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Minutes of the 'Virtual' Meeting Held on Thursday 16th July 2020
commencing at 7.30pm.

Unapproved.

Apologies

Cllr K Little (Joined meeting but failed to obtain a video or audio link and had to withdraw.)
and County Cllr. Miss C Driver,

Present

Cllrs: Mr. I Harrington, (in the Chair), Cllr J Corbishley Mr. T Anderson, Mr. D Banks,
Mr. C Eland, Mrs. C Merrie, Mr. M Holliday, Mr. C Wilson and Mr. J Fleming (Clerk).

14/20 Minutes

The Chairman was unanimously authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting of the
Parish Council held on Thursday 16th January 2020 as a true record
Proposed by Cllr D Banks
Seconder by Cllr C Eland.

15/20 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs K Little and I Harrington, declared their positions as Langwathby Village Hall
Committee representatives and Cllrs K Little and D Banks as members of the
Langwathby Playground Sub-committee.

16/20 Public Participation

There was none.

17/20 County Councillor Report

No report was made to the meeting, however a detailed, monthly County Councillor
report, can be found on the website www.langwathby.org

18/20 District Councillor Report

Cllr Doug Banks reported that throughout the last few months, during the Pandemic
lockdown, Eden District had done well with virtually all services of the Council working
well, in spite of the majority of staff working from home. This was a true credit to all.
The only service that was suspended was that of garden waste collection.
During the period the Council has received over £20m in Government grant money for
distribution.

Having to conduct meetings 'virtually' had been difficult, especially when over 60 were
involved in a full Council meeting!

It had been minuted that in 3 – 4 years' time the District Council will cease to exist
when the plans for a 'Unitary Authority come into fruition, with a Mayor of Cumbria
being appointed.

19/20 Finance**19.1 Presentation of the 31st March 2020 Audited Year End Accounts**

These were unanimously approved.

Proposed by Cllr C Merrie

Seconded by Cllr I Harrington.

19.2 Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020

This was unanimously approved.

Proposed by Cllr D Banks

Seconded by Cllr C Merrie

19.3 The Following Balances Were Noted as at 6th July 2020. £

Penrith Building Society	22015.09
Barclays	1945.41
Sundry Debtor - VAT	<u>294.01</u>
Total Cash	<u>24254.51</u>

19.4 The Following Accounts Were Ratified – since 16th January 2020

Clerks Fee January/February	476.00
Clerk Office provision - Tel January/February	30.00
Clerks Fee March/April	476.00
Clerks Office Provision March/April	30.00
Clerks Fee May/June	476.00
Clerks Office Provision May/June	30.00
Cleanspec VH	4.03
Norris Fisher – Insurance	1770.96
Opus Energy VH	94.63
Opus Energy VH	109.82
Opus Energy VH	102.93
Field View Electrical – VH	55.78
Field View Electrical – VH	97.18
Field View Electrical – VH	48.00
PWLB – Village Hall Loan	3726.04
Andrew Richardson – Doors VH (Part Payment)	1112.45
Cleanspec – VH	19.80
Carrs Billington – Oil VH	369.56
Carrs Billington – Oil VH	492.98
Hunsonby Swimming Pool Donation	250.00
PPL PRS Music License VH	174.31
AT Atkinson – Padlock	19.51
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Playground Inspections X 2	167.88
Carrs Oil – VH	208.83
Cemetery Honorarium W Veitch	200.00
Enterprise Amy – VH	61.18
Opus Energy – VH	100.02
Cleanspec – VH	64.96
Memo	220.00
Langwathby Village Hall Room Hire 1/4/19 – 31/3/20	73.50
Opus Energy – VH	57.59
CALC Subscription	193.13
Opus Energy – VH	57.59
Opus Energy – VH	100.02
Enterprise Amy – VH	61.18
Cleanspec - VH	64.96
Cemetery Mower Fuel - W Veich	24.00
Angela Hartland – PAYE Year end	13.00
Opus Energy - VH	47.22

19.5 The Following Payments Were Approved

Clerks Expenses 16/1/20 – 19/3/20	60.50
Clerks Expenses – 19/3/20 – 14/5/2020	15.30
Internal Audit	90.00
Culgaith Parish Council – Monthly ‘Zoom’ Host Fee	4.00

19.4 and 19.5 were unanimously approved.

