

## LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the 'Virtual' Meeting Held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
commencing at 7.30pm.

**14/21 Apologies**

County Councillor Claire Driver.

**15/21 Present**

Cllrs: Mr. I Harrington, (in the Chair), Miss K Little, Mr. J Corbishley, Mr. T Anderson, Mr. D Banks, Mr. C Eland, Mr. M Holliday, Mrs. C Merrie, Mr. C Wilson, Mr. J Fleming (Parish Clerk) and Paul Harland, Rural Engagement Manager for Openreach.

Three members of the public also joined the meeting.

**16/21 Minutes**

The Chairman was unanimously authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 as a true record

Proposed by Cllr D Banks

Seconder by Cllr J Corbishley

**17/21 Declarations of Interest**

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

Cllrs I Harrington, C Eland, T Anderson and D Banks declared an interest in the Langwathby Village Hall Renovation Committee.

**18/21 Public Participation –**

**18.1** One member of the public raised concern regarding item 12.1 in the January 2021 minutes. Reference had been made to neighbour 'disputes' in respect of the renovation work being carried out at Ivy Cottage. It was asked that 'disputes' be corrected to 'concerns.'

Councillors unanimously agreed to this change.

**18.2** Concern was also raised in respect of the removal of asbestos waste from the Ivy Cottage property and adjoining roadside verge; the opinion being expressed that this matter had not been resolved satisfactorily.

It was clarified that, following a site visit from Eden District Council, it had been confirmed that no hazard had been identified, now, on the roadside verge. It was also confirmed that any hazardous material deposited on the Ivy Cottage property, itself, was the sole responsibility of the property owner to dispose of safely.

The Chairman thanked the member of the public for her contribution to the meeting. One member of the public then withdrew from the meeting.

**18.3 Edenhall Broadband Project.**

Two members of the public indicated their full support for the fibre broadband initiative in Edenhall. They thanked Cllr Jason Corbishley for the work he had done on progressing the project to date and hoped very much that the Parish Council would be able to support the project to enable fibre broadband to be installed in Edenhall for the benefit of the community and the potential enhancement of property values.

**19/21 County Councillor Report**

There was none.

**20/21 District Councillor Report**

**20.1** Cllr Doug Banks reported that there was little to report from the District Council.

**20.2** The planning application in respect of changes to Voreda House had been turned down by the planning committee. As a consequence, revised plans would be re-submitted.

**20.3** With reference to the Unitary Authority consultation, it was reported that Eden District Council's preferred option was a Carlisle/Allerdale and Eden link up rather than the South Lakeland/Barrow and Eden proposal.

**21/21 Finance (All figure include Vat)**

<b>21.1 To note the following balances @ 12/3/21:-</b>	<b>£</b>
Penrith Building Society	6589.95
Barclays	1927.10
Sundry Debtor - VAT	1870.70
Sundry Debtor – Village Hall	<u>828.85</u>
<b>Total Cash as at 12/3/2021</b>	<b><u>11216.60</u></b>

The Interim Set of Accounts were unanimously approved.

Proposed by Cllr T Anderson. Seconded by Cllr K Little

**21.2 The Following Accounts Were Ratified**

Carrs Oil VH	222.32
Carrs Oil VH	818.24
Clerk's Fee January/February	489.66
Clerk's Office Provision January/February	30.00
Opus Energy VH	47.36
Opus Energy VH	39.47
Zoom Fee to CPC. Jan/Feb.2 months @ £6	12.00
Certas Energy VH	218.44
EDC Lighting Maintenance and Electricity	1788.00
Play Inspection Company	167.88
Website Domain Renewal – 3 years	57.56
Norris Fisher Insurance	1866.10
PWLB Village Hall Loan	3726.04

**21.3 The Following Payment Was Approved**

Clerks Expenses 21/1/2021 to 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	14.40
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To approve 21.2 and 21.3

Proposer Cllr C Merrie, Seconder Cllr C Wilson

**21.4 The Following Receipts Were Noted**

Village Hall Repayments	426.89
EDC Recycling Income	1014.49
Pin Fold Rent	1.00

**21.5 The Following Transfers Were Noted**

From PBS to Current Account	3000.00
From PBS to Current Account	6500.00

## **22/21 Community Fibre Partnership Edenhall.**

The meeting was joined by Paul Harland – Openreach

**22.1** It was reported that approximately 62 properties in Edenhall had indicated that they wished to join the FTTP project in Edenhall provided by Openreach.

