

**LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meeting held Thursday 10 May 2012**

**Present:**

Mr W F Mounsey (in the chair), Mr D H Banks, Mr W H Benn, Mr I S Harrington, Mr J M Holliday (District Councillor), Mr P M Jackson, Mr G C Little, Mrs C Merrie, Mr S J Peet, together with two parishioners.

**396 Election of Chairman:** Mr W F Mounsey was elected as Chairman of the Council and signed the declaration of acceptance of the office.

**397 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:** Mr D Banks was appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council.

**398 Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from County Councillor Mrs M Robinson and Mrs J Anderson.

**399 Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**400 Annual Report for 2011/12:** The Chairman presented a summary of the events and achievements of the past year. It was agreed that the Council's Annual Report should be included in the Memo and copies be available at the PO, Library and Parish website.

**401 Financial Statement for 2011/12:** The receipts and payments account for 2010/11, having been circulated, was approved and signed by the Chairman.

**402 Annual Return to the External Auditor**

1. **Internal Audit Report:** The Clerk reported that the internal auditor had completed her work and had not raised any points on the accounts. Her report, incorporated as Section 4 of the Annual Return, was noted.
2. **Statement of Accounts:** The Council approved the Statement of Accounts in Section 1 of the Return, which was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
3. **Annual Governance Statement:** The Council gave affirmative responses to all items in the Annual Governance Statement, which was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

**403 Annual Parish Meeting held 3 May 2012**

Members agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting had been a success, with an interesting presentation by Nikki Wingfield of Sustrans. Two matters of concern were raised:

1. Excessive street lighting in the village – Members agreed that the current system of lighting was the most cost effective.
2. Land claimed at foot of bridleway – this issue will be looked into.

**404 Village Hall**

Mr Banks and Mr Harrington were nominated to serve on the Village Hall Committee for the ensuing year.

**405 Update reports**

1. **Surface condition of bridleway & tree on boundary:** Senior Countryside Access Officer, CCC, has checked their records and have found reference to the tree on the bridleway being inspected and that it is not causing any safety concerns with regard to the use of the public right of way. Therefore, they

will be taking no further action other than to re-inspect the tree on their next parish inspection. Vegetation clearance has been identified and work will be programmed to take place after the Bluebells have finished flowering.

2. **Operation of public conveniences within the Parish:** Brief Encounter receives grant money to maintain and operate the public conveniences at the station.
3. **Garden shed at the Meadows:** Planning Officers, Eden District Council, are liaising with resident to reduce the size of the shed.
4. **Pallet store signage along A686** – has been reported to Planning Services, EDC.
5. **Condition of verge on the village green** – Campbell Little has arranged for John Williamson, KTD, to supply material for improvement works.
6. **Damaged chevron sign at the Luham corner** – has been reported to Highways, CCC.
7. **Parking at the Edenhall Brickworks entrance:** Adam McNally, Senior Planning Officer at EDC report to Dent as matter of concern. Rob Lawley, Highways, set up monitoring to determine the extent of the problem.
8. **Junction of the U3063 and A686 at Edenhall** – Bill Benn & Ian Harrington met with James Carruthers, Highway Officer, to discuss an alternative plan to improve visibility at the junction. The revised scheme involves taking land from Mr & Mrs Hodgson who have agreed to the scheme. The Parish Council proposed a price of £100 for the land.
9. **Creation of Car Park for CDC users** – Chair of Govenors, A Dyer, responded that there was little that could be done to help other than to point out that the playground is available outwith school hours for parking if required. The road in front of the school is a public road so it was very difficult to see how they, as Governors, could intervene to stop people legitimately using the road to park cars whilst they were using the CDC.
10. **Footpath Langwathby to Winskill** – Alan Grave to meet with Footpath Officer to discuss further improvement works (when the affected land has dried up). Will invite Michael Holliday to the meeting when arranged.
11. **Interruptions to electricity supply** – letter of apology received. Explained major network refurbishment project. No more work planned in the near future.
12. **Faulty street lighting** – Reported and work programmed to be completed by the end of the month.
13. **Property inspections** – Simon Peet reported he had cleared cuttings from the Cemetery.
14. **Village tennis tournament/ competition** – no interest received.
15. **Arrangements for Jubilee celebrations** – Entertainment booked. Running order & Church Services arranged. Flyers to go out to be distributed to all residents in Edenhall & Langwathby. Commemorative gift for all children upto year 11 being looked into. £500 grant for bunting awarded by EDC Community Fund.
16. **Inspection of trees on the village green** – One quote received from Chris Wakefield. Clerk to invite a second quote.
17. **Inspection of playground area** – John Dulson to carryout inspection before the next meeting.
18. **Broadband:** The contract award decision will now be taken to the County Council's Cabinet in June 2012. The 2 final bidders are BT and Fujitsu.
19. **Langwathby Bridge scheme:** Highways, CCC, confirmed that a replacement for the temporary Callender-Hamilton bridge over the River Eden at Langwathby is being considered at the present time. They will be carrying out a Principal Bridge Inspection this year to give us detailed information on the condition of the bridge. Depending on the report of the Inspection a certain priority will be attached to the bridge in terms of its replacement. Other factors are being taken into account, including delays to traffic flow, accident records, energy consumption and traffic signal maintenance and, certainly not least of all, the disruption to aesthetics caused by the existing structure. The cost of the work is of great importance, based on costs of recent major bridge works, e.g. the new Eden Bridge on the CNDR and the replacement bridge at Workington, a cost approaching £20M is likely at Langwathby.
20. **Registration of river adjacent to Langwathby Bridge as a Village Green** – Mr R Wager has been progressing this with CCC. CCC gave public notice of the application and in October 2011 was advised that the Highways Dept had objected. Mr Wager challenged this objection which has now been withdrawn. This application will now go to the relevant committee on 19 June with a recommendation that the land should be registered.

