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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Thursday 24th March 2022
in the Back Room, Langwathby Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

- 1/22 Apologies** **Unapproved**
Cllrs C Wilson, I Harrington, C Eland, C Merrie and County Cllr C Driver.
- 2/22 Present**
Cllrs K Little (Chair), D Banks, J Corbishley, M Holliday, J Fleming (Parish Clerk) and three members of the public.
- 3/22 Minutes**
The Chairman was authorized to sign the minutes of the 18th November 2022 meeting, as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr J Corbishley. Seconded by Cllr D Banks.
- 4/22 Declarations of Interest**
Cllrs K Little declared her position on the Langwathby Village Hall Committee
Cllrs D Banks and M Holiday declared their position on the Langwathby Village Hall Renovation Committee.
- 5/22 Public Participation**
Wild Flowers on. Langwathby Village Green - A Parishioner asked if the bare soil, exposed as a result of the new curbing on the top side of the Green, opposite the War Memorial, could be planted with wild flowers. In addition, could the grass be removed from beneath the recently planted Silver Birch trees, opposite the Recycling Centre, and the exposed bare soil, also be planted with wild flower seed.
The Chair thanked the Parishioner for her input and assured her the points raised would be discussed under agenda item 8.4.
The Parishioner left the meeting.
- 6/22 County Councillor Report**
There was none.
- 7/22 District Councillor Report**
District Councillor, D Banks commented that there was not a lot to report at a District level due to the uncertainties, resulting from the move to a Unitary Authority.
Work was starting soon on the redevelopment of Voreda House in Penrith. The building would act as a hub for various Council offices, along with office space being offered to other organisations.
It was planned for the Town Hall to be developed into an Arts facility and for Mansion House to be sold as a possible hotel.

8/22 Finance**8.1 Finance (Incl. Vat) -****The Following Balances were Noted as at 17/3/2022**

	£
Penrith Building Society	7516.93
Barclays	3090.85
Vat to be claimed	1284.41
Village Hall to refund	<u>0.00</u>
Total Cash	11892.19

8.2 Presentation of Interim Accounts as at 17/3/2022

These were unanimously adopted.

Proposer Cllr D Banks
 Seconder Cllr J Corbishley

8.3 The Following Accounts were Ratified since 18th November 2021

Clerk Fee Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb	996.68
Clerk Office Provision Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb	100.00
Opus Energy VH	161.60
Opus Energy VH	65.13
Opus Energy VH	115.14
Opus Energy VH	124.50
Cleanspec VH	36.46
Cleanspec VH	93.55
Hire Village Hall	22.50
Field View – VH	63.60
Field View – VH	48.00
Field View – VH	72.00
Field View – VH	58.20
Field View – VH	74.52
Field View – VH	393.53
Field View – VH	140.76
Carrs Oil – VH	1071.56
EDC Lighting Maintenance and Supply	1645.63
Nigel Preston – Cemetery Pruning	100.00
Zurich – Insurance	1745.49
Frank Whittle Partnership – VH	600.00
Play Inspection Company – Inspections X 2	167.88
Defibrillator Pads X 3 Sets	287.64
PPL/PSR Music License – VH	132.00
Public Works Loan Village Hall	3726.04

8.4 To agree the following Payment

Clerks Expenses – 18/11/21 – 24/3/22	21.32
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8.5 To Approve Accounts Ratified and Payments

Proposer Cllr J Corbishley
 Seconder Cllr D Banks

8.6 To Note Following Receipts

Village Hall Reimbursement	2680.89
Cemetery Plot booking X 1 and Burial X 1	200.00

8.7 Transfer PBS to Barclays Current A/c 11600.00

9/22 Planning Matters

22/0002 – Whinsway, Langwathby, Penrith - Erection of dormer extension to front elevation to form additional bedroom. Supported and Granted

21/1088 – 1 Bank Edge. Langwathby - Proposed two storey alterations to an existing single storey lean to outbuilding. Supported and Granted

22/0137 – Land adj. Old School/School House, Langwathby - Erection of a dwelling, new access/parking area, and pedestrian gateway. Concern was raised that the site was too tight for the dwelling proposed and that serious concern was raised over the safety of the access. Objected.

21/0435 – Ivy Cottage, Langwathby - Extension of existing parking area in garden, part retrospective.

It was reported to the meeting that the owner has been advised, by EDC Planning Services, that it is the opinion of officers that the voluntary works undertaken to date, have not reinstated the land to its former levels, as requested to address the identified breach of planning control. This work was to be completed by the 31st March. The Clerk is monitoring the situation.

