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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Thursday 25th January 2024
in the Back Room, Langwathby Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

1/24 Apologies

Cllrs J Corbishley, C Merrie and WAF Councillor M Robinson.

Unapproved

2/24 Present

Cllrs D Banks (Chairman), C Eland, C Henderson, M Holliday J Hodgson, K Little, C Wilson, WAF Councillor M Hanley, J Fleming (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

3/24 Minutes

The Chairman was authorized to sign the minutes of the 23rd November 2023 meeting, as a true record
Proposed by Cllr D Banks
Seconded by Cllr K Little

4/24 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs K Little, C Wilson, J Hodgson declared his position on the Langwathby Public Hall Committee
Cllrs M Holliday, D Banks and C Eland declared their positions on the Langwathby Village Hall Renovation Committee.

5/24 Public Participation

A member of the public expressed concern that in the recent bad weather the hill out of Edenhall, towards Penrith, was nearly impassable due to snow. This was of major concern due to the difficulty of an emergency vehicle attending a patient.

A similar issue was raised over the hills on Stagstones Road by Woodhouse Farm. In this situation carers, attending a sick patient, were experiencing difficulties in bad weather conditions.

In discussion the possibility of WAFC Highways Department depositing grit at a farm, which could then be spread using a farm bike fertilizer spreader, by a farmer, was suggested. It was noted that when this suggestion had been raised in the past, the insurance position had proved a problem.

The meeting was informed that neither of these roads were on the priority winter gritting route.

Action: - Agreed to raise the issues raised with Highways to try and improve the situation, with, in the short term more grit bins being installed.

6/24 Westmorland and Furness Councilor Report

A report from Westmorland and Furness Councilor Cllr Michael Hanley was presented to the meeting. The following topics were raised: -

- A £9m WAFC Integrated Care Budget
- The 'Home Care at Home' provision, offered by Cumbria County Council, will continue to be provided by WAFC.
- Planning Matters relating to Affordable Housing
- The Child and Young Peoples Grants – Including the 0 – 19 Fund
- Eden Enterprise Funding.

A full report is available on www.langwathby.org

7/24 Finance**7.1 The Following Balances were noted, as at : 17th January 2024**

	£
Penrith Building Society	15605.23
Barclays	2730.26
Sundry Debtor – Village Hall	0.00
Sundry Debtor - VAT	<u>720.25</u>
Total Cash as at 17/1/2024	<u>19055.74</u>

7.2 To approve the Interim Accounts from 11/11/23 – 17/1/24

Proposer Cllr J Hodgson
Seconder Cllr C Henderson

7.3 The Following Accounts Were Ratified – Since 11/11/23

Clerks Fee November/December 2023	908.39
W Veich – Cemetery mower fuel	33.00
Zurich – Insurance	2392.35
Opus Energy VH	129.23
Village Hall Room Hire 23/11/23	22.50
Anderson – Web Hosting – Domain Hosting 2 yrs.	60.68

7.4 Payments

Clerks Expenses 23 rd November 2023 – 25 th January 2024	15.95
Geoff Anderson Honorarium – Website	100.00

7.5 To Approve 7.3 and 7.4

Proposed Cllr J Hodgson
Seconded Cllr M Holliday

7.6 To note receipts

Village Hall Reimbursements	123.08
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8/24 Grass Cutting Contract 2024

It was reported that the 3-year contract with Nigel Preston had expired and he was retiring from grass cutting. Nigel had transferred his business to a Simon Watson. The grass cutting cost for the 2023 season had been £1290. Simon Watson had quoted £1145.50 for the 2024 season. He would hold this price for 2025 and 2026 if he could advertise, with his banner, on the Langwathby Mayday. Simon had confirmed he had a full Public Liability Policy. If given the contract, Nigel Preston had agreed to oversee the work in the first year.

Action: - It was unanimously agreed to award the 2024 contract to Simon Watson at the quoted price of £1145.50 and to request, from the Mayday committee, that his banner be displayed at the Langwathby May day.

Proposed Cllr D Banks
Seconder Cllr C Wilson

9/24 , Langwathby Village Hall Renovation Project -

9.1 Grant Position

Mandy Trueman has taken over responsibility for applying for grants. The £12,500 grant from the WAF Community Fund has been re-applied for. If awarded this will finance the Stage 4 Architects fees, to cover the seeking of builders tenders.

9.2 LPC Sole Trustee/ Langwathby Public Hall meetings – 2024

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

Thursday February 29th	AGM (Revised date)
Thursday June 13 th	General Meeting
Thursday October 17 th	General Meeting

10/24 Planning Matters

23/0767 – Old Station Road, Langwathby - 32 Ground mounted Solar panels
Supported

11/23 Highways and Land Matters

11.1 Langwathby Traffic and Parking Issues.

Reported that a meeting with Highways was planned to discuss the problem. The Council still favoured the introduction of two one-way systems, one on the top side of the Village Green, from the entrance to Langwathby Hall back to the War Memorial and the other on Salkeld Road behind the Shepherds Inn. To curb speeding, the introduction of frequent, 30mph road marking, along Salkeld Road, from the War Memorial to Hopes Garage was considered and would be put to Highways for their consideration.

11.2 Ladies Walk – Broken, Wooden, Footpath Signs. – New signage installed.

11.3 Back Lane Light, by Coxen Lane – Langwathby. – Still in hand with ENW

11.4 Edenhall Roadside Flooding by Sports Field Entrance

Great dissatisfaction was expressed by Councillors over the lack of progress in resolving this serious issue. The flooding becoming a serious road hazard when frozen over, during the recent period of hard weather.

Action: - To report to Highways again, requesting immediate action.

11.5 Langwathby Town Head Farm Corner A686/ Back Lane Flash Flooding. – Reported issue now resolved

11.6 Cemetery Moles – Reported that a retired farmer had been engaged on a very competitive, per mole caught, basis.

11.7 Winter Gritting – Edenhall

It was confirmed that the road through Edenhall was not listed as a 'High Priority' gritting route. (see 5/24 above). It was suggested that a request for this priority to be changed when the 2024 winter gritting consultation took place, later in the year.

11.8 Powley's Garth – Grit Bin

It was reported that a parishioner had requested that a grit bin be placed within Powley's Garth, as the area had become dangerously slippery during the recent spell of hard weather.

This request had been forwarded to Highways.

Highways had responded, stating that, as a very large number of such requests were received, to respond positively to all was unaffordable. As a consequence, each was assessed against a laid down criteria; taking into account steepness of gradients, bends, accident history, usage, locality to bus routes, doctors' surgeries etc.

Regrettably, the Powley's Garth request did not comply with this laid down criteria and a bin could not be provided.

11.9 Station Car Parking Charges

Reported that the new, lower parking charges had now been introduced; -. i.e. £3 per day and £12 per week, with a 10mins drop off concession.

A cash/card payment machine had also been installed.

12/24 Correspondence, Notices and Publications

The following had been received since the last meeting.

- 12.1 38 E Mails** had been circulated to Councillors since last meeting. These being kept on file for 12 months
- 12.2 The National Event 'D-Day 80 – 6 June 2024,'** was reported to the meeting.

13/24 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.

13.1 Two Barns by the Luham – Reported to the meeting that these two barns were originally were granted planning permission for 'agricultural crop storage' were now housing a large number of pigs.

Action: - Agreed to query the situation with Planning Services.

13.2 Litter Bin Provision – Edenhall – It was reported that one or two additional litter bins had been requested. In addition, new 'dog fouling' signs were needed.

Action: - Agreed to clarify the exact need for additional bins and also ask for new dog fouling' signs to be displayed throughout the village.

13.3 Edenhall Potholes – A number were appearing in the village.

Action: - To report to Highways.

13.4 Langwathby Notice Board – It was reported that this notice board was badly rusted and in quite a poor state of repair.

Action: - Agreed to investigate the cost of a replacement, with the cost being financed by the Williamson Trust.

14/24 Date of Next Meeting

Venue Langwathby Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm
Thursday 21st March, 2024

The meeting was closed at 20.45.

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Date _____