

## LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
in the Back Room, Langwathby Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

- 1/23 Apologies** **Unapproved**  
Cllrs M Holliday, K Little, C Merrie and County Councillor C Driver
- 2/23 Present**  
Cllrs I Harrington (Chairman), C Wilson, J Corbishley, D Banks, C Eland  
C Henderson, J Hodgson and J Fleming (Parish Clerk)
- 3/23 Minutes**  
The Chairman was authorized to sign the minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 meeting, as a true record  
Proposed by Cllr J Corbishley.  
Seconded by Cllr I Harrington
- 4/23 Declarations of Interest**  
Cllrs I Harrington, declared his position on the Langwathby Village Hall Committee  
Cllrs I Harrington, D Banks and C Eland declared their positions on the Langwathby Village Hall Renovation Committee.
- 5/23 Public Participation**  
There was none.
- 6/23 County Councillor Report**  
There was none
- 7/23 District Councillor Report**  
There was nothing of substance to report.
- 8/23 Finance**
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|------------|--|------------------------|
| <b>8.1</b> | <b>The Following Balances were noted, as at : -</b>            | <b>13/01/2023</b>      |
|            |  | <b>£</b>               |
|            | Penrith Building Society                                       | 9061.84                |
|            | Barclays   | 5505.22                |
|            | Sundry Debtor – Village Hall                                   | 372.53                 |
|            | Sundry Debtor - VAT  | <u>5556.61</u>         |
|            | <b>Total Cash as at 13/01/2023</b>                             | <u><b>20496.20</b></u> |
| <b>8.2</b> | <b>To approve the Interim Accounts from 11/11/22 – 13/1/23</b> |                        |
|            | Proposer Cllr C Eland  |                        |
|            | Seconder Cllr D Banks  |                        |
| <b>8.3</b> | <b>The Following Accounts Were Ratified – Since 17/11/22</b>   |                        |
|            | N Preston – Grass Cutting. 7/7/22                              | 615.00                 |
|            | Village Hall Room Hire 22/9/22                                 | 25.00                  |
|            | Clerks Fee November/December 2022                              | 498.34                 |

	Clerks Office Provision – November/December 2022	50.00
	Opus Energy VH	114.80
	Opus Energy VH	158.22
	Insurance	2249.56
	Field View Electrical – VH	129.00
	Field View Electrical – VH	64.18
	Frank Whittle Partnership. Architects VH Invoice 7040/6	13860.00
	Frank Whittle Partnership. Architects VH. Invoice 7040/5	13860.00
	G Anderson – Web Hosting to 5/4/2024	25.00
	W Veich – Cemetery mower fuel	38.80
	Village Hall – EDC Planning Application	263.20
<b>8.4</b>	<b>To approve payments</b>	
	Clerks Expenses 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 – 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	16.75
<b>8.5</b>	<b>To Approve 8.3 and 8.4</b>	
	Proposed Cllr I Harrington	
	Seconded Cllr C Wilson	
<b>8.6</b>	<b>To note receipts</b>	
	Village Hall Reimbursements	25181.17
	VAT Refund	4227.84
<b>8.7</b>	<b>Transfer – Current Account to Penrith Building Society</b>	5000.00
<b>9/23</b>	<b>Langwathby Village Hall Renovation Project</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	<b>Planning Permission</b> had been applied for and the outcome was awaited.	
<b>9.2</b>	<b>An, Asbestos, Bat and Drainage survey</b> had been undertaken, copies of the reports being on file.	
<b>9.3</b>	<b>Financial Responsibility and Credibility.</b>	
	<b>9.3.1</b> A Councillor expressed concern that whilst, to date, all the projects, substantial, architects' fees, had been covered by the Village Hall Management Committee's reserve funds; to complete the project funds in excess of £850, 000 would be required.	
	<b>9.3.2</b> Following discussion, Councillors were adamant the it was essential that at no time in the future was the Council's financial reputation and credibility to be but in jeopardy.	
	<b>9.3.3</b> The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, being responsible for the Council's finances, stated that he could not agree to any to work to be authorised unless there was sufficient funding available to cover the gross cost, in full.	
	Following further discussion, Councillors unanimously stipulated that all the <b>gross funds</b> , needed to cover any future, invoice, were lodged in the Parish Councils bank account <b>before the work in question, was authorised.</b> The Parish Council's assets were such that they could not bear the cost of a large Vat element while waiting for a refund to materialize.	
	<b>9.3.4</b> In order to avoid financial ambiguity and to safeguard against any future, large Vat refund being questioned by HMRC, all major grant applications should be made in the name of:- <b>'Langwathby Parish Council, (Fell view, Blencarn, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 1TX) in respect of the Langwathby Village Hall Renovation Project. (Langwathby Village Hall, The Green, Langwathby, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 1LW).</b>	

Thus, then ensuring, that there was a complete paper trail from grant application through the completion of work on the project, to the settling of an invoice and to, finally, the reclaiming of the associated Vat.

