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Minutes of the 'Virtual' Meeting Held on Thursday 12th November 2020
commencing at 7.30pm.

Unapproved.

42/20 Apologies

There were none.

43/20 Present

Cllrs: Mr. I Harrington, (in the Chair), Miss K Little, Mr. Corbishley Mr. T Anderson, Mr. D Banks, Mr. C Eland, Mr. M Holliday, Mrs. C Merrie, Mr. C Wilson, County Cllr Ms. C Driver and Mr. J Fleming (Clerk).

44/20 Minutes

The Chairman was unanimously authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 10th September 2020 as a true record
Proposed by Cllr D Banks
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45/20 Declarations of Interest

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

46/20 Public Participation - There was none.

47/20 County Councillor Report

A summarized report was made to the meeting, however a detailed, monthly County Councillor report, can be found on the website www.langwathby.org.

48/20 District Councillor Report

48.1 Unitary Authority. Cllr D Banks reported that the move towards a Unitary Authority was dominating District Council business. There were many schemes being considered, with no clear decision having been made on what was the best way forward. There were concerns that this course of action would be detrimental to 'Localism'. There was also a strong feeling that, being in the depths of a pandemic, was not the time to be spending a lot of time and effort considering such a complex, important and far reaching administrative restructure.

A preliminary submission had to be forwarded to the Government on the 9th November with a final submission to be submitted by 9th December.

48.2 Eden District Council's "Green Homes Grant Scheme". Attention was draw to the Eden District Council's "Green Homes Grant Scheme"; financed by a £500.000 Government grant. The Scheme has a short time frame for applications, between 1st October 2020 and 31st March 2021. The scheme is open to privately owned households with an annual income under £30,000 gross. Each owner-occupied home, assessed as being eligible for the scheme, could be entitled to receive installation of an 'Energy efficiency measure', up to a value of £10,000.

For more information visit Eden District Council's 'Green Homes Grant' webpage at www.eden.gov.uk/green-homes-grant/

48.3 A Covid – 19 Test Center. A Covid – 19 test center is being set up in the Sandgate car park in Penrith. Open 8am to 8pm daily; results being available within an hour.

48.4 EDC Chief Executive. In view of the possibility of a Unitary Authority being formed in the future, it has been decided that it was not appropriate to reappoint a new EDC Chief Executive, instead a Chief Executive would be shared, for two days a week, with Carlisle City Council

48.5 Covid – 19. It was reported that the Covid virus was rife in parts of Eden. A number of cases had been tested positive at Ullswater school and on the school bus to Ousby.. There also had been cases reported at Winters Park care home, where two deaths had sadly occurred.

49/20 Finance (All figure include Vat)

49.1 The Following Balances Were Noted as at 11th November 2020

	£
Penrith Building Society	16049.25
Barclays	1943.02
Vat to be claimed	1400.88
Village Hall to refund	<u>26.43</u>
Total Cash	19419.58

The Interim Set of Accounts were unanimously approved.
Proposed by Cllr C Merrie. Seconded by Cllr C Wilson

49.2 The Following Accounts Were Ratified

Clerk Fee Sept/October	489.66
Clerk Office Provision Sept/ October	30.00
Opus Energy VH	51.01
Opus Energy VH	27.75
Beacon Fire Protection VH	220.20
D Tec Computers – Processor upgrade	129.00
PWLB Village Hall	3726.04
Cleanspec VH	65.28
Cleanspec VH	19.15
Cleanspec VH	62.60
D Willetts – Tree Pruning – Open River View	180.00
J Dulson – Cemetery Mower Service X 2	144.00
Angela Harland – PAYE query	19.50
Andrew Richardson – VH Doors	2532.30
J C Joel – VH Stage Curtains	2976.88
W Veitch Cemetery Fuel 2020	24.00
Royal British Legion Wreath	18.50

49.3 The Following Payments Were Approved

Clerks Expenses – 10/9/20 – 12/11/20	25.80
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49.4 To Approve Accounts Ratified and Payments

