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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Thursday 21st November 2024
in the Braithwaite Room, Langwathby Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

74/24 Apologies

Cllrs D Banks, C Henderson, M Holiday, C Wilson, WAFC Cllr M Robinson.

Unapproved

75/24 Present

Cllrs K Little (Vice Chair), C Merrie, J Corbishley,
C Eland, J Hodgson,
WAF Cllr M Hanley, J Fleming (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

76/24 Minutes

The Chairman was authorized to sign the minutes of the 26th September 2024 meeting, as a true record
Proposed by Cllr C Merrie, Seconded by Cllr K Little.

77/24 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs K Little declared her position on the Langwathby Public Hall Committee.

78/24 Public Participation

There was none

79/24 Westmorland and Furness Councilor Report

The following report from Westmorland and Furness Councilor Cllr Michael Hanley was presented to the meeting.

1 Community and Environment Scrutiny Committee 28.10.24

Expected increase of 520% in house building with 659 new affordable homes. Also 450 new sites, also WAFC plans to restart building council houses in the future.

2 Housing Workshop 14.10.24

There is an urgent need to review the Right to Buy (council and housing association properties).

3 Eden Locality Board 2.10.24

Over the next 2-3 months £2.2 million will be spent in WAFC on increasing the number of electric vehicle chargers.

4 Community and Environment Scrutiny Committee 8.10.24

Call-in regarding the proposed closure of the library in Ulverston and the transfer to the Coronation Hall. Verdict: the consultation was not fair and advised repeating this. The cabinet subsequently did not accept this verdict.

5 Alston and Fellside Place Action Group Inaugural Meeting

First meeting of this group to promote development in this area. Markus Campbell-Savours (MP), Dave Allen (PCC) and the Cumbria High Sheriff attended. Loss of cash points on Alston Moor, the community buy-out of the Miners Arms pub in Nenthead, the High Mill project in Alston were discussed.

6 WAFC Main Meeting 26.9.24

Improved bus route funding: including a proposed new bus service between Alston and Penrith £88k fund for this route).

80/24 Finance

80.1	The Following Balances were noted, as at: -	17/11/2024
		£
	Penrith Building Society	22110.83
	Barclays	470.87
	Sundry Debtor - VAT	<u>3830.81</u>
	Total Cash as at 17/11/2024	26412.51
80.2	The Interim Account from 26th Sept – 17th November 2024 unanimously was approved.	
	Proposer Cllr J Hodgson	
	Seconder Cllr C Eland.	
80.3	The Following Accounts Were Ratified - Since 26th September 2024	
	Clerks Fee September/October 2024 (Gross)	936.00
	Clerk's Office Provision – September/October 2024	50.00
	Langwathby Public Hall – Recycling Fee Reimbursed	432.18
	Simon Watson – 2024 Season Grass Cutting	1205.50
	FWP – Tender Document Fee	18480.00
	Defibrillator Pads X 4	287.76
	Room Hire Sept 26 th 2024	22.50
	N Preston – Grave Leveling	40.00
	W Veitch – Cemetery Grass Cutting Fuel 2024	33.00
80.4	The Following Payment was Approved.	
	Clerks Expenses 26th September – 21 st November 2024	30.00
80.5	To Approve 80.3 and 80.4	
	Proposer Cllr K Little	
	Seconder Cllr J Corbishley	
80.6	To Note The Following Receipts	
	Village Hall Reimbursement FWP - Fee	15,400.00
	WAFC – Recycling Fee – Paid in error	432.18
80.7	To Note The Following Transfer	
	From PBS to Current account	4000.00
80.8	Budget and Precept for 2025/2026	
	A 2025/2026 Budget was presented to the meeting, following discussion, the budget was unanimously approved; a copy being on file.	
	It was, also unanimously agreed, to set the Precept, as last year, at £18000.	
	Proposed Cllr J Corbishley	
	Seconded Cllr K Little	

81/24 Planning Matters

2024/1454/FPA. 4 Walby Garth, Langwathby, proposed 1st Floor Balcony to Rear – Supported

2024/0944/OPA. 2024 0944 OPA Springway Langwathby. Outline Residential Dev. Supported

82/24 Highways and Land Matters**82.1 Langwathby Traffic and Parking Issues****82.1.1 Eden Straits – Speeding Traffic**

Reported that Highways will review the current signage and road markings, throughout the village, with the intention of making improvements to ensure speeds remain low and within the 30mph.

