on the green at Edenhall. A quoted price of £380 for this work was accepted.
3. Reported that 2 other trees on Langwathby Green needed attention; however, they were close to power lines and it was agreed to raise the matter with Electricity North West.
4. Regarding a further tree down from the shop, which was a little hollow in the trunk. The tree consultant had offered to inspect for fungal growth later in the year and to advise accordingly.

**17.6/3/19 Back Road, Langwathby – Blocked Drain by BT Exchange**

In hand with Highways.

**17.7/3/19 A Parish Flag – Discussions are ongoing with Langwathby School.****17.8/3/19 Footway Light No. 13, By Recycling – Discussions are ongoing with EDC following their decision not to replace this light.****17.9/3/19 Neighbourhood Plan – It was reported that the vast majority of Parish Councils had abandoned the completion of a Neighbourhood Plan. The publication of the EDC Local plan had incorporated a lot of local material.**

**Action:-** The Chairman agreed to clarify with EDC the need or otherwise for the Langwathby Plan to be completed, reporting back to the May meeting. .

**18/3/19 Councillor Matters****18.1/3/19 Langwathby School Bus Passenger Assistants**

Serious concern was raised over Cumbria County Councils planned proposal to cease the funding of Passenger Assistants (Chaperones) on the two routes covering the Fellside, bring children into Langwathby School. Safety concerns were raised over the number of small children involved, it being considered that it was unsafe for them to travel without a 'Chaperone' being present on the bus.

**Action:-** Agreed for the Clerk to raise the matter with the Senior Manager of Cumbria County Council's Transport Services, requesting a copy of the Risk Assessment that would have been undertaken and also a copy of the budget breakdown for the cost of the provision.

**18.2/3/19 Winter Gritting Policy Governing Edenhall Village.**

A request was made for clarification of the gritting policy for Edenhall village, with a case being made for the village to seek a higher priority level, following problems experienced by residents during periods of bad weather.

**18.3/3/19 Posts Surrounding Shepherd's Inn Car Park.**

It was reported that the post, surrounding the Shepherd's Inn car park needed to be repaired and repainted. Cllr K Little agreed to look into the matter, liaising closely, with the owner of the Inn.

**18.4/3/19 Eden Housing – Unoccupied House – 11 Salkeld Road.**

Concern was raised over this property still being unrenovated and empty

**Action:-** To investigate the property being taken into 'Community Housing'.

**18.5/3/19 Over Hanging Tree Branches – Pond Corner on A368**

Reported that there was a dangerous, broken branch, overhanging the Carriageway on the A686 by Pond Corner.

**Action:-** Report to Highways as a matter of urgency.

**18.6/3/19 Village Seats – Storey Bank and Salkeld Road.**

Reported that the seat on Storey Bank and the one opposite Hopes garage on Salkeld road, were in need of repainting.

**Action:-** Agree to arrange for them to be repainted.

**18.7/3/19 Memorial Seat in Memory of Cllr Willie Mounsey.**

It was suggested that it would be very appropriate to have a memorial in Edenhall, in memory of the late Cllr Willie Mounsey. An initial thought was a bench located by the War Memorial, the playground area was also a possible option.

**Action:-** To further investigate and to discuss with the family, prior to a final decision being made.

**19/3/19 Parish Elections – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.**

Nomination Papers and election guidance was issued to Councilors.

**20/3/19 Correspondence**

The following items were received since the last meeting

**20.1/3/19 EALC Workshops**

- 20<sup>th</sup> March EALC and Cumbria County Council will hold a workshop on “Supportive Communities”
- 10<sup>th</sup> April EALC and EDC will run a workshop on “Trees”.

**20.2/3/19 Eden Local Plan – A copy is on File****20.3/3/19 Cumbria County Council ‘Working Together Project.’**

Following discussion it was the unanimous view of the Council that this was the beginning of another process of devolution of powers and responsibilities, from the County Council to the Parish Council, which could have employment implications for the Parish Council. Councilors were mindful of what happened, over a number of years, which ultimately resulted in the Parish Council being pressurized into taking over the responsibility of Footway Lighting, with the associated cost implication on the Parish precept.

Councilors concluded that this was a project that they did not wish to become involved with and the Clerk was to respond accordingly

**20.4/3/19 EDC - Housing Supplementary Planning Document**

This document, which provides further guidance on the housing policies in the [Eden Local Plan 2014-2032](#), is on file.

**20.5/3/19 Parking on Junction by Langwathby Stores**

A parishioner had raised concerns over the parking of vehicles at the road junction by the Langwathby Shop, causing a traffic hazard. Following discussion, which recognized that this problem was resulting from the village being fortunate to have such a successful and well supported Store facility, it was agreed that vehicle parking was a police matter and not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

**20.6/3/19 Eden River Trust – Supporters Day Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**21/3/19      Dates of Future Meetings**

16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Annual Parish Meeting followed by AGM  
**Venue** in the back room, Langwathby Village Hall.

Meeting closed: 9.10pm being followed by the annual meeting of the Williamson Trust, by  
Langwathby Ward Councilors

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_