

## LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

**Unapproved.**

**Apologies**

Cllr J Corbishley and County Cllr. Miss C Driver,

**Present**

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

**1/20 Minutes**

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019, as a true record

**2/20 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs K Little and I Harrington, declared their positions as Langwathby Village Hall Committee representatives and Cllrs K Little and D Banks as members of the Langwathby Playground Sub-committee.

**3/20 Public Participation**

There was none.

**4/20 County Councillor Report**

No report was made to the meeting, however a detailed, monthly County Councillor report, can be found on the website [www.langwathby.org](http://www.langwathby.org)

**5/20 District Councillor Report**

In Cllr Doug Banks absence, there was no report.

**6/20 B4RN – Broadband for the Rural North.**

Cllr D Banks joined the meeting.

A presentation was given by Mr. Nick Hall, Head of Civil Engineering for B4RN. B4RN being a community owned cooperative whose aim is to provide world class broadband (1gigabit) to rural and remote communities, though a process of engagement with local communities, generally on a Parish basis, to build together a fibre optic network for an area. (see [www.B4RN.org.uk](http://www.B4RN.org.uk) )

They currently have an ongoing project in the Allen Valleys, encompassing Whitfield, Catton, Allendale town and Allenheads. As part of their project they now have the ability, on a newly installed fibre optic cable capacity to allow them to provide breakout points on a line from Penrith to Whitfield (by Haydon Bridge)

The purpose of their visit to the meeting was to request, from the Parish Council, that a B4RN, green, electrical connection cabinet be installed on Langwathby Village Green at the back of the bus shelter, to enable them to promote the installation of 'cabinet to home' broadband to properties within Langwathby.

**Action:-** Unanimously agreed to give permission to B4RN to install a cabinet, behind the bus shelter, on Langwathby Village green in return for: -

- a) An agreement being signed whereby WIFI is installed, free of charge, in Langwathby Village Hall, and provided free from any monthly charge; this being instead of a 'wayleave' being paid.
- b) That the Langwathby role out of fibre broadband be extended, at the same time, to cover the Edenhall Ward.

Proposed by Cllr D Banks and seconded by Cllr C Merrie and unanimously agreed.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would work with B4RN to promote this new facility.

The representative from B4RN then left the meeting.

## 7/20 Langwathby Playground Upgrade.

This matter was not discussed, being deferred to a future Extraordinary Meeting.

## 8/20 Finance (Incl. Vat) -

as at 15/1/2020

### 8.1 To Note the Following Balances:

	£
Penrith Building Society	9462.00
Barclays	1822.50
Sundry Debtor - VAT (Refund claim in hand)	2120.43
Sundry Debtor – Village Hall	<u>171.26</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>13,576.19</u></b>

### 8.2 An Interim Set of Accounts Was Presented.

This was unanimously accepted.

Proposed by Cllr I Harrison. Seconded by Cllr D Banks.

### 8.3 The Following Accounts were Ratified

Clerks Fee November/ December	476.00
Clerks Office Provision November/ December	30.00
External Audit	240.00
N Preston – End season grass payment	487.50
EDC Lighting Maintenance and Electricity	1995.30
Opus Energy VH	119.51
Opus Energy VH	104.39
Cleanspec VH	62.34
Cleanspec VH	45.78
Cleanspec VH	63.40
Field View Electrical VH	154.68
Field View Electrical VH	48.00
Penrith Posters	1.50
Cater – Kwik VH	70.70
PWLB Loan	3726.04
Amey Enterprise VH	31.21
David Willetts	80.00
Tweddel and Slater	6255.60
NLG Window Systems VH	96.00
Penrith Building Society - Transfer	2000.00

### 8.4 The Following Payment was Agreed

Clerks Expenses 14/11/19 – 16/1/20	38.70
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### 8.5 The Following receipts were noted.

Penrith Building Society	6300.00
Village Hall Repayments	6246.61

## 8.6 Insurance Renewal

The current policy, with Norris Fisher, brokers and Ageas as underwriters, was due for renewal, following the end of a 3-year contract. Following an in depth discussion, it was unanimously agreed to renew the policy for a further 3-year period at the very competitive premium quote of £1771 per year, fixed for the next 3-year period. It was noted that an adjoining Parish Council had recently gone out to tender, in which Norris Fisher was proven competitive. Proposed by Cllr D Banks and seconded by Cllr K Little.