82.1.2 Salkeld Road – Speeding Traffic.

Reported that, in the first instance, Highways will collect traffic data; this will then allow them to identify what the 85th percentile speed and mean speed is, the volumes of traffic and any peak times where motorists are increasing speed. Once in receipt of this data Highways will be able to advise what action needs to be taken.

Highways will also liaise with the Development Team, because usually, when a new housing estate is constructed, such as by Hopes Garage, a speed restriction extension is included in the planning conditions.

The Parish Council also asked that the possibility of installing illuminated, digital, speed awareness signs be looked into, as a traffic calming measure; even, if initially, as a temporary measure.

Highways confirming that they will respond, in a couple of months' time, when further data is available.

82.1.3 Maypole Junction Safety.

Reported that a request had been made to Highways to look into the road markings and signage at this junction with a view to reducing traffic speed, leading to ensuring that traffic stopped at this junction, thus improving safety.

82.1.4 Low Mill Entrance Junction

Reported that a request had been made to Highways to look into the road markings and signage at this junction, which currently are seen as inadequate.

82.1.5 Langwathby One Way One-Way Traffic Restriction

Highways had confirmed that the intention was, for the implementation of this, initially temporarily, one-way system,, to commence in January 2025, subject to weather conditions.

82.2 Edenhall Flooding Issues – Sports Field Area

Reported that work was currently in hand to improve the drainage in this area.

82.4 Langwathby- Salkeld Road – Jetting of Concrete Drains

Reported that this issue had been reported' yet again, to Highways. The cause of delay in resolving the problem appears to be a shortage of staffing and equipment.

82.5 Langwathby – Eden Straits – Improving the River View from Seat.

This pruning will take place on the 22nd January 2025

82.6 Langwathby Notice Board

Reported that this new board had now been installed.

82.7 Cemetery Over Grown Bushes.

Reported that this work was in hand.

82.8 Tree Trunk Base Growth - 3 trees on Langwathby Village Green.

Reported that this pruning had now taken place.

82.9 Langwathby Bridge Footpath – Over grown bushes.

Reported that this work had been attended to.

82.10 A686 – Edenhall Wood Blocked Drain.

Reported to Highways.

83/24 Correspondence, Notices and Publications

The following had been received since the last meeting.

83.1 E Mails - Since the September meeting 18 E Mail had been forwarded to Councillors. Kept on file for one year

83.2 Edenhall Gritting

Reported that the U3063 through Edenhall Village has been added to the 24/25 winter gritting routes.

83.3 An Opportunity for Micro Woodlands Sites in the Eden

This project was reported to the meeting. It was suggested that the grass area by the Edenhall swings be considered.

83.4 WAFC Highways Lengthsmen Activities.

The suggestion by WAFC that Parishioners and Councillors be offered the opportunity to engage with Highways on activities on local roads was discussed.

The idea was met with a very cool reception.

Councillors wanted to know exactly what WAFC had in mind, what was the contractual, insurance and level of remuneration position and why did WAFC not just employ more staff themselves.

84/24 Councillor Matters

An opportunity for Councilors 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.

The need for the road markings to be repainted by Langwathby Shop and the junction with Coxen Lane and the was raised.

Action: - This not being controversial, agreed to report to Highways.

84/24 Dates of Forthcoming Meetings in 2025

Venue Langwathby Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

Thursday: - 23rd January

(Proceeded at 7pm with Langwathby Public Hall Charity Sole Trustee, Ordinary Meeting)

Thursday 20th March

Thursday 15th May – Annual Public Meeting followed by AGM and May meeting

Thursday 17th July

Thursday 18th September

Thursday 20th November

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Signed

Date