Proposed by Cllr C Eland

Seconded by Cllr T Anderson.

19.6 The Following Receipts Were Noted.

Recycling Income	562.68
Village Hall Refund	779.15
VAT Refund	2325.68
Walkers Funeral Directors – Cemetery Fee	150.00
Cemetery Plot 155 reservation	50.00
Precept	16800.00
Council Reduction Scheme	99.00
EDC Footway Lighting Grant	1573.00
Electricity NW – Wayleave	73.19
Village Hall Reimbursements	403.13

19.7 The Following Transfer Was Reported

From Current Account to Penrith Building Society	16500.00
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19.8 Presentation of the Interim Accounts from 1st April – 6th July 2020.

These were unanimously approved.

Proposed by Cllr C Merrie

Seconded by Cllr T Anderson

19.9 Online Banking Authorisation 2020/2021

This was unanimously approved.

Proposed by Cllr C Merrie

Seconded by Cllr D Banks

19.10 Grants Payments

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following: -

19.10.1 Edenhall Parochial Church Council. 300.00

19.10.2 Memo. An Annual grant of £220 plus an additional Covid related payment of £100 Total 320.00

19.10.3 Fellrunner. An Annual grant of £350 plus an additional Covid related payment of £100 Total 450.00

19.10.4 Edenhall and Langwathby Sports and Recreation Field. 200

Proposer Cllr D Banks

Seconded Cllr I Harrington.

19.11 Payment of Honorariums

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following Honorariums.

19.11.1 Mrs S Harrison, Internal Auditor 90

19.11.2 Mrs I Little, cleaning and maintenance of bus shelter and recycling center. 200

19.11.3 Mr W Veitch, upkeep of the cemetery. (Paid in August) 200

Proposer Cllr C Merrie

Seconded Cllr C Eland.

20/20 Planning Matters - To Report from 19th March 'Electronic' meeting.
19/0829 – Fernwood. Edenhall – Creation of new access Qualified Objection
19/0829 – Fernwood. Edenhall – Creation of new access

A report on EDC Planning Meeting – 19/3/20

Cllr J Corbishley attended the EDC Planning committee meeting at 9.30am on Thursday 19th March 2020, to present the views of the Council, on this application as stated below: -

The proposed new entrance is located on a busy, fast and dangerous section of the A686, nearly opposite the turn off to Edenhall.

The junction to Edenhall is already a major road safety hazard, this new access would greatly aggravate the situation.

Vehicles traveling from Penrith and wishing to turn right, off the A686 to Edenhall, whilst indicating their intention, find vehicles, coming from behind, seeing a clear stretch of road before them, overtaking them as they turn right, oblivious to their signaling.

There have been many 'near misses' and residents of Edenhall have raised this safety issue a number of times with the Parish Council, over many years. The Parish Council have, as a consequence, raised this matter with CC Highways Department on a number of occasions, without any action being taken, the granting of this proposed new access will aggravate the problem.

The Parish Council strongly urges that the double white lines be extended from 'Whins Pond' to past the Edenhall junction to alleviate the problem.

Notes from the Planning meeting of 19th March 2020:

The Eden District Council planning officers presented the application and made a strong case of the Highways assessment, which was focused on the good visibility from the proposed junction; the recommendation being to approve the planning application.

