

LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th July 2010

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), Mr S.J Peet together with three parishioners.

260 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May were approved and signed by the Chairman.

261 Police Report: The Community Police Officer was not present. Comment was made that police tape at an accident site on the A686 had been left for several weeks.

262 Update Reports:

1. Car Park: Thanks were expressed to Mr D.Banks for repairing the chains round the car park and the Clerk reported that new sign boards had been erected.

2. Land registration: The Clerk reported that the bulk of the car park adjacent to the Shepherd's Inn had now been registered as part of the village green in the ownership of the Parish Council. This completed registration of all the council's land.

3. Litter-Picking: Mr J.Bodger of Edenhall now had a sufficient team of volunteers to commence regular litter picks in the two villages. Members expressed appreciation of those who had come forward.

4. Footpath to the Sports Field: The County Council had not yet responded to the request for information on the timescale for this project.

5. First Responders: Members were advised that the group had decided to disband and were offering first aid kits to local organizations to be paid for from the remaining funds.

6. Eden CALC: Mr Harrington and Mr Metcalfe reported the discussion at the meeting held on 28th June regarding replacement of the highway steward arrangements. In future there would be local teams, who would be able to do permanent repairs and have greater delegated powers.

7. Layby at The Meadows, Salkeld Road: The Clerk confirmed that, following enquiries, it had been established that the layby is part of the highway and the "Residents Only Parking" sign is purely advisory.

8. Parish Fishing: It was understood that the "village green" application for the short stretch of river downstream of Langwathby Bridge was about to be considered by the County Council.

263 Housing Needs Survey: On further consideration, Councillors decided to support Eden's Housing Needs Survey and the Chairman, together with Mr J.M.Holliday and the Clerk were authorized to agree the front page of the questionnaire. Members agreed to share circulation of the questionnaires to households.

264 Tennis Court: Mr Peet was thanked for obtaining quotes for repairing/renewing the tennis court fencing. In view of the substantial cost, Members concluded that the only prospect of raising sufficient grant funding was if a strong tennis/sports club could be formed to support grant applications. An alternative solution would be to remove the fencing and use the area to the rear of the Village Hall for car parking, subject to any necessary planning approval. The Clerk was asked to put the issue before residents via The Memo.

265 Eden Straits Verges

Members expressed appreciation of Mr Preston's offer to do two cuts of the verges free of charge in the current season. This work could then be added to the grass-cutting contract for future years. Mr Preston's offer to spray off some nettles for the cost of materials was gratefully received.

266 Finance

1. Balances: The following balances were noted:

Current a/c	£2,579.89
Penrith Building Society	£11,000.00
VAT to be recovered	£242.89 (claim submitted)

2. Accounts to be ratified: Payment of the following accounts was ratified:

Penrith Tool Hire, mower repair	£33 plus VAT
Field View Electrical, Village Hall fire alarm	£70 plus VAT
N.Preston, painting bus shelter and goal posts	£276.50
Field View Electrical, testing electrical appliances etc	£223.27 plus VAT

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

T.Glending & Co, final payment on V.Hall contract	£account awaited
R.Wager, postage & printer ink	£30.83
C. Wakefield, tree work	£280 plus VAT (account awaited)
N.Preston, grass cutting (half year account)	£630
Home Choice Videos re Memorial Garden	£45
Cartmell Shepherd re land registration	£account awaited
Newrough Woodland Services, oak for Edenhall pump	£65

4. Receipts: Receipt of the following sums was noted:

Village Hall Committee contributions to expenditure	£578.41 and £223.27
Eden District Council, recycling credits, Jan-March	£322.80

5. Grant Requests: A request received from Hospice at Home was declined.

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

- (i) Bank House, Langwathby (loft conversion) – no objection (permission granted)
- (ii) Stratheden, Langwathby (new entrance & removal of trees) – mixed views (application withdrawn)
- (iii) Nobles Garage (portal building) – no objection
- (iv) Lane End & Orchard House, Edenhall (tree works) – no objection
- (v) Langwathby School (continued use of portacabin) (application withdrawn)

268 Correspondence

1. 3rd Cumbria Local Transport Plan: Members considered the questions posed by the consultation questionnaire and authorized the Clerk to finalise the response.

2. Cumbria in Bloom: Members considered the questionnaire circulated by the Cumbria in Bloom organizers and indicated that the Council would consider entering the competition in the future but would only be able to consider a small entry fee.

Correspondence was also considered relating to the CALC newsletter; Eden Police Community Liaison Forum; circulation of the Annual Report; and a “Positive about Youth” event on 27th July.

269 Local Concerns:

1. Swings: Mrs C.Merrie reported that a rubber tile had been detached from the area round the Langwathby swings.

2. Winter Maintenance of School Bus Routes: Members noted that Culgaith Parish Council had raised this issue. Mrs Merrie suggested that Salkeld Road past the school should be included in the gritting programme. The matter was deferred until after the autumn CALC meeting, when it was understood the County Council’s proposals were to be considered.

3. Farmers Market: Mrs Merrie reported discussion at the recent Scarecrow Festival about the possibility of holding a Farmers Market on Langwathby green every month. Members favoured the principle but were concerned about possible damage to the green. It was suggested that from November to February it would be preferable to use the Village Hall. The Clerk was asked to explore the possibility of a trial period of three months in the first instance, using the middle green.

4. Langwathby Bus Shelter: The downpipe on the bus shelter had been damaged again by a football. The Clerk was asked to arrange a repair and the fixing of a metal guard to protect the pipe.

270. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 9th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
(The meeting finished at 8.40pm.)