49.2 and 49.3 were unanimously approved
Proposed by Cllr K Little
Seconded by Cllr J Corbishley

49.5 The Following Receipts Were Noted.

Village Hall Reimbursement	2551.48
Village Hall Reimbursement	183.50
Village Hall Reimbursement	2213.23
Village Hall Reimbursement – PWLB	1863.00

49.6 The Following Transfer Was Reported
From Penrith Building Society to Current Account 3000.00

49.7 Budget for 2021/2022
A budget for 2021/2022 was unanimously agreed
Proposed by Cllr C Eland
Seconded by Cllr I Harrington
A copy is on file.

49.8 Precept Set For 2021/2022
It was unanimously agreed to set the Precept, as last year, at £16800
Proposed by Cllr D Banks
Seconded by Cllr T Anderson

50/20 Planning Matters –

20/0788 – Garden Cottage, The Old Vicarage. Edenhall Penrith - Removal of condition 3 (ancillary accommodation restriction), attached to approval 18/1017

No Comment

20/0789 – Summerhouse Cottage The Old Vicarage. Edenhall Penrith - Removal of condition 3 (ancillary accommodation restriction), attached to approval 15/0609

No Comment

51/20 Highways and Land Matters

51.1 Langwathby Bridge – Cyclist Signs and Road Marking Issues

The matter is now totally in the hands of Highways.

Kevin Crawley, Traffic Management Team Leader with Cumbria County Council has made the following observations: -

- 1) *Cycle Warning Signage – There are cycle warning signs west of the bridge before the Salkeld Road junction and east of the bridge in Langwathby. I have investigated the possibility of adding distance plates to these signs but sadly that is not a permitted option so we have no scope to improve this signage.*
- 2) *Cycle signing for the bridge – The signage at the bridge indicating that cyclists should dismount and use the footbridge is quite adequate. We are unable to sign this as a shared use route as it does not meet minimum design standards to allow this. Neither are we able to compel all cyclists to use this route, but I would agree having crossed the bridge on both the road bridge and the footbridge that the footbridge option is by far the better route.*
- 3) *Cycle Marking on the east side of the bridge – this is currently inadequate and we will add this to our list of proposed works in line with Mr Koch-Osbornes suggestion.*
- 4) *Access to the footway East of Langwathby Bridge – at present this is compromised by the presence of a Utilities Company inspection chamber cover. We will discuss this with the relevant company to see if they would be prepared to alter this. If this can be done we will alter the kerbs at the same time. It should be noted however that we cannot designate the footway as a shared use facility with cyclists as it measures well below the minimum standard width for us to be able to do this.*
- 5) *For west bound cyclists – in the short term we propose altering the existing cycle arrangement to allow a wider on carriageway lane to access an advanced stop line for cyclists at the traffic signals. This would allow cyclists the option of crossing the road more easily to access the footbridge or for more confident cyclists to remain on the carriageway and cross the bridge in advance of other traffic. This arrangement is in common use at traffic signal installations and due to the downhill gradient at this site should not pose too great a risk to cyclists as the speed differential between them and other vehicles will be low. In the longer term we would like to make use of the wide verge on that side of the road to possibly construct an off-carriageway facility for cyclists. However, that is a more costly option and would be dependent on possible external funding contributions to complete.*

51.2 Cemetery Entrance Issue – Matter is on hold until the spring

51.3 Dolphenby Crossroad Road Markings – In hand with Highways

51.4 Walter Howe Seat – Installation on Eden Straits is imminent.

51.5 Langwathby Hall Farm –Engineering Business. An enforcement notice, relating to this development is being investigated by EDC Planning.

51.6 Beacon View Drainage Issue – Storey Bank –Now in hand with Highways.

51.7 Coxen Lane - Overgrown Hedge – Work now completed

51.8 Community Fibre Partnership Edenhall.

It was reported that 32 properties and a few businesses, in Edenhall, had shown an interest in joining a Community Fibre Scheme under the Rural Broadband Fibre Partnership.

A bid had been submitted via the BT Rural Broadband Fibre partnership and the matter is now with the BT Openreach Planning Team. A grant top-up may be possible through the Digital Borderlands Voucher Scheme.

B4RN had expressed an interest in becoming involved in Edenhall, it being their policy to service the needs of all properties, including outlying ones, in any parish they were involved in. They were currently committed to provide a service to Langwathby, subject to sufficient demand being forthcoming.

It is hoped that the project can move forward working with both BT Openreach and B4RN. B4RN are going to assess the civil engineering work needed for Edenhall.

51.9 Provision of Fibre Broadband to Langwathby

B4RN Fibre Cabinet – B4RN had reported that the large tree by the bus shelter, on Langwathby Village Green, made it impossible for them to locate the fibre box within a number of metres from the tree, making this site unsuitable. Following a site visit with David Ryall from B4RN, Cllr Ian Harrington and the Clerk, a revised suitable site was identified in the far corner of the tarmac area behind the village hall, close to the new housing development access road. This location was unanimously agreed by the meeting.

Publicity - It was reported that the service being offered by B4RN had been publicised with an insert in the Penrith Herald, distributed by Langwathby Stores. It had also been posted on the village notice boards and added to the Parish website. It will also be advertised in the December edition of the Memo.

B4RN's philosophy was to connect even the most outlying Parish properties. For the project to proceed and for such properties to benefit, it was very important for there to be a very substantial and enthusiastic take up by Parishioners. B4RN were to contact 'Willen Living', builders of the Langwathby Hall development, to make them aware of B4RN's presence in the Parish and the close proximity of their FFTP box to the site. FFTP could be very beneficial to potential house purchasers and the marketing of the these properties.

Routing of Cable - The meeting was reminded that cable trunking is in place along Salkeld Road which may facilitate the laying of the cable out of Langwathby towards Salkeld and Kirkoswald. The Clerk was asked to alert B4RN to this provision.

51.10 Langwathby Traffic Issues. – The traffic proposals, agreed at the September meeting, had been forwarded to the traffic division of Highways. Their response stated that the two ‘one way’ traffic requests will require a change to the Eden Traffic Regulation Order. The proposals will necessitate a ‘Consultation Process’ and advertising; this will be added to next year’s TRO variation.

It was suggested that a ‘KEEP CLEAR’ road marking would probably be the best option to minimize parking at the Coxen Lane junction, by the shop.

51.11 Henderson Lane Refurbishment – Matter is in hand.

51.12 Applethwaite Lane – Potholes. Repair work had been completed.

51.13 Village Hall – Access to new car park – In hand. Planned for mid-winter.

51.14 Split/Damaged Recycling Bins – Matter is with EDC.

51.15 Eden Straits – Parked Vehicle – Problem appears to have been resolved.

51.16 Drainage Issue ‘Lane End’ Edenhall. – Repair completed by Edenhall Estates.

51.17 1 and 2 Moss Side, Edenhall. In hand with Highways. To monitor.

51.18 Edenhall Footway Lights – The two malfunctioning lights have been reported to the EDC contractor for inspection and for repair. With regards to the light on a wooden pole between the Edenhall Hotel and the playground, this is an ‘unapproved light’ but hopefully the contractor will still be able to repair it, if not it will be removed, as per the agreement with EDC. The LED light will be repaired

51.19 Cemetery Bushes – In hand

51.20 Storey Bank Overgrown Ash Trees – Offending, self-sown trees, removed.

51.21 Footpath Parking by Shop – It was reported that the footpath, marked by a white line, between the Coxen Lane junction and the notice board, appears to be perceived as a parking layby and not a footpath; thus, obstructing pedestrians, causing them to walk, in danger, in the road.

Action :- Agreed to place a sign by Clyde House asking vehicle owners to leave space on the footpath for a pram or wheelchair to pass. A similar notice to be placed in the December edition of the Memo.