**9.3.5** The Clerk was to seek financial advice to ensure that, going forward, the project's financial procedures did not lead to any financial difficulties or embarrassments, especially in connection with the reclaiming of substantial sums of Vat.

**9.3.6 Grant Applications and Fund Raising.** – Reported that this was ongoing with Lee Wray-Davies taking a lead.

The Parish Council formally gives authority to, Langwathby Village Hall Management Committee member, Lee Wray-Davies, to complete grant application forms on its behalf.

## **10/23 Planning Matters**

22/0991 – School House Store and Premises, Culgaith Road, Langwathby, Penrith - Variation of condition 2 (plans compliance) for incorporation of open yard/passageway into the accommodation, replacement of boiler/outhouse with a ground floor bedroom and overall reduction in the number of proposed bedrooms from 4 to 3, attached to approval 21/0619.

Supported

## **11/23 Highways and Land Matters**

### **11.1 Edenhall Roadside Drainage Issues.**

Reported that flooding was still occurring by the entrance to the Sports Field and at the other end of the village by Winsfield.

**Action:** - To report the issue again to Highways.

**11.2 Ladies Walk** – Broken, wooden, footpath sign. In hand with Highways

**11.3 Low Mill, Langwathby** – Request for better road signage.

In hand with Highways

**11.4 Tennis Court Refurbishment.**

This issue is ongoing.

**11.5 Langwathby Village Hall** – Water leak.

Reported that the total ex Vat cost to resolve the problem was £4830, however £3189 of this was covered by an insurance claim, leaving a final cost of £1641; this being shared 50/50/% with the Village Hall / Parish Council.

**11.6 Back Lane Light – Langwathby** – Reported that this was still not working.

**Action:** - To report yet again to Eden District Council.

**11.7 Traffic Speed issues in Langwathby** – Salkeld Road.

Reported that this issue was to be discussed at the January, Highways 'CRASH' meeting. It being likely that the initial action would be to gather data, from that it will be able to identify if there are any specific concerns in relation to road safety and then appropriate action can be decided upon. This process could take between 8 to 12 weeks.

**11.8 Self Seeded Ash Trees – Gas House Lane, Edenhall.**

The issue of safety pruning required had been reported to Highways.

**11.9 Langwathby Playground Upgrade**

It was reported that the 'PLAY' group were now back in action and were seeking grant and other local funding, in order to complete the project.

## **12/23 Correspondence, Notices and Publications**

The following had been received since the last meeting.

**12.1 34 E Mails** had been circulated to Councillors since last meeting. These being kept on file for 12 months

**12.2 Footway Lighting - Costs**

Eden District Council had confirmed that the following recommendations were

passed recently, regarding Footway Lighting:

- That no recharges in relation to the provision of footway lighting were to be levied in 2022/2023, as a good will gesture, for those Parish Councils who have adopted their footway lighting.
- EDC have extended their existing 'Blue Collar' contracts until 2027, which includes maintenance of Footway Lighting.
- The electricity contract EDC have is through the YPO, administered by Cumbria County Council, this is currently due to expire in March 2023. EDC are currently trying to establish what the position will be, as we move towards the new Unitary Councils
- That a program is formerly, established to remove all sodium lights, without replacements, as they cease to function.

**12.3 Settlement Study** - An overview of the Settlement Study being conducted by Eden District Council was reported.

**12.4 EDC Election Costs** – It was reported that should there be a Parish Election, next May, there would be no cost to the Parish council.

**12.5 Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Facility Strategy**

It was reported that South Lakeland District Council, Eden District Council and Barrow-in Furness Borough Council are working with Sports Planning Consultants to produce a Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Facility Strategy.

**Action:** - To notify Edenhall and Langwathby Sports Field Committee.

**12.6 Public Consultation – Council Tax**

It was reported that on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January Westmorland and Furness Council launched a public consultation on council tax levels. Details are available on; <https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/have-your-say/have-your-say-in-council-tax-consultation/>

### 13/23 Councillor Matters

An opportunity for Councillors to raise issues on behalf of residents.

*Note: no decisions can be made on these matters but they may be placed on a future agenda of the Council.*

**13.1 Footway Langwathby Bridge Lights.**

Reported that a number had failed again.

**Action :-** To report to Highways.

**13.2 Reported that Japanese Knot Weed** was causing concern in the Gas Light Lane area of Edenhall.

**Action:** - To report to the Environmental Agency.

**13.3 Salkeld Road Drainage** – Reported that severe drainage problems, with flooding, were occurring, as you left the village, towards Little Salkeld.

**Action:** - To report to Highways.

### 14/23 Dates of Forthcoming Meeting

Venue Langwathby Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 21<sup>st</sup> September and 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

The meeting was closed at 20.30.

Signed

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Date

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