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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Thursday 20th July 2023
in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Unapproved

49/23 Apologies

Cllrs J Corbishley, M Holliday, C Eland, J Hodgson, C Wilson.

50/23 Present

Cllrs, D Banks. (Chairman), C Merrie, K Little, C Henderson
WAFC Cllrs M Hanley and M Robinson.

There were no members of the public present.

51/23 Minutes

The Chairman was unanimously authorized to sign the minutes of the 18th May 2023 meeting, as a true record

Proposed by Cllr D Banks. Seconded by Cllr C Merrie

52/23 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs K Little declared her position on Langwathby Public Hall Committee

Cllrs, D Banks declared his position on the Langwathby Village Hall Renovation Committee.

53/23 Public Participation

There was none.

54/23 Westmorland and Furness Councilor's Reports

54.1 Cllr M Hanley reported that WAFC intended to make significant investments in the area. £5m was to be invested on local projects, funding including biodiversity and transport. Incidentally £1.4m gross income was received from the Windermere lake bed, which WAFC own, after staff and maintenance costs the net income to WAFC is about half of this.

At the first meeting of the Highways and Transport Board it was stated that an objective was the introduction of a 20-mph speed limit in communities, where appropriate. £300k had been set aside to help communities achieve this with additional road signage.

54.2 Cllr M Robinson reported that both herself and Cllr M Handley were on the Planning Committee. The 10 – 19 Travel Bursary was to continue, with £30,000 being allocated. Cllr Robinson reported that she was on the Child and Young People Scrutiny Board.

There was an initiative to improve road surfacing efficiency. A Councillor commented that it was hoped that the surfacing report was not weighted towards urban areas.

Full reports are available on www.langwathby.org

55/23 Finance

55.1 To note the following balances:	£
Penrith Building Society	20605.23
Barclays	6487.38
Vat to be claimed	519.77
Village Hall to refund	<u>0.00</u>
Total Cash	27612.38

55.2 Presentation and Approval of Interim Accounts

These were unanimously adopted.

Proposer Cllr C Henderson

Seconder Cllr K Litte

55.3 The Following Accounts were Ratified since 18th May 2023

Clerk Fee May/June	866.66
Clerk Office Provision May/June 2023	50.00
Opus Energy VH	124.70
Opus Energy VH	146.61
Opus Energy VH	135.80
Memo	250.00
Edenhall and Langwathby Sports Field Grant	250.00
Edenhall PCC Grant	350.00
Kerry Little – Recycling/Bus Shelter Grant	325.00
Fellrunner Grant	350.00
D Tec – Toner	39.00
D Tec – Antivirus	48.00
Cemetery Mower Service	78.00
Penrith Posters – Printing Annual Report	66.00
Angela Hartland – PAYE New Year Setup.	24.00
Music License. PRS PPL VH	151.45
Hire Village Hall 30/5/23	31.50
Cleanspec VH	85.97
5 Reams paper – Amazon	29.99
Stationary – Miscellaneous	7.00
Field View – VH	690.44
N Preston – Grass Cutting	720.00
UNW KKP – Vat Advice	600.00
Urbaser – VH	63.60

55.4 Agreed the following payment.

Clerks Expenses 18/5/23 – 20/7/23	31.00
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55.5 To authorize items 55.3 and 55.4

These were unanimously agreed.

Proposer Cllr D Banks

Seconder Cllr C Merrie

55.6 The Following Receipts were Noted:

Village Hall Reimbursement	1213.97
Cemetery Headstone	150.00
HMRC Vat Refund	5831.16

56/23 Planning Matters

- 23/0283, The Lost Cabins, Unford Rise, Edenhall Penrith, Retrospective application for the change of use of 3 forest huts to self-catering holiday let accommodation units. Supported
- 23/0368 – Homefield, Edenhall - Remove T1 (Willow) and T2 (Willow) in Conservation area. Supported
- 23/0337 – Old School, Langwathby, Penrith - Replacement of existing garage with new garden room, together with the closure of an existing access and formation of a new access and driveway. Supported