51.22 Langwathby Green – Wild Flower Establishment. Following a request received, from a few Parishioners, that some areas of Langwathby Village Green be designated as areas to encourage wild flowers, it was unanimously agreed to consider such a proposal.

Action :- A site visit to be organized, with a proposal being put to the January meeting for final approval.

52/20 Correspondence

The following items of key correspondence had been received since the last meeting.

52.1 Great North Air Ambulance and N W Ambulance Service - How To Save Life – Charitable donation requests.

It was confirmed that it was not Parish Council policy to support a charity donation request, using public money, no matter how worthy the cause.

To do so would open the door to endless future, equally worthy, requests.

- 52.2 “Changes to the Current Planning System’** - NALC response to the Government’s policy consultation
- 52.3 Public Space Protection Orders - Dog Control** – Revision reported.
- 52.4 ‘Dark Sky’s Event’ – 30/9/20** Papers Circulated
- 52.5 Covid Related – E Mails** 6 forwarded to Councilors since the last meeting
- 52.6 CALC EALC AGM Minutes**
- 52.7 CALC Code of Conduct Training – 25/11/20.**
- 52.8 CCC Autumn Half Term Activity and Support Directories**
- 52.9 CALC – Standards In Public Life – Consultation –**
- 52.10 Eden’s Green Homes Grant**
For more information visit Eden District Council’s Green Homes Grant webpage at www.eden.gov.uk/green-homes-grant/
- 52.11 Cumbria Arts and Culture Network Newsletter.**
- 52.12 Information Pack for Community Leaders.**
- 52.13 CALC. Kind Cumbria Day** - 13th November 2020.
- 52.14 CALC Concurrent Incident and Flood Plan** Briefing for Community Groups
- 52.15 Coxen Lane Property** - Two Parishioners had expressed concern over Coxen lane being, illegally, closed by contractors working on a nearby property. The Clerk reported that he had spoken to the contractors concerned. A query had also been raised as to whether the Parish Council owned land adjoining Coxen Lane. The Clerk confirmed to according to the titles registered on file, this was not so. It was also reported that concern had been raised over the possibility of a small quantity of hazardous waste being deposited on the verge of Coxen Lane, this was being investigated.

53/20 Councillor Matters

- 53.1 Langwathby Bus Shelter** – It was reported that the gutter was in need of cleaning. **Action:** - Agreed to attend to the matter.
- 53.2 Grass Cutting Contract:** - The current 3-year contract was up for renewal. The Clerk was to clarify the legal position as to whether full tendering or obtaining two estimates was required, bearing in mind the value of the contract. The matter to be placed on the January agenda.
- 53.3 A Pandemic Thank You** – A number of businesses and persons, in the Parish, have provided an essential, much valued and needed service to the community, over the last 9 months; this has often at a considerable personal health risk to themselves and their staff. Councilors felt that it was appropriate that they be thanked personally.
Action: - Councilors were asked to liaise with the Clerk who would thank accordingly.

53.4 HGV's Storey Bank

Another incident was reported where an HGV, visiting the Mill, had turned left off the A686 to approach via Story Bank. In the process had got into difficulties and had driven over the grass verge causing damage.

It was reported that the incident had been taken up with the ABN headquarters office, who were investigating the problem. A request had also been forwarded to Highways to add to the 2021 budget, the installation of a road sign, at the A686 junction on the approach to Storey Bank stating, 'No HGV's' and 'Ignore Sat Nav'.

53.5 The Parish Website. Costs were discussed.**54/20 Dates of Forthcoming Meetings 2021**

Thursday 21st January 2021 at 7.30pm.

In the current Covid – 19 circumstances it is expected that this will be held as a 'Virtual' meeting.

Provisional 2021 future dates.

18th March

13th May – Annual Parish Meeting and AGM

22nd July

9th September

11th November

Venues Langwathby Village Hall - back room. commencing at 7.30pm, subject to Covid - 19 regulations.

The Chairman thanked all for participating and closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Signed

Date