

LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th March 2011

Present:

Mr D H Banks (in the chair), 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 W F Mounsey, Mr S J Peet

312 Apologies

No apologies received.

313 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2011 and of the extraordinary meeting held on 27th January 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

314 Update Reports

1 Appointment of Parish Clerk – Sarah Fairlamb appointed from 1st March 2011. A two month overlap with Ray Wager has been arranged to ensure a smooth handover. Ray to complete internal accounts and audit and to assist with elections and annual meeting.

2 Fishing path – lacking evidence of fishing in more recent years prior to the application in 2008 for registration of a length of river as village green. S Peet and S Fairlamb to encourage some known potential witnesses to contact R Wager to sign a witness statement.

3 Footpath to sports field – Highways and Infrastructure Dept unable to resolve the problems associated with acquisition of land for the footpath. The scheme to be postponed from this year's programme and hopefully to be resurrected in next year's programme (2011/12 from April onwards).

4 Edenhall/Penrith Road – work completed.

5 Water overflow Culgaith Road – work not completed – S Fairlamb to follow up.

6 Drain in Church Lane, Edenhall – repaired.

7 Bushes at the Meadows – the Housing Association have promised to carry out an inspection – work not yet carried out.

8 Tennis Court – pruning work not completed. D Banks to follow up.

315 Review of Primary Education in Culgaith & Langwathby

Members voted in favour of maintaining the current status quo. To respond to CCC and express the following points: benefits of larger schools, advantages of larger numbers of children particularly with regard to sport and school plays, social benefits to children mixing in larger school and preparation for secondary school, the adverse affects on Langwathby School particularly with regard to the consequent reduction in Government funding.

316 Property Inspections

Members undertook property inspections to check for safety or maintenance needs and reported back.

<p>Issues arising</p> <p>Langwathby Centre: Seat by swings bent & J B Holliday plaque missing Bridge stones dislodged Timing of traffic lights not right</p> <p>Langwathby North: Entrance to Cemetery needs general tidy up Seat at noticeboard needs painting (also “Walter’s seat”) Village Hall exterior needs tidy up</p> <p>Langwathby South: 3 street lights not working – noticeboard, Townhead Farm & outside Caroline Cottage Monitor condition of rubber tiles on play area</p> <p>Edenhall: School Green area requires weed control Seat at War Memorial needs new bar Bus shelter – broken seat support Lady’s Walk seat – too near washed out bank</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <p>Clerk to ask J Dulson to fix Report to Highways Report to Highways</p> <p>D Banks & P Jackson C Merrie & C Little D Banks to contact VHC</p> <p>M Holliday to follow up</p> <p>W.Benn to coordinate Edenhall actions</p> <p>Re-site</p>
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317 Finance

1. Balances: The following balances were noted:

Current a/c	£5,980.82
Penrith Building Society	£6,027.37
VAT to be recovered	£131.77

2. Accounts to be ratified: The following accounts were ratified:

PRS for Music, license for Village Hall	£41.85 plus VAT
N.Preston, repair to Village Hall roof	£75.00
E.ON, electricity for Village Hall	£260.15 plus VAT
G.C.Anderson, website maintenance	£71.88
CALC, training for Clerk	£48
Chubb Fire, fire equipment and servicing at V.Hall	£94.96 plus VAT
Gopak Ltd, chair trolley for Village Hall	£72.90 plus VAT
E.ON, electricity for Village Hall	£58.34 plus VAT
Hope’s Garage, mower repair and servicing	£34.61 plus VAT

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

Public Works Loan Board, loan repayment (March)	£3,726.04 (by direct debit on 15 th)
R.Wager: Clerk's salary, Dec-Feb	£550
Clerk's salary, March and April	£366
Postage	£7.68
Computer ink	£25.45
Norton Internet Security subscription renewal	£24.99
Flash drive for computer back-up	£5.99

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

Penrith Building Society interest	£27.37
Village Hall Committee re Brogans	£639.80
re PRS for Music	£41.85
re N.Preston	£75
re E.ON	£260.15
re Chubb & Gopak	£167.54
Cumbria County Council, grant for tennis court	£1,000.00
Stonecraft Design, headstone fee	£50
VAT returns	£613.82
Eden District Council, recycling credits, Oct-Dec	£319.98
Richardsons Funeral Drs, burial of ashes (M.Watson)	£50

5 Risk Assessment: Village Hall Committee have successfully appointed a Treasurer – Gill Laker. The Council approved the risk assessment.

6 Annual Review of Internal Audit Arrangements: Members reviewed the Council's audit arrangements and voted to continue with the present arrangements.

7 Review of Cemetery Fees: Members agreed to maintain current fees.

8 Insurance: Clerk to carry out price comparison prior to renewal date.

318 Langwathby War Memorial

Quote received for cleaning War Memorial £528. It was decided not to go ahead with the cleaning of either Langwathby or Edenhall War Memorials on account of the cost.

319 Planning

- 1 Application Garden & Summerhouse Cottages, Edenhall – withdrawn.
- 2 Hedgerow application relating to proposed water treatment works - no objection in principle but the lengths of hedge to be removed have been queried as being excessive.

320 Correspondence

- 1 **Eden Association Meeting** – 28 March 2011 - D Banks to attend.
- 2 **Parish Elections** – Nomination forms must be lodged by 4th April 2011.
- 3 **Cumbria in Bloom** – request interest in March Memo.
- 4 **EDC Scrutiny Work Plan 2011/12** – proposed the following items for scrutiny: Old London Road, Car Parking, The Council's impact on the local economy, Eden Business Park
- 5 **HM Revenue & Customs** – All Parish Councils must operate PAYE for both tax and NIC purposes on income they pay their Clerks and RFOs, commencing 2011/12.
- 6 **Cumbria Community Association** – Charity Challenge (S Fairlamb)
- 7 **Ambulance Trust** – road show 29 March 2011.

321 Local Concerns

- 1 C Merrie requested the use of the village green for May Day – approved.
- 2 Concern over continued overnight parking on Back Lane of an Enterprise van causing damage to grass verge and blocking footpath.
- 3 Concern over condition of road outside Carrs Feedmill and