10/22 Highways and Land Matters**10.1 Edenhall Roadside Drainage Issues.**

Monitoring of the situation to be continued.

10.2 Slow Flowing Culvert – Langwathby to Culgaith Road Work completed

10.3 Top of Cemetery Bush Pruning. Work completed

10.4 Wild Flower and Bulb Planting Policy 2022 - Langwathby Village Green.

The points raised by a Parishioner under 'Public Participation' were noted. It was reported that Councillors had received a number of complaints from Parishioners of how untidy the Village Green had looked last year, as a result of the grass not being mowed beneath the trees, which was regrettable. Following discussion, the following was unanimously agreed: -

Action:-

- A) Cllr M Holiday kindly agreed to sow grass and wild flower seed on the bare soil, by the new curbing, on the top side of the village green, opposite the War Memorial.
- B) The grass cutting contractor be asked to mow the grass beneath the trees on the green, during the 2022 season, once the bulbs had died back.
- C) Regarding the Parishioners suggestion that the grass be removed beneath the newly planted Silver Birch trees and wild flower seed planted; this suggestion was discussed and considered but the unanimous decision was to leave the grass as it was.
- D) Agreed to continue with the planting of more bulbs beneath all the trees on the green, including the Silver Birch, in the autumn.

10.5 Langwathby Village Green Curbing – Opposite War Memorial.

Work has been completed

10.6 Edenhall FTTP Project.

Cllr J Corbishley expressed his utter frustration on behalf of the 62 residents who had committed to the Edenhall scheme over a number of issues, surrounding this project.

It was proving impossible to get a response from Cumbria Country Council's 'Connect Cumbria' regarding the promised £40,000 from the Borderlands Top Up Internet Grant. Trying to work with 'Connect Cumbria' was proving to be impossible; their failure to respond to communication was totally unprofessional and their proven ineffectiveness was shameful and demonstrated total contempt for the Edenhall residents signed up to the project. The behavior

experience, made a mockery of the image of helpfulness they attempted to portray in their regular newsletter.

Communication with County Councillor Claire Driver was proving impossible, E Mails and telephone calls rarely being returned; again, the lack of support received by the Edenhall residents from their County Councillor, was shameful and noted.

Project progress with 'Openreach' was being held up waiting for an update from 'Connect Cumbria'.

It was, though, pleasing to report the full support that had been received from the office of Dr. Neil Hudson MP. His office had been very supportive and had expressed their own frustration over the ineffectiveness of Cumbria County Council through 'Connect Cumbria'.

The project continues to work closely with 'Openreach' with a view to achieving FTTP in Edenhall at some point in the future.

10.7 Ongoing drainage Issue on the Corner by Town Head farm.

Work completed

10.8 Planting Beech Tree – Langwathby Village Green.

Tree now planted

10.9 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons - 2 June 2022.

It was reported that, currently, no plans were in place for a beacon to be lit in the Parish.

10.10 Cherry Tree Langwathby School Entrance.

It was reported that this diseased tree had been felled; however, the pavement beneath it was still in need of leveling.

Action:- To report the uneven pavement to Highways.

10.11 Millriggs Soak Away Drain

Work Completed.

10.12 Platinum Jubilee Picknick Bench – Opposite the Shop.

Langwathby Stores had kindly offered to donate a picknick table, commemorating the Queens Platinum Jubilee, for location on the Village Green, opposite the shop, subject to the Parish Council's approval.

Action:- Councillors gave their unanimous approval for this generous gesture. A very positive point being noted that it's positioning would deter parking, on the Village Green, in this area. Grateful thanks to be extended to the proprietor, Chris Jones.

10.13 A Roundabout at the Junction of the A6412 from Culgaith and the A686

A Parishioner had suggested that it might improve road safety if a roundabout be installed at this junction. Following an in-depth discussion, in which, both the merits and otherwise of this proposal were discussed, the unanimous decision was that such a roundabout would create more problems than it would solve and as a consequence was not supported.

10.14 River Eden – Paddle Board and Canoe Users

It had been drawn to the attention of the Council that paddle boards and canoes were being launched into the River Eden, by Langwathby Bridge. Concern was raised that such activities would seriously inconvenience those fishing. Following discussion, the view was taken that the river was there to facilitate a wide range of different leisure activities and that it was outside the authority of the Parish Council to forbid the launching of such craft from this

bank site. That said all those using the river should demonstrate respect for others.

10.15 Langwathby Village Hall, Illicit Commercial Parking in Car Park.

It was reported that a commercial van was persistently parking, illicitly, in the Village Hall car park; this area being for the sole use of Village Hall patrons, unless other arrangements had been agreed.

