

LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2011

Present: 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 T.W.Metcalf, Mr W.F.Mounsey (in the Chair) and County Councillor Mrs M.Robinson.

Apologies were received from Mr S.J Peet on account of illness.

299 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

300 Police Report: The Clerk read an e-mail from the Community Police Officer, indicating that, following reorganization of rural policing to meet budget constraints, there would no longer be a designated officer. Instead, a team of five officers would cover a large rural area.

301 Update Reports:

1. Footpath to the Sports Field: Members were advised that the scheme was being delayed by a lack of funds to complete the legal work. Mrs M.Robinson agreed to take this up with the County Council.

2. Parish Fishing: The Clerk has submitted a number of witness statements in support of the registration but a letter has been received from the County Council, indicating that there would be a delay of several months due to staff shortages.

3. Speeding in Back Lane, Langwathby: No response has yet been received to the suggestion of a 20mph speed limit.

4. Back Lane Manhole Covers: The sunken carriageway has been repaired.

5. Tennis Court: Mr Holliday reported that he had acquired four rolls of fencing for the scheme and the work would be undertaken before the spring. Mrs Robinson was thanked for the grant offered by the County Council.

302 Consultation on County Council Priorities and Budget Options

Members discussed the budget cuts proposed by Cumbria County Council. Whilst appreciating the County's financial problems, the Council felt particularly concerned about proposals to charge for on-street parking and would not want to see any reduction in the registration service. Members also opposed any reduction in the level of recycling credits and support for swimming pools (although the latter may not affect Eden). It was agreed to respond to the consultation accordingly.

303 Finance

1. Balances: The following balances were noted:

Current a/c	£612.01
Penrith Building Society	£8,000.00
VAT to be recovered	£613.82

2. Accounts to be ratified: The following payment was ratified:

T.Glending & Co, final payment on Village Hall contract £2,479.46 plus VAT

3. Accounts to be paid: Payment of the following accounts was approved:

N.Preston, repair to bus shelter gutter & downpipe £80.00

(Members expressed appreciation of the quality of the work undertaken)

Royal British Legion, wreath for Edenhall War Memorial £14

T.W.Rolph & Sons Ltd, fencing for tennis court £448 plus VAT

Brogan Fuels, heating oil for Village Hall £639.80 plus VAT

4. Receipts

To note receipt of the following sums:

Village Hall Committee £2,514.46

5. Grass Cutting Contract: The three tenders received for grass cutting in 2011 and 2012 were considered and the contract was awarded to Mr N.Preston, the lowest tenderer.

6. Grant Requests

(i) Fellrunner Community Bus Service: In view of cost increases and a request for increased contributions from parishes, the Council decided to increase its grant to £400, made under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

(ii) Great North Air Ambulance: Members decided not to respond to the annual appeal for funds.

304 Planning Applications: Comments made on the following applications were noted as follows:-

- (i) Waste water treatment works - no objection
- (ii) Bank House, Langwathby (revised plan for new house) – no objection
- (iii) Garden & Summerhouse Cottages, Edenhall (remodeling) – no objection

With regard to the last application, the Clerk read a letter of objection from a neighbour that had been received after the Parish Council had responded to the planning consultation. Members appreciated the concerns raised but also felt the upgrading of the two properties would be beneficial to the village. It was suggested that the objectors should be advised to request the opportunity to appear at the Planning Committee to express their concerns.

305 Correspondence

1. War Memorials Trust: Members noted the possibility of grant towards repair of war memorials and requested the Clerk to obtain a quotation for cleaning the Langwathby war memorial.

2. Other Matters: Members also noted items in the CALC Newsletter; the County Council's "Local News & Views"; "Better Highways", the Recycling Newsletter and correspondence relating to the Eden Winter Warmth Campaign; Eden District Council's Community Fund; the West Cumbria Managing Radioactive Waste Partnership; The Royal British Legion 90th Anniversary; and the Skipton-East Lancashire Railway Partnership.

306 Appointment of Parish Clerk

The Council decided to consider the applications received following the meeting and to agree the interview arrangements.

307 Local Concerns

1. Highways Issues: Members reported serious damage to the road surface on the Edenhall Road opposite Bird's poultry sheds; a continuing overflow from a grate by the Railway Cottages, Culgaith Road, in wet weather; and problems with a drain in Church Lane, Edenhall near the bus shelter.

2. Grit Bins: Bins will be requested for the layby at Langwathby School and near Hope's Garage.

3. Damage to Village Green: Members welcomed the chip van service that had commenced on Wednesday evenings but were concerned at the damage being caused to the green by vehicles parking. It was agreed that the proprietor should be requested to move to the area outside the Village Hall, where there was more room for vehicles to stop.

4. Cinema: Members wished to record their objection to the proposed closure of the Alhambra Cinema in Penrith.

5. Bushes at The Meadows: The Council decided to request the Two Castles Housing Association to trim back some bushes overhanging the highway, which had caused damage to vehicles.

6. Dog Fouling: This was felt to be a particular problem in the lane opposite Hope's Garage and dog owners will be urged to clear up after their dogs.

308 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 10 March 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

309 Future meetings: The following dates were agreed - 19 May (AGM) (Annual Parish Meeting – 12 May) and, provisionally, 14 July, 15 September, 10 November, 12 January, 15 March, 10 May (AGM) (Annual Parish Meeting – 3 May)

(The meeting finished at 8.40pm.)