## 8.7 PPL PRS Village Hall Music License.

It was reported that the method of assessing the license fee due, had been recently changed and was now considerably more complicated to calculate.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would seek further clarification from PPL PRS on exactly what was considered 'Music' for license purposes, what was the legal position regarding payment of this fee and finally a breakdown of how exactly the PPL PRS income was distributed to musicians.

## 9/20 Planning Matters

- 19/0846 Land Northwest of B6412/A686 Junction – Retention of 1 no. roadside advertisement sign **Supported**
- 10/0812 High Mill. Outline application for A1 use with approval sought for access **Supported**
- 19/0829 – Fernwood. Edenhall – Creation of new access **Qualified Objection**

## 10/20 Highways and Land Matters

- 10.1 Cemetery Gravel** – This task is in hand awaiting better weather.
- 10.2 Blocked Drain Sunnyside – Edenhall** – Reported drain had been cleared.
- 10.3 Dolphenby Crossroad Road Markings** – In hand with Highways.
- 10.4 School Pavement – Overhanging Trees.** – Work completed.
- 10.5 Walter Howe Seat by Bridge/Willie Mousey Seat.** – Installation is in hand. (See11.1)
- 10.6 Overhanging Branches – Back Lane Langwathby** - Work Completed
- 10.7 Langwathby Drains Blocked** – By Town Head Farm on A686 and at start of Culgaith Road on the left of carriageway. – Reported that drains had been jetted; however, the drain by Town Head was still prone to flooding.  
**Action** – Report to Highways
- 10.8 Cycling – Eden Straights** – The road marking issue had been reported to Highways. Work was still awaited to be completed.  
**Action:** - To enquire from Highways when we could expect the job to be done
- 10.9 Leylandii Hedge Overhanging Pavement – Opposite Village Hall.**  
Reported that the Chairman had discussed the issue with the property owner, who had indicated that he had no objection to the Parish Council cutting the side of the hedge, but not the top. This was not agreed as it was not within the remit of the Parish Council to undertake such work. Councilors were informed that the matter had been placed in the hands of Cumbria County Highways Department to seek a resolution, hopefully amicably, before it became necessary to take legal action.
- 10.10 Western Edenhall Junction** – Request for an extension of double white lines. The Parish Council's wish on this matter had been drawn to the attention of the Highways Department, again, through the Parish Councils qualified objection to the planning application: -  
**19/0829 – Fernwood. Edenhall – Creation of new access**  
A copy being on file.

**11/20 Councillor Matters**

**11.1 Walter Howe' Seat by Bridge** – Further to the decision to replace this seat, a Councillor raised the question as to whether this was the best place to locate the new seat and would it not be better for the seat to be situated on Langwathby Village Green. Following discussion, where Councillors were reminded that the seat was valued and used in its present location, it was decided to leave things, as previously agreed and to install the new seat where it is currently located, there being a number of seats on the Village green.

It was suggested that enquiries be made to see if some tree pruning could be undertaken to improve the view, from this seat, across the river.

**11.2 Hunsonby Swinging Pool** – A request for financial assistance to cover the ongoing, increased, running expenditure of this valuable public asset, was received from Hunsonby Pool Committee.

**Action:-** Agreed to make a one-off donation of £250.

**11.3 Footpath from Langwathby Shop to 'Old Powley's' – Illegal Parking**

Concern was expressed over vehicles parking on this path, obstruction pedestrian access. It being noted that space must be left on a footpath to facilitate the unobstructed passage of a pushchair or wheelchair.

**Action:** - Agree to make mention of this issue in the Memo.

**11.4 Flooding Edenhall Junctions off the A686** – It was reported that flooding was occurring at both the junctions, off the A686 to Edenhall.

**Action:** - Agreed to report to Highways.

**12/20 Correspondence**

**12.1 Buckingham Palace Buck Garden Party 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Agreed to nominate Chairman Cllr Ian Harrington and his wife.

**12.2 CALC Developing Your Skills Programme – January to July 2020**

This programme had been circulated to Councillors.

**12.3 'Cold to Cosy Home' Grants – Cumbria Action for Sustainability**

Details of this scheme were tabled.

**13/20 Dates of Forthcoming Meetings 2020**

19<sup>th</sup> March

14<sup>th</sup> May Annual Parish Meeting followed by AGM

16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

10<sup>th</sup> September,

12<sup>th</sup> November

**Venue** in the back room, Langwathby Village Hall.

**Commencing** – 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm./