

LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday 20th September 2012

Present:

Mr W F Mounsey (in the chair), Mr D H Banks, Mr W H Benn, Mr I S Harrington, Mr P M Jackson, Mrs C Merrie, Mr C Little, together with one parishioner.

426 Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Mr S Peet.

427 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 July 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

428 Update reports

1. **Damaged chevron sign at the Luham corner** – the damaged sign has been reported to the Highways Department – awaiting action.
2. **Inspection of playground area** - Mr J Dulson to carry out inspection – awaiting report.
3. **Restoration of bench at the swings** – Members agreed that Mr J Dulson be requested to carry out work to restore the bench as quoted £120.
4. **Drains along Salkeld Road to railway bridge** – Mr D Banks met with an Officer from Highways Department, CCC, to identify hidden and problem drains along this stretch of road. Clerk to follow up progress.
5. **Application for a Public Access Defibrillator to the Eden Lifeline Project** – Eden Lifeline Project are looking into alternative funding options.
6. **Parking at The Shepherds Inn** – issue resolved.
7. **Weeds along footpath on approach to Langwathby village** – Eden District Council have sprayed the weeds.
8. **Re-pointing of cemetery wall** – quote awaited.
9. **Step at gate to Lady's Walk** – Mr B Benn to arrange improvement work to be undertaken.
10. **Suitable site for bike park** – Clerk to write to Eden District Council to request use of field adjacent The Meadows, Langwathby.
11. **Visibility at junction Edenhall and A686** – CCC Legal Services are currently working on the land dedication process. The improvement work should be completed during this financial year.

428 Trees on the Village Green

Members agreed that the 2 Maple trees on the corner of the green be felled in accordance with advice given by Mr C Wakefield at a cost of £500.

429 Registration of river adjacent to Langwathby Bridge as a Village Green

Following the site meeting held on 3 September with Parish Council and Yorkshire Fly Fishing Association representatives to agree the Parish fishing boundary, Members agreed to erect a sign marking the boundary and nominated Mr B Benn to be the contact to deal with any disputes as they arise.

430 Vacancy

The vacancy was advertised in accordance with NALC's Good Practice Guide and the closing date for application was 19 July. No applications were received.

431 Annual Return

Members noted that the External Auditors had cleared the annual accounts and resolved to approve and accept the completed annual return.

432 Dispensation Request

Members delegated authority to the Clerk to grant dispensations in cases where a majority of members of the council would be affected by the requirement to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest. Members were invited to submit a request for dispensation to take part in and vote on the setting of the precept for the remainder of the life of the council.

433 Loan Repayment on Village Hall

Members considered the question of alternative means for servicing the Village Hall's share of the debt following the Scarecrow Festival Committee's decision to disband. Members agreed that The Village Hall Committee provide accounts and income projection for the next financial year for further consideration at their next meeting.

434 Finance**1. Balances****£**

Penrith Building Society Account	10,557.91
Barclays current account	7,117.17
VAT to be claimed	110.15
Total Assets	17,675.08

2. Accounts to be ratified

Mr J Thwaites	40.00
Kater-kwik	93.00
Staples – Stationery	42.67
Scottish Fuels	324.77
Running IMP Int Sport Ltd	44.79

3. Accounts to be paid

Sarah Fairlamb – payment July/Sept	575.00
Postage	4.90
PWLB repayment	3,276.04
E-on	344.99
BDO	204.00

4. Receipts

Buriel Fees	150.00
EDC Recycling credits	326.76
HM Revenue & Customs	390.78
Village Hall Committee	417.77

435 Planning

- (i) Change of use to day nursery at Langwathby Hall – no objections
- (ii) Erection of cattle building at Town Head Farm, Langwathby – no objections
- (iii) Retrospective application for erection of garden shed at 9 Meadowside, Langwathby – no objections provided that neighbors have no objections to the size of the shed

436 Correspondence

1. Audit Commission – confirmation of the appointment of BDO LLP as external auditor to audit the annual return of Langwathby Parish Council for 5 years from 2012/13.
2. Langwathby & Edenhall WI – Members opposed the WI's request to site the Jubilee Bench on the village green and agreed it should be sited as previously agreed. Clerk to inform WI.
3. Sport in Action – Members agreed to the request to use the village green as a temporary transition area for the Hartside Duathlon on Sunday 14 October 2012.
4. CALC update on CCC's winter gritting programme for 2012/13. Members agreed that the school bus route be upgraded to a P2 in the winter gritting programme and a snow shovel be provided for use outside school.

10. Local Concerns

1. Mr N Preston requested clarity regarding the number of cuts he was contracted to undertake on the playfield. Members confirmed he was contracted to undertake 14 cuts a year.
2. Signs at the Recycling Centre indicating that soft plastics cannot be recycled is incorrect. Eden District Council will replace signs.
3. Fence chains at The Shepherds Inn have been removed.
4. Standing water at bus shelter and at Whinsfield, Edenhall – to be reported to Highways Authority.
5. Two child swing seats donated to Parish Council. One to be installed and the other be kept as a replacement.
6. Poor condition of footpath outside Kegstones and noticeboard to be reported to Highways Authority.
7. United Utilities van blocking footpath Back Lane/Storey Bank, Langwathby, to be reported to appropriate authority.
8. Sunken manhole at Eden Garth, Langwathby, to be reported to Highways Authority.

- 14. Next Parish Council Meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 29 November 2012, in the Village Hall (Back Room) at 7.30pm.
Dates for 2013: 17 January.

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm