

## LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Thursday 26th September 2024  
in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

**Unapproved**

**61/24 Apologies**

Cllrs C Wilson, J Hodgson, J Corbishley

**62/24 Present**

Cllrs, D Banks (Chair), C Henderson, M Holliday, K Little, C Merrie, C Eland, Parish Clerk, J Fleming.

WAFC Cllrs M Hanley and M Robinson.

There were 3 members of the public present.

**63/24 Minutes**

The Chairman was unanimously authorized to sign the minutes of the 18th July 2024 meeting, as a true record

Proposed by Cllr K Little.      Seconded by Cllr c Henderson.

**64/24 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs K Little declared her position on Langwathby Public Hall Committee

Cllr. D Banks, M Holiday and C Eland declared their positions on the Langwathby Public Hall Renovation Committee.

**65/24 Public Participation**

**65.1 Traffic Speed Salkeld Road**

**65.1.1** A Parishioner present, expressed his traffic concerns regarding Salkeld Road, namely that as traffic exited the village, past the new houses before Hopes Garage and the exit from Hopes Garage, it speeded up and created a hazard situation for vehicles both, exiting the garage and the nearby properties. There was a fear that there was an accident waiting to happen in this area. Could speed restrictions be extended for a few hundred yards past Hopes Garage, towards Salkeld? The speed of heavily laden farm traffic travelling along Salkeld Road was an additional serious concern. In the event of an incident could they stop safely? Whilst the parishioner did not feel a need for a 20mph limit on the A686 he did feel that there was a strong argument for the remainder of the roads in Langwathby to be under 20mph restrictions. The Parishioner also suggested that traffic calming measure be considered for this road.

**65.1.2** An absent Councillor forwarded a letter for the meeting to consider. His opinion was that the existing designated speed limits were perfectly adequate, there already being a part-time 20mph limit by the school. The volume of traffic at school drop-off and pick-up times prevented any vehicles speeding dangerously anyway. The most valuable additional asset to controlling vehicle speed in the village would be the installation of a digital speed indicator signs by Stratheden on the Culgaith road, the top of Langwathby Bank on the A686 and by Hopes Garage on Salkeld road.

Further it was mentioned that there is an issue of people speeding on the Culgaith Road and the Salkeld Road outside the village boundaries. It being suggested that the siting of sign stating "**Traffic calming measures are now in place**", may help to increase driver awareness and control the speed of all motorists.

### 65.2 Traffic Speed – Junction at Entrance to Maypole Gardens.

A parishioner expressed serious concern over the speed of traffic entering and exiting the Maypole Gardens housing estate, by the recycling centre. The fear being expressed that unless action was taken a serious accident could happen.

**Action:** Agreed to raise the points mentioned in 65.1 and 65.2 with WAFC Highways to seek their advice on the best way forward to improve road safety.

### 65.3 Upgrading Langwathby Playground.

A Parishioner requested permission from the Council to proceed with the upgrading of the Langwathby Playground. This offer was welcomed by Councillors with every assistance being granted.

## 66/24 Westmorland and Furness Councilor's Reports

Brief reports were received from Westmorland and Furness Councilor's Cllr Michael Hanley and Mary Robinson.

## 67/25 Finance

<b>67.1 To note the following balances:</b>	<b>£</b>
Penrith Building Society	25904.41
Barclays	2141.38
Vat to be claimed	<u>702.85</u>
Total Cash	28748.64
<b>67.2 Presentation and Approval of Interim Accounts</b>	
These were unanimously adopted.	
Proposer Cllr C Eland	
Seconder Cllr C Merrie	
<b>67.3 The Following Accounts Since 18/7/24 were Ratified</b>	
Clerk Fee July/August 2024	936.00
Clerk Office Provision July/August 2024	50.00
Room Hire 18/7/24	22.50
Cartridge People – Toner	23.98
Moore PLC External Audit	252.00
<b>67.4 To agree the following Payment</b>	
Clerks Expenses 18/7/24 - 26/9/24	15.75
<b>67.5 To Authorize Items 67.3 and 67.4</b>	
Proposer Cllr D Banks	
Seconder Cllr K Little	
<b>67.6 Receipts</b>	
Walkers Funeral Directors – Burial Fee	150.00
<b>67.7 Transfer</b>	3000.00
Penrith Building Society to Current Account	

## 68/24 Planning Matters

There were none

## 69.24 Highways and Land Matters

### 69.1 Langwathby Eden Straights Traffic Incident –. June 2024 Report From WAFC Highways

Following on from the concerns raised, in regard to the speed of traffic on the A686, travelling through the village of Langwathby and the incident which took place in June, on Eden Straits, WAFC Highways instigated a traffic survey on the A686 through the village.

