

## LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023  
in the Back Room, Langwathby Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

**75/23 Apologies**

Cllrs C Henderson, M Holiday, WAF Cllr M Robinson.

**Unapproved**

**76/23 Present**

Cllrs D Banks (Chairman), K Little (Vice Chair), C Merrie, C Wilson, J Corbishley, C Eland, J Hodgson, WAF Cllr M Hanley, J Fleming (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

**77/23 Minutes**

The Chairman was authorized to sign the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 meeting, as a true record  
Proposed by Cllr J Hodgson, Seconded by Cllr K Little.

**78/23 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs K Little and C Wilson and J Hodgson declared their positions on the Langwathby Public Hall Committee.  
Cllrs D Banks and C Eland declared their positions on the Langwathby Public Hall Renovation Committee.

**79/23 Public Participation**

Julia Aglionby, the Liberal Democrat prospective parliamentary candidate for the Penrith and Solway constituency introduced herself to the meeting.

**80/23 Westmorland and Furness Councilor Report**

A report from Westmorland and Furness Councilor Cllr Michael Hanley was presented to the meeting. A full report is available on [www.langwathby.org](http://www.langwathby.org)

**81/23 Finance**

<b>81.1</b>	<b>The Following Balances were noted, as at: -</b>	<b>11/11/2023</b>
		<b>£</b>
	Penrith Building Society	15605.23
	Barclays	6435.27
	Sundry Debtor – Village Hall	0.00
	Sundry Debtor - VAT	<u>714.44</u>
	<b>Total Cash as at 11/11/2022</b>	<b>22754.94</b>

**81.2 The Interim Account from 5th Sept – 16th November 2023 was approved.**

Proposer Cllr D Banks  
Seconder Cllr C Eland.

**81.3 The Following Accounts Were Ratified.**

Clerks Fee September/October 2023	498.34
Clerks Office Provision – September/October 2023	50.00
Wicksteed – Cradle Seat	179.03
Opus Energy VH	90.37
Opus Energy VH	105.20
Opus Energy VH	131.47
PWLB	3726.10
D Tec Toner	10.00
Field View Electrical – VH	58.20
Cleanspec VH	59.38
External Audit	252.00
Henry Wannop VH	212.04
Room Hire Sept 21 <sup>st</sup>	22.50
N Preston – Grass Cutting	570.00
Beacon Fire protection. VH	46.92
Land Registry – Station Map	24.00
Carrs Billington VH Oil	812.20

**81.4 The Following Payment was Approved.**

Clerks Expenses 21st September – 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023	15.15
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**81.5 To Approve 81.3 and 81.4**

Proposer Cllr D Banks

Seconder Cllr K Little

**81.6 To Note The Following Receipts**

Village Hall Reimbursements	1478.22
Village Hall – PWLB Reimbursement.	1863.02

**81.7 To Note The Following Transfer**

From PBS to Current account	5000.00
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**81.8 Budget and Precept for 2024/2025**

**81.8.1 A 2024/2025 Budget** was presented to the meeting, following Discussion, the budget was unanimously approved.

Proposed Cllr J Corbishley

Seconded Cllr. C Merrie

**81.8.2 Setting of the 2024 – 2025 Precept.**

Unanimously agreed to set, as last year, at £18000.

Proposed Cllr D Banks

Seconded Cllr J Corbishley

**82/23 Langwathby Village Hall Renovation Project -****82.1 WAFC (Formerly EDC) Community Grant.**

Reported that this £12500 grant application had been turned down; it was intended to reapply.

**82.2 Penrith Lottery Grant**

Reported that this grant of £2500 had been approved, however it would not be paid out until the project was completed.

**82.3 Architects Fee to Cover Preparing a Tender Document. (Stage 4)**

Following the 82.1 and 82.2 decisions, the preparation of the Tender Document had been put on hold until funds were available to cover the architects invoice.

**82.4 Special Informal Meeting – Grant Advice and Constitutional Clarification.**

**82.4.1 Meeting with Doug Huggon**, Communities & Wellbeing Manager, Directorate of Thriving Communities, Westmorland and Furness Council.

Reported that an informal meeting had been attended by Doug Huggon WAFC, Matt Buck, WAFC, Cllr D Banks, the Parish Clerk, M Truman, - Langwathby Public Hall treasurer. (Apologies H Dallaway - secretary) and Hellen Aitkin - ACT, where the resubmitting of the £12500 WAFC

Communities fund grant application was discussed; Doug Huggon providing valuable advice on the approach to take to assist in the resubmission, being successful.