57/23 Highways and Land Matters

- 57.1 Back Lane Light – Langwathby –**
A wayleave issue - in hand with WAFC and E NW.
- 57.2 Edenhall Roadside Drainage and Flooding Issues.**
Still in hand with WAFC.
Action: - To press the problem again with Highways.
- 57.3 Ladies Walk – Footpath Sign**
Reported that on a job list to do, with WAFC Contract Services.
- 57.4 Potholes – Church Lane Edenhall -**
Work completed.
- 57.5 Langwathby Bridge – Cycling Signage and Road Markings. –**
Reported that on a job list to do with, WAFC Contract Services.
- 57.6 Edenhall Ash Trees**
Essential safety pruning done by WAFC.
- 57.7 Japanese Knot Grass, Edenhall –**
An ongoing issue.
- 57.8 Storey Bank – Back Lane Junction. –**
Junction attended too. Potholes repaired.
- 57.9 Langwathby Recycling Fence.**
Defective fence now has been replaced.
- 57.10 Langwathby Town Head Farm Corner A686/ Back Lane Flooding -**
This flash flooding issue had been reported to Highways.
- 57.11 Langwathby / Culgaith - B6412 - Narrow Carriageway Issue**
This tricky issue is being monitored; without introducing parking restrictions, which local residents would find very inconvenient, the problem is difficult to solve.
- 57.12 Langwathby Bank Layby - Extra Bin**
An extra bin to cope with the current volume of waste was asked for from WAFC, however this request has proved difficult to achieve.

58/23 Langwathby Village Hall Renovation Project

- 58.1 Inaugural Meeting of the Parish Council, Meeting as ‘Sole Trustees’**
Reported that an inaugural meeting of the Parish Council, meeting as ‘Sole Trustees’ to the ‘Langwathby Public Hall *Charity* - Charity no. 520331’ had taken place and the updated constitutional arrangements, recommended by ‘ACT, had been adopted.
- 58.2 Charity Commission –** Reported that the Charity Commission had been notified of the administrative changes that had been made in relation to the management of the ‘Langwathby Public Hall *Charity* - Charity No. 520331’
- 58.3 Renovation Project – Vat Clarification.**
It was reported that, following guidance received from the Vat specialists, UNW LLP, it had been confirmed that the ‘Langwathby Public Hall Charity’ was not in a position to reclaim back the Vat on the renovation project. As a consequent all grant applications should be made in the name of the Langwathby Public Hall Charity’ stating that the Charity was not registered with HMRC to reclaim Vat and that all grants awarded would have to cover gross costs.

59/23 Councillor Matters

An opportunity for Councillors to raise issues on behalf of residents.

Note: no decisions can be made on these matters but they may be placed on a future agenda of the Council.

59.1 Reported that the notifiable weed, Ragwort, was prevalent on the Highways verge, on the Penrith side of Langwathby Bridge.

Action:- To report to Highways.

59.2 Langwathby War Memorial Flower Planters.

Cllr Carol Merrie, having tended these flowers for many years, gave notice that she would like to pass the responsibility on to a younger generation.

Action: - To seek a person to take over this task by placing a notice in the Memo.

59.3 Langwathby Notice Board.

Cllr Carol Merrie, who has kept this notice board tidy for many years, indicated that she would like to pass the responsibility on to somebody else. Cllr D Banks offered to take over from Carol.

60/23 Correspondence, Notices and Publications

The following had been received since the last meeting.

60.1 23 E mails forwarded to Councillors since 18th May meeting

60.2 Langwathby Village Green - BBQ Policy

A complaint had been received from a Parishioner regarding a family having a BBQ on the village green.

Action: - Following discussion, Councillors confirmed that they had no objection to members of the community, enjoying the village green facility, by having a BBQ, on condition that no damage was done to the grass.

60.3 The EALC Annual General Meeting on Thursday the 27th of July at 7.00pm, was reported.

60.4 Letter from MP Davison and MP Hinds in regard to the Government's Anti-Social Behavior Action Plan was reported. Detail on file

60.5 Litter Bin Langwathby Bank Layby – Reported that a request made to WAFC to provide a second litter bin at this site had been declined.

61/23 Dates of future 2023 meetings –

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

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21st September and 23rd November 2023

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.