**22.2** It was confirmed that a business plan had been concluded and the project was viable with the installation costs being fully covered by either Government vouchers or a 'Borderland' top up grant.

**22.3** There being no installation cost to participants, the only commitment being to request their broadband supplier to transfer them across to 'Fibre' once FTTP was installed to their property; this then released the Government voucher to Openreach. Once connected the participant could retain their supply contract with their existing supplier.

**22.4** Virtually all the installation was done overground, using the existing telephone infrastructure. Should an underground connection be preferred, by Openreach, to a property, it would result in overground wires and poles being removed, to the visual benefit of the village.

**22.5** To proceed with the project Openreach needed to sign an agreement with an 'Entity' who would be financially liable in the event of any shortfall in funding. This could be either the Parish Council or a company formed by the participants. The latter option being complicated to set up and being difficult to achieve.

**22.6** In the unlikely event of a financial shortfall occurring, possibly due to an unexpected fatality, under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 1972 a Parish Council is empowered to provide finance to facilitate an 'Electronic Communication Network' (ECN) in order to publicize its services within it's Parish. This covers the high-speed broadband system offered by Openreach.

Should the Parish be required to cover a shortfall it was considered that this would be a fully justified expenditure to support the Edenhall Parishioners.

**22.7** Cllr Mark Holiday, endorsed by the whole Council, thanked Cllr Jason Corbishley for the considerable effort he had put in, over the last two years, to bring this, much needed and worthwhile project, to its concluding stages. He strongly recommended that the Parish Council fully supported the project.

**Action:-** It was unanimously agreed that Langwathby Parish Council would sign an agreement with Openreach to enable the project to proceed to its conclusion, on condition that all participants signed an agreement to confirm that they would request their broadband supplier to transfer their property across to 'Fibre' once FTTP was installed to their property..

Proposed by Cllr M Holliday

Seconded by Cllr I Harrington.

The Chairman thanked the two Edenhall parishioners present for their support for the project and their contribution to the meeting.

## **23/21 Fibre Broadband to Langwathby and Village Hall by B4RN – An Update**

**23.1** It was reported that due to a change in the routeing of the fibre cable to Kirkoswald Parish, B4RN no longer required to locate a Fibre Box on the village hall site in Langwathby. As a consequence, and very regrettably, the offer to install and provide a free Broadband connection to the Village Hall had been withdrawn.

**23.2** On a separate initiative only 38 properties had expressed an interest in being connected to fibre broadband in Langwathby, through B4RN. This only represented 13.5% of the 285 properties in the village; in order to consider progressing an installation project B4RN required an approximate 70% uptake of approximately 200 properties.

**23.3** Paul Harland of Openreach suggested that support be gauged from Langwathby residents for Openreach to provide a FTTP service to the village, on a similar basis to what Openreach was offering to Edenhall. It being noted that the Openreach model was different to that of B4RN, with there being no installation cost, a linked telephone service and the installation using the existing overground telephone infrastructure.

**Action:** - It was unanimously agreed to sound out the interest in FTTP from Langwathby residents, based on the Openreach model, with a view to submitting to Openreach a list of interested properties, from which a business plan could be drawn up and the financial viability of such a scheme assessed.

Cllr D Banks agreed to take a lead in taking this initiative forward, being guided by Cllr J Corbishley. The first task being a site visit to determine the location of those properties that had initially expressed an interest.

#### **24/21 Village Hall Renovation Project**

**24.1** It was reported that a 'Langwathby Village Hall Renovation Project Committee' had been formed as a sub-committee of the Parish Council.

**24.2** This Committee was made up of: - Ian Harrington (Parish Council Chairman), Tracey Sweeney (Langwathby Village Hall Chair), Bryan Grey (Advisor to the Committee), Heather Dalloway (Langwathby Village Hall Secretary), Mandy Trueman (Langwathby Village Hall Treasurer), Cllr Craig Eland, Cllr Tom Anderson, Cllr Doug Banks, Stewart Dixon (Edenhall) and John Fleming (Parish Clerk).