Following the conclusion of 82.4.1 Hellen Aitkin proceeded to clarify a number of queries regarding the implementation of the revised constitution of the Langwathby Public Hall Charity.

### **83/23 Langwathby Parish Council – Langwathby Public Hall – Sole Trustee**

#### **83.1 Dates of Sole Trustee Meeting.**

It was unanimously agreed that the 2024 Sole Trustee meetings would take place in the Back Room of the Langwathby Public Hall at 7.30 pm on the following dates to avoid clashing with Parish Council meetings: -

Thursday February 15 <sup>th</sup>	AGM
Thursday June 13 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
Thursday October 17 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting

#### **83.2 Langwathby Public Hall Committee Chair.**

It was reported that Tracey Sweeney had resigned as Chair. It was agreed that a positive effort be made in the early New Year, in conjunction with the Public Hall Committee, to seek a replacement.

A special thanks was extended to Tracey for the time and commitment that she had given to the committee, during her period in office.

### **84/23 Planning Matters**

There were none.

### **85/23 Highways and Land Matters**

#### **85.1 Langwathby Traffic and Parking Issues.**

Following safety concerns raised by both Parishioners and Councillors, a discussion on this, very heartfelt and concerning issue, took place.

##### **Action: -**

- a) Agreed to arrange a Langwathby site visit with Laura McClennan, (WAFC Traffic Management Team Leader) to seek Highways advice on how the issues could be further addressed and also to obtain clarification on when the previously agreed X 2, one-way systems, were likely to be implemented.
- b) Agreed to arrange a Langwathby site visit with the police, to discuss the issue from their viewpoint.
- c) Other Points Raised  
In discussion the following options were raised
  - The use of double yellow lines to restrict parking in certain areas.
  - The introduction of passing places on Salkeld Rd, by Shepherds Inn.
  - Whether the installation of Parking Meters was an option, and if so, how would they be policed.

**85.2 Ladies Walk – Broken, Wooden, Footpath Signs.** In hand with Highways.

**85.3 Back Lane Light – Langwathby.** – Failed light by junction with Coxen Lane. Reported that the light was still not functioning. In hand with Electricity NW.

#### **85.4 Edenhall Roadside Flooding by Sports Field Entrance**

The issue had been reported again to Highways.

**85.5 Knotweed – Edenhall.** - This issue has now been addressed.

#### **85.6 Langwathby Town Head Farm Corner A686/ Back Lane**

**Flash Flooding.** - Reported 3 times to Highways. The drain has now been attended to. The situation is being closely monitored.

**85.7 Langwathby Bridge – Rattling Metal Plate.** - Reported to Highways and has now been attended to.

**85.8 Langwathby Back Lane Jetting of Drains.** – Drains have been attended to.

**86/23 Correspondence, Notices and Publications**

The following had been received since the last meeting.

**86.1 25 Emails** forwarded to Councillors since the last meeting. On file for a year

**86.2 Traffic and Parking Issues Langwathby.** – Three Parishioners had expressed their safety concerns, regarding this issue, to the Council.

**86.3 CALC AGM Minutes** – Reported and on file.

**86.4 Free Trees for Community Groups**

The Woodland Trust is giving away free trees to Town & Parish Councils. For further details contact: - Steve Shill, Senior Project Lead – Community Woodland Outreach via 07774693621 or [steveshill@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:steveshill@woodlandtrust.org.uk)

**86.5 Changes to Postal and Proxy Voting**

Reported that from 31 October 2023, all postal and proxy vote applications must contain a National Insurance Number, or a reason why one cannot be provided, in order to verify the applicant's identity.

**86.6 Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG).** Reported that under the Environment Act 2021, all planning permissions granted in England (with a few exemptions) except for small sites will have to deliver at least a 10% biodiversity net gain from January 2024.

**86.7 The Friends of the Settle Carlisle Line**

A complimentary membership of 'The Friends of the Settle Carlisle Line' had been offered to Langwathby Parish Council. It was unanimously agreed to, gratefully accept this offer.

**87/23 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.*

There were none.

**88/23 Dates of Forthcoming Meeting for 2024**

Venue Langwathby Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

Thursdays: - 25th January

21st March

16<sup>th</sup> May – Annual Public Meeting followed by AGM and May meeting

18<sup>th</sup> July

19<sup>th</sup> September

21<sup>st</sup> November

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Signed

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Date

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