Cllr J Corbishley, then presented the above written submission, and emphasized the safety issues of the Edenhall junction, making the point that the straight road actually increases the risk. Whilst the points made by the Parish Council were accepted by the committee, the point was made that Eden District Councilors do not have any delegated authority to overrule the Highways report. For this reason, the Council committee approved the application; however, the Vice Chair of the Planning Committee requested that the Planning officers write to Cumbria County Council Highways requesting a safety assessment is undertaken following the points the Parish Council had made. Cllr Corbishley suggested that motor cyclists and pedal cyclists using the **c2c** route also contributed to the vehicles overtaking on the straight road, as vehicles slow to turn right.

Place Town Planning' consultants representing the application provided the planning committee with more detailed information relating to flooding and the improved drainage which will be installed as part of the work in an attempt to improve the flooding.

In conclusion the application was approved but contact will be made with Cumbria

County Council Highways, recommending a safety inspection is undertaken of the junction.

Action: - 16th July 2020 Meeting

Agreed to chase up the outcome of this correspondence.

Reported at 16th July Meeting

20/401 - 20/0409 – 20/0410 The Luham Development

Supported

20/0392 - 2 Woodcroft Storey Bank Single Storey side and rear extension. Supported.

21/20 To Ratify the Appointment of Representatives to Committees

21.1 Langwathby Village Hall Committee

Cllrs Ian Harrington and Kerry Little were unanimously reappointed.

Proposed by Cllr D Banks and Seconded by Cllr J Corbishley

21.2 Langwathby Village Green Play Area Sub Committee

Cllr K Little and Cllr D Banks were unanimously reappointed.

Proposer Cllr T Anderson.

Seconded Cllr C Merrie

22/20 Parish Playgrounds. – To Ratify the Following Decision from 19th March.

Detailed revised plans and costings being circulated to Councilors previously.

The following information was given to Councilors, which incorporated the views of Councilors, expressed at the Extraordinary meeting held on the 27th February and in addition, the agreement reached with the Playground Subcommittee at an informal meeting with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Clerk and 3 members of the Subcommittee (PLAY) on the 9th March: -

A revised plan and quotation, for the propose upgraded playground facilities at Langwathby and Edenhall,

- 1) The original plan, as put to the Extraordinary meeting of the 27th February, being modified as follows: -
- 2) The 'Twin Tower + Spider Climbing' be retained.
- 3) The existing roundabout also be retained but the 'Climbing Frame' be deleted from the proposal, to facilitate the roundabout's retention.
- 4) A 'Carousel' roundabout be installed at Edenhall as part of the project.

Action: - The above plan and quotation were unanimously approved.

Proposed by Cllr I Harrington. Seconded by Cllr D Banks

Unanimously ratified 16th July 2020

Proposer Cllr I Harrington

Seconded Cllr D Banks

23/20 Highways and Land Matters

23.1 Langwathby Bridge – Cyclist Signs and Road Marking Issues –

23.1.1 From Penrith - It was reported that Highways have added a new cycle lane along with additional signage as you approach the bridge from Penrith. It was decided to continue to monitor the effectiveness of these changes.

23.1.2 To Penrith – Concern still existed over the safety of cyclists travelling in this direction. They had to cross to the right of the carriageway, after leaving the traffic Lights, so as to join the bridge footpath. This could be a dangerous maneuver if encountering a large wagon at the same time.

Action: - To ask Highways to give further thought to the safety issues when cyclists are joining the bridge from this direction.

23.2 Cemetery Entrance Gravel Issue –

Following a discussion, a re-think on this issue transpired.

Action: - Decided to arrange a site with a view to consider killing the perennial weeds growing through the gravel with a herbicide and then to re-instate the area by planting grass seed along with a wild flower mix. This action would tidy the area and provide an attractive, natural, entrance to the cemetery, with minimal maintenance.

23.3 Dolphenby Crossroad Road Markings – In hand with Highways.

Action: - Agreed to enquire from Highways when we could expect this work to be completed.