**24.3** The first task this committee was undertaking was a community consultation, prior to any decisions being taken on how to proceed with the renovation of the village hall. Cllr D Banks agreed to erect an 'A' sign board by the coffee van, to promote the consultation.

#### **25/21 Planning Matters –**

20/0992 – Inglebeck Edenhall Penrith - Single storey side extension to dwelling to provide kitchen and family room No Comment

21/0139 – Applethwaite, Culgaith Road, Langwathby- Proposed general agricultural building Supported

21/0138 – Land at Langwathby Hall Farm. Langwathby - Variation of condition 6 (hours of work on site), attached to approval 20/0902 Commented on

21/0152 – 9 Low Mill, Langwathby - Raising the roof to the dormer bedroom above the garage and adding a part single storey, part two storey rear extension with associated alterations. Re-submission of 20/0957

Following a discussion, this application was unanimously supported

Proposed Cllr Ian Harrington

Seconded Cllr Mark Holliday

#### **26/21 Highways and Land Matters**

**26.1 Cemetery Entrance Issue –** Matter is on hold until the spring

**26.2 Langwathby Hall Farm –Engineering Business.** Enforcement notice, is still being investigated by EDC Planning Services

**26.3 Langwathby Traffic Issues.** – In hand with Highways

**26.4 Henderson Lane Refurbishment –** Matter is on hold until weather improves.

**26.5 Village Hall – Access to new car park –** Work planned for May.

**26.6 Drainage Issue 'Lane End' Edenhall.** –The issue was in hand with Edenhall Estates; further work had been carried out to attempt to resolve the problem.

- 26.7 1 and 2 Moss Side, Edenhall.** – The Utilities cover has been repaired.
- 26.8 Edenhall Footway Light** – Outside of the Old Vicarage, Edenhall – Repaired.
- 26.9 Langwathby Bus Shelter Gutter** – Work has been completed.
- 26.10 Grass Cutting Contract:** - Reported that, following advertising, one Tender had been received, from Nigel Preston; the price quoted being £1030 per year for a three-year contract. This equated to a 5.6% increase over the last three and next three years, a six-year period.  
Action: - Unanimously agreed to accept this Tender.  
Proposed by Cllr Doug Banks  
Seconder by Cllr Carol Merry.
- 26.11 Edenhall War Memorial** – Cleaning of the memorial, to date, had been effective and the work was ongoing. Grateful thanks was expressed to Cllr Jason Corbishley for all his effort in this respect.
- 26.12 Langwathby War Memorial** – The cleaning of this memorial was in hand.
- 26.13 Langwathby Swing Basket Seat** – Reported that, following an inspection, no replacement was required.
- 26.14 Drain Opposite Langwathby Chapel** – The problem is being investigated by Highways and United Utilities.
- 26.15 Village Hall Boon Day** – Agreed to defer until later in the Spring..
- 26.16 Edenhall Roadside Drainage Issues**  
**26.16.1** It was reported that there is water percolating up through the tar on the road towards Edenhall church - about 100m beyond the telephone box, in the wide part of the road where residents park their cars. This is probably the result of blocked drainage.  
**Action:** - To report to Highways.  
**26.16.2** Reported that by the previously reported flooding of the approach to Edenhall, from the west, a pothole had developed, which was gathering water.  
**Action:** - To report to Highways.
- 26.17 Repair of Damage to Langwathby Village Green**  
Mention was made of the heavy goods vehicle damage that had been made to areas of Langwathby Village Green over the winter.  
**Action:** - Unanimously agreed to accept a quote of £100 from Nigel Preston to level and reseed the areas in question.  
Proposed Cllr Kerry Little  
Seconded Cllr Mark Holliday.
- 26.18 Light Out – Back road Langwathby, by Corner of Coxen Lane.**  
Reported that this light was still not functioning.  
**Action:** - To report, again, to EDC