The data showed that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of traffic is 29.2mph which is below the 30mph speed limit that the village is supported by, this shows compliance to the speed limit. It can also be reported that a small, 1.1% of the traffic, was travelling at speeds in excess of the Association of Chief Police Officers limit, which for a 30mph limit is 35mph. This is a small amount of traffic and looking further into data this is traffic

travelling late at night/early morning time where traffic volumes are low and higher speeds are anticipated.

Taking into consideration this information and the most recent accident data Highways is able to advise that they do not believe that any additional measures are required to address traffic speeds, however they 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.

A survey graph is on file.

#### **69.2 Langwathby One Way One-Way Traffic Restriction**

This temporary trial will be installed in the near future.

#### **69.3 Maypole Gardens Speeding Concerns**

##### **69.3.1 Report From WAFC Highways**

Following on from the concerns raised in regard to speeding vehicles on the Maypole Gardens Estate in Langwathby, WAFC Highways are pleased to advise that they arranged for some traffic counts to be gathered, in August, to identify traffic speed and volumes using that section of the road through the estate.

The data confirmed as was expected that the traffic volumes are very low with the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed being 22.0mph. From the data collected it can be seen that only 6 vehicles exceeding the speed limit with only 1 exceeding the Association of Chief Police Officers limit.

Highways can thus advise that this data does not show any concern for speeding traffic, it shows compliance to the speed limit and there are no requirements for any engineering measures to be introduced.

A survey graph is on file.

**69.3.2 Police Visual Presence.** A request was made that the police be asked to make a visual appearance at appropriate times.

#### **69.4 Langwathby Notice Board Replacement.**

The new board is to be installed shortly.

#### **69.5 Edenhall Drainage – Flooding by entrance to Sports Field**

It was reported that Highways are currently working on the drainage designs for the rectification of the flooding issue on the village side of Edenhall Cricket pitch entrance.

A resolution of the problem will follow.

#### **69.6 Langwathby – Eden Straits – River View from Seat.**

It was reported that the river view from this seat had become impeded due to foliage growth, over the last few years.

**Action** :- Unanimously agreed to arrange for pruning to take place.

#### **70/24 Langwathby Village Hall Renovation Project**

It was reported that work on this project was on-going.

#### **71/24 Correspondence, Notices and Publications**

The following had been received since the last meeting.

**71.1 E Mail 17 Forwarded to Councillors** since 18th July meeting, these being kept for a year.

##### **71.2 Planning for Pollinators**

Cumbria Wildlife Trust had indicated that they could carry out pollinator/wildflower surveys in the area, if there was interest, through the East of Eden Planting for Pollinators project.

Further information is available from Charlotte Rankin

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**71.3 CALC Board 50th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on Saturday 12th October at Newbiggin Village Hall, Penrith at 10.30 a.m.

#### **71.4 Highways & Local Councils. – To Engage**

Reported that Westmorland and Furness Highways are currently developing a new framework through which Town and Parish Councils can be supported and empowered to undertake minor tasks to maintain the roads in their local areas.

CALC's Westmorland and Furness Branch is offering an opportunity for Councillors and Clerks in the Eden area to engage with Highways colleagues to shape and develop this new framework that will embrace agreements enabling volunteer and lengthsman activities on local roads.

#### **72/24 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.*

##### **72.1 Cemetery Over Grown Bushes.**

**Action:** - Unanimously agreed to arrange for pruning to be undertaken.

##### **72.2 Tree Trunk Growth**

Reported that the tree trunk growth at the base of the group of 3 trees on the Langwathby Village Green opposite Clyde Cottage was impeding visibility when crossing the road.

**Action:** - Unanimously agreed to arrange pruning.

##### **72.3 Concrete Slit Drains – Salkeld Road.**

It was reported that these drains were still blocked, now with grass growing in them. The problem had been initially reported to Highways back in March.

**Action:** - To report again, stressing the importance of some action, as local properties were at risk of flooding.

##### **72.4 Langwathby Bridge Footpath – Over grown bushes.**

It was reported that over grown foliage was obstructing the footpath.

**Action:-** To arrange for pruning to take place.

##### **72.5 Low Mill Entrance Junction**

Reported that improved white lining along with the addition of a 'Give way' sign would improve safety.

**Action:-** To request that Highways consider these points raised.

##### **72.6 A686 – Edenhall Wood Blocked Drain.**

Reported that a blocked drain was leading to carriageway flooding, 200m into the wood, from the Langwathby side. (1 mile from Bridge)

**Action:-** To report to Highways.

#### **73/24 Dates of the next meeting–**

Venues Langwathby Village Hall, Back Room, commencing at 7.30pm  
21<sup>st</sup> November 2024

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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