23.4 The Willie Mousey Seat. – Installation at the Sports Ground is still in hand.

23.5 Walter Howe Seat – Tree Pruning To Open Up The View Over The River.

Action: - Following discussion it was unanimously agreed to proceed with opening up the river view at this location at a quoted price of approximately £180.

The existing rotten wooden seat was to be removed and disposed of, with the new seat installed, facing the river. This work to be completed by Councillors.

23.6 Leylandii Hedge Overhanging Pavement – Opposite Village Hall

It was reported that this hedge has now been pruned.

- 23.7 Moles Activity in the Cemetery.** – It was reported that the moles in question, appeared to have moved on to other pastures. The issue as at present resolved.
- 23.8 Green Car Parked on the Layby in Centre of Langwathby Village.** – Reported that this vehicle is still causing a problem. The layby is primarily for temporary parking for those visiting the shop and is not intended for long – term parking. **Action:-** Agreed to draw attention to the owner that this layby is only for short not long term parking. The issue to be mentioned in a future edition of the Memo.
- 23.9 Green Lane – Robinhood Lane** – It was reported that water emerging from a drain was breaking up the lane surface. The issue had been further investigated and since attended to and resolved.
- 23.10 Playgrounds Development** – Agreed that this project be kept on hold until Covid – 19 restrictions had been further lifted.
- 23.11 Fly Tipping – Edenhall to Great Salkeld Road.**
Whilst it was reported that the large liquid containers had been removed, there was still potentially hazardous material present. Councillors confirmed their opinion that this former layby was County Council property. **Action:** - To raise the issue again with Eden District Council, with a view to clearing The site totally of waste material.
- 23.12 Fly Tipping** – Reported past the Edenhall/Langwathby Sports field, in a gateway on the left, past road bend to the right. **Action:** - To report to Eden District Council.
- 23.13 Himalayan Basam** – Concern had been raised by a Parishioner over Himalayan Basam growing on the Langwathby side of the riverbank on the lower side of the bridge. There was concern that should it not be pulled out in the near future it would flower and seed. **Action:** - To confirm the ownership of this section of river bank and at the same time to raise the problem with the Eden Rivers Trust and the Environmental Department of Cumbria County Council. It being thought that this area of riverbank was, possibly owned by the County Council. It was also acknowledged that this weed was a major problem along the length of the River Eden. The Parishioner to be kept informed of developments.
- 23.14 Fernwood, Edenhall** – Concern had been raised over the erection of a commercial building on this site. It had been confirmed by EDC Planning Services that this development related to planning application 18/0118 - Erection of storage building and erection of roof over existing storage bays and was in order.
- 23.15 Langwathby Hall Farm –Engineering Business.** Concern was raised over the recent establishment of an Engineering Business within the farm buildings at Langwathby Hall Farm. Following the query being raised with Eden District Planning Services, it had been confirmed, by them, that an enforcement notice, relating to this development, was already in motion.
- 23.16 Beacon View – Storey Bank** – It was reported a drainage issue had arisen outside Beacon View, Storey Bank, Langwathby with water bubbling up at the Electricity and BT Openreach poles **Action:** - To raise the issue with the Highways Department and United Utilities to try and establish the source of the problem.
- 23.17 Town Head Farm – On – going Drainage Issue** - A686 corner
Reported that the drains on this corner were still not taking all the water in very wet conditions, leading to bad flooding on this corner, which was a road hazard. **Action:** - To report to Highways.

23.18 Coxen Lane - Overgrown Hedge –It was reported that the Parish Council had raised the matter with the property owner for the last two years and the situation continued to be unsatisfactory. As a consequence, the problem had been passed to the Highways Department to take the issue up with the property owner. If, subsequently no action was taken the Highways Department had the powers to take legal action, in the interest of road safety, to force the work to be done.