Action: - Agreed the Clerk would raise the matter with the vehicle's owner.

10.16 Ladies Walk – CCC asked to replace a broken, wooden, footpath sign.

10.17 Low Mill, Langwathby – a new road sign had been requested from CCC.

11/22 Langwathby Village Hall Renovation Project

11.1 It was reported that this project was moving forward nicely. A renovation of the existing hall had been decided upon rather than a new build. The Frank Whittle Partnership, in Preston, had been chosen as the project architects and a renovation brief had been forwarded to them to work on.

11.2 Cllr M Holliday had replaced Cllr T Anderson on the project committee.

12/22 Edenhall Ward Councillor Co – option

It was reported that two gentlemen had expressed interest in the two Edenhall Ward vacancies, namely: - Mr. James Hodgson and Mr. Chris Henderson, both from Edenhall and both being eligible to be co-opted as Councillors, should it be the wish of the Council. Both gentlemen being present, as Parishioners, at the meeting.

As Eden District Council had the closing date for 10 members of the public to request an election, as Wednesday 30th March, it was not in order for co-options to be made at this meeting; however, the likelihood of an election being called was minimal.

The Council were unanimous in being minded to co-opt these two gentlemen and agreed that a short Extra Ordinary meeting be call for Friday 1st April to confirm the appointments.

13/22 Correspondence, Notices and Publications

The following had been received since the last meeting.

13.1 28 E mails forwarded to Councillors since 18th Nov 21 meeting

13.2 Litter Bin by the bench along from the notice board had been relocated to the Recycling area, by the Village Hall..

13.3 Green Lane Association – www.glass-uk.org

13.4 Cumbria in Bloom

13.5 CCC Revised Code of Conduct update Nov 2021

13.5 Buckingham Palace Garden Party – It being reported that ticket allocation had been cut back considerably this year to make space for the British Empire Medalists and Investiture Recipients, as well as a reduced guest list in general.

13.6 Road Resurfacing - Highways had reported that the road through Langwathby village to include the river bridge would be totally resurfaced as from the 25th July 2022. The work would take 3 – 4 weeks. There would be phased road closures; businesses would be informed.

13.7 Play Ground Reports

The 2022 Langwathby and Edenhall inspection reports were on file. Agreed to take action where required.

13.8 Gt British Spring Clean. – 25th March – 10th April

13.9 Dog Fouling - Concern regarding Langwathby Village and the Village Green.
Action:- Issue had been reported to the EDC Community Warden for action.

13.10 Foot Way Lights. - Reported that the EDC Scrutiny Committee had looked into the possibility of taking back 'In hand,' from the Parish Councils, the footway lights light. Due to the complexity of making such a reversal of policy, a decision was made to leave things as there are.

- 13.11 Unitary Authority** – Correspondence received from Dr. Neil Hudson MP
13.12 Edenhall FTTP Project – Very helpful and supportive correspondence received from Dr. Neil Hudson MP.

14/22 Councillor Matters

- 14.1 Edenhall War Memorial** – Reported that the new, wall top railings were now requiring painting.
Action:- Unanimously agreed for this work to be done.
- 14.2 Langwathby Information Kiosk.**
14.2.1 Problems were being experienced with some Parishioners who were using the Information Kiosk as a dumping ground for their surplus books and magazine which was against the spirit of facility. It was reported that the following notice had been placed in the recent edition of the Memo

Langwathby Information Kiosk

The Langwathby Information Kiosk provides a notice board with key village information and also has available a free book lending service. To facilitate a regular updating and change of books available, donations of clean books, only, in good condition, are very welcome.

We would however, ask that you donate only up to a maximum of 4 to 6 books at any one time.

To prevent the shelves becoming over full. Please do not leave boxes or large bags of books in the kiosk, to do so is against the spirit of the facility and makes the kiosk, totally inaccessible.

If you are disposing of large quantities of books, please either take them to the recycling center or to a charity shop.

Your assistance and cooperation would be appreciated.

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14.2.2 Updating Literature. It was reported that the Tourist Information Rack and the Fell Runner timetable needed updating.

Action:- The Clerk to arrange updates.

15/22 Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

Venue Langwathby Village Hall, Back Room, commencing at 7.30pm

26th May 2022 – Annual Parish Meeting followed by the AGM and May meeting.

21st July (Provisional)

22nd September (Provisional)

17th November (Provisional)

The Chair thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.55pm
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Signed _____

Date _____

The meeting was followed by a meeting of the Williamson Trust.