## **27/21 Councillor Matters**

- 27.1 Flooding – By The Sports Ground – Edenhall.**  
It was reported that, whilst Highways had attended to the road flooding on the entrance road to Edenhall from the Toll Bar junction, the matter was still not totally resolved. There was also a pothole in this vicinity that needed repair.  
**Action:** -Cllr Ian Harrington had agreed to meet with Highways, on site, to offer some local knowledge, that may help to resolve the problem
- 27.2 Information Kiosk Windows**  
It was requested that a quote be sought to replace the rather opaque windows in the kiosk.
- 27.3 New Village Green Bench**  
It was suggested that a new bench, positioned on Langwathby Village Green at the recycling corner, would be appreciated by Parishioners and well used.  
**Action:** - Unanimously agreed to purchase a new bench, made from recycled plastic, from Solway Recycling, at a cost of £353 net. It was also agreed to add a plaque remembering those who sadly died and those who have suffered during the 2020/2021 Covid – 19 pandemic.

**27.4 Saddleback's Customer Damage to Village Green.**

**27.2.1** A request had been received from the Saddleback Coffee Van for permission to lay Astra Plastic Turf, on the Village Green where customers queued to be served. The cost laying and removal, when required, being covered totally by Saddlebacks'.

**Action:** - Following debate, in which Councilors appreciated the problem, they confirmed, however, that they would not agree to this material being laid.

Cllr Doug Banks agreed to explain the decision to Nick Thomas.

**27.5 Metal Seat Opposite War Memorial.**

It was noted that this seat was in need of repainting.

**Action:** - Unanimously agreed to obtain a quote from John Dulson to undertake the work.

**27.6 Parking Around Langwathby Village Green**

Concern was expressed, once again, regarding parking by the church and around the village green, resulting from the popularity of the Saddleback coffee van.

**Action:** - It was noted that this was a problem, as there were no roadside parking restrictions in the village. It was agreed to ask Nick Thomas to ask his customers to park responsibly, avoiding causing an obstruction.

It was also agreed to mention the issue in the Memo.

**27.7 Eden Straits Poor Road Surface.**

Concern had been raised over the uneven road surface on Eden Straits causing noisy tyre rumble.

The meeting was informed that the complete resurfacing of this section of road had been placed in a future budget with the work unlikely to be completed in the next twelve months. As a consequence, there was little that could be done.

**27.8 Langwathby Mobile Fish and Chip Vans Signs**

Concern was expressed over the advertising signs from these two vans being left continuously on the edge of the green.

**Action:** - Agreed to ask that they be removed following their visit to the village.

**27.9 Langwathby and Edenhall Playground Inspection Reports**

**Action:** - Any necessary work required would be actioned.

**27.10 Meadow Court – Hedge**

It was reported that the roadside hedge by Meadow Court needed cutting back.

**Action:** - Agreed to ask the Two Castles Housing Association to attend to the matter.

**27.11 Recycling Site Appearance**

Concern had been raised over the appearance of this, well used and busy site.

**Action:** - Now that the new housing development road had been installed and the necessary building demolition undertaken, it was agreed that Cllrs Kerry Little, Doug Banks and Ian Harrington would have a site visit with a view to reorganizing the layout.

**28/21 Correspondence**

The following items of key correspondence received since the last meeting was reported.

**28.1** Playground Inspection Reports had been received.

**28.2** Transfer of ownership document regarding new access to village hall.

**28.3** CALC Local Government Reorganization Consultation closes 19th April 2021

**28.4** Calc Local Government Reform document.

**28.5** Cumbria Wildlife Trust Vacancies in Cumbria

**28.6** 28 Covid – 19 related E Mails received.

**28.7** Census 2021 - Your Questions Answered

**28.8** Cumbria County Council: Cumbrian schools launch laptop appeal

**28.9** Highways Customer Feedback Survey

**28.10** Highlighting Eden - press release

**28.11** Cumbria Arts and Culture Network Newsletter - numerous

- 28.12 Climate Change - Opportunity for Volunteers Cumbria
- 28.13 Action for Health & Mental Health Provider Forum Numerous Bulletins
- 28.14 Settle Carlisle Railway Community Rail Partnership – Plans for future
- 28.15 Zero Carbon Communities document.

### **29/21 Dates of Forthcoming Meetings 2021**

13<sup>th</sup> May –Annual Parish Meeting and AGM

In the current Covid – 19 circumstances it is expected that these will be held as 'Virtual' meetings.

2021 Future Dates.

22<sup>nd</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> November

Venue 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