23.19 Drainage Issue, Salkeld Rd. Opposite School – Reported that the work had been completed by Highways..

24/20 Councillor Matters

24.1 Community Fibre Partnership Edenhall. It was reported the Cllr J Corbishley, on behalf of Edenhall residents, had registered a Community Fibre Partnership application for Edenhall. This requires residents to opt in. To determine the level of interest, residents were consulted before adding names, addresses and telephone numbers to the application; there being no commitment at this time or point of the application. The Community Fibre Partnership is there for rural communities that have poor internet services. It follows a government pledge to provide 30mbs to all houses in the next 5 years. The project is associated with a £2m Government grant.

A copy of the letter sent to residents is attached to this E Mail and is on file.

24.2 Langwathby Traffic Issues. Grave concern was raised over the increasing level of traffic in the village. There were a number of problem areas developing within the village.

- **Langwathby Hall Farm Building Engineering Activities** which had recently become established within the Langwathby Hall farm building was attracting heavy vehicles on the road on the top side of the Village Green. The mix of such vehicles with pedestrians, many being young families with prams was creating a road safety issue.
- **Salkeld Road – Behind the Pub.** The number of vehicles now regularly parked on the roadside was making this stretch of road virtually a single carriageway and often impassable.
- **Langwathby Stores.** The success and popularity of Langwathby Stores was creating a road obstruction issue at peak times, as a result of irresponsible parking; the main carriageway and entrance to Coxen Lane often being blocked.
- **Langwathby Hall Housing Development** – Initially there are approximately 12 new properties being built and long term, 24. Each of these possibly leading to two cars each, which could eventually add a further 48 cars passing through the village.

Action: - Following discussion it was decided to ask the Highways Department to undertake a 'Traffic Survey', following a site visit with Councillors.

24.3 Access To The Village Hall.

As a result of the imminent creation of the new access to the tarmac area by the tennis courts, behind the village hall, a discussion took place on how best to access the main and side entrances to the hall.

Action: - It was asked that Councillors give thought to the issue with a view to a decision being made at a future meeting. It was confirmed that the recycling centre could only be emptied once a week and the number of bins would have to stay the same. Looking to the future more would be required.

- 24.4 Henderson Lane** – It was reported that the United Utilities heavy traffic to the Sewerage Plant, further down this lane, was severely damaging the lane surface. A number of large potholes had appeared and parts of the lane had become deeply rutted, making passage by lighter vehicle difficult, when accessing fields further down, past the United Utilities facility. In dry periods of weather, the surface nature of the track was causing a dust problem to neighbouring properties.

Action: - To contact United Utilities to ask that repairs and resurfacing of the track is undertaken.

25/20 Correspondence

- 25.1 Hunsonby Swimming Pool Donation** – A letter of thanks had been received.
- 25.2 Covid – 19** – It was reported that since the 11th March Meeting 56 Covid – 19 related E Mails, have been forward to Councilors. (Too many to itemize.)
- 25.3 Covid – 19, EDC. Residents Financial Support Fund** – It was reported that Eden District Council had launched a Covid – 19 Residents Support Fund for those Parishioners in financial need as a consequence of the pandemic. The Clerk had shown initial interest in the scheme for the benefit of Parishioners. As a consequence, a sum of £1500 had been allocated to Langwathby Parish Council, subject to this allocation being accepted.

Subsequent to the above, major concerns were raised as to how ‘financial need’ could be assessed by a Parish Council, without means testing, and how an audit could be undertaken.

Following the legality of a Parish Council managing such a scheme, being raised with NALC, bearing in mind that a Parish Council is, under usual Standing Orders not permitted to make a grant payment to an individual, NALC has confirmed that it is not legal for a Parish Council to manage such a scheme

26/20 Condolences –

All members of the Council expressed their sympathy and condolences to Cllr Mark Holliday and his family, on the passing of his mother. Jean had always been a stalwart of the Langwathby community and will be sadly missed by all.

27/19 Dates of Forthcoming Meetings 2020

10th September

12th November

Venue in the back room, Langwathby Village Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm, subject to Covid – 19 restrictions being lifted.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed

Date