#### 406 War Memorials

Two quotes for cleaning the War Memorials in both Langwathby and Edenhall were considered. Members agreed to award the contract to John Williams, Interior Stone Care, Crossfell View, Langwathby at a cost of £410.

#### 407 Planning Applications:

To note the comments made on the following applications:

- (i) 12/0296 – The Shepherds Inn, Langwathby – no objection
- (ii) 12/0288 – 2 Low Cote Ghyll, Edenhall – no objection, recommendation that the fascia should be sandstone

#### 408 Correspondence:

1. Mary Robinson, Councillor, invited suggestions be put forward for Councillor grant money. Members agreed to put forward the War Memorial cleaning project at £410.

#### 409 Financial Report

##### 1. Balances

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Penrith Building Society Account	6,557.92
Barclays current account	13,091.15
Total Assets	19,649.07

##### 2. Accounts to be ratified

Norris & Fisher (Village Hall/Community Building insurance)	1,020.55
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##### 3. Accounts to be paid

Village Hall Committee (hire 2011/12)	49.00
Postage	1.80
Stationery	25.58
Ink cartridges	69.67
Calc Annual subscription 2012/13	198.00
Cumbria Playing Fields Association Affiliation Fees	20.00
Mr J Thwaites – Memorial garden maintenance	35.00
E.ON	263.00

##### 4. Receipts

Northwest Electricity way-leave	66.11
Eden District Parish precept	11,500.00
C Peck – pinfold, Edenhall	1.00

##### 5. Application for Grants

Langwathby Parochial Church Council (last reviewed 2010)	200.00
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##### 6. Insurance

Outcome of market testing 4 like for like quotes received:

Norris & Fisher (3 year fixed rate) £1,020.55

Blufin (1 year) £1,342.34

Allied Westminster £2,050.55

##### 7. Honorarium

Awarded to Mrs S Harrison for completion of internal audit 2011/12

50.00

#### Clerk's Salary

On completion of the Clerk's first year in the post, Members considered salary and workload and agreed to increase salary by £100 and award a one off payment of £100

#### 410 Quality Parish Status

The Clerk reported that the Quality Parish Status had expired. Members agreed that the Council is committed to providing excellence for the community without the need to re-apply for Quality Parish Status.

#### 411 Local Concerns

1. **Parking at the Edenhall Brickworks entrance** continues to be a concern. Clerk to contact Adam McNally, Senior Planning Officer at EDC, and suggest that the entrance gates be moved back.
2. **The Parish Council received a request for an additional child's swing at the play area, Langwathby** – Clerk to look into cost of replacement
3. **The Parish Council received a request for a replacement basket ball hoop on the recreation area behind the Village Hall** – Clerk instructed to purchase the hoop at a cost of £20 - £25
4. **Pam Radcliffe requested that the Parish Council consider making an application for a Public Access Defibrillator (cPAD) to the Eden Lifeline Project** – the now disbanded First Responders Team would cover the purchase cost and requested the Parish Council pay for installation and connection to a power supply (approx £100-£100 depending on proximity of a power supply) together with running costs (approx £3-£30 per annum). Proposed sites were the Village Hall, Langwathby and The Edenhall Country Hall Hotel, Edenhall. The Parish Council agreed to the scheme and to pay the installation and running costs. Clerk to make application. B Benn to agree siting of cPAD with Proprietor of Hotel.
5. **Jubilee Celebrations** – It is anticipated that the funds raised through the BBQ will pay for the entertainment. Members agreed to pay any deficit arising from the Jubilee celebrations.
6. **Drains along Salkeld Road** – problem of poor drainage (especially outside No. 12) to be reported to appropriate authority.
7. **Fox Field Park** – invited Members to view the Park prior to them submitting a planning application for touring caravans.
8. **Bench at the swings** – following the restoration of Mr Holliday's memorial bench it was agreed that John Dulson be asked to give a quote to restore the second bench.

#### 412 Dates of Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on 12 July 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Back Room. Other dates agreed: 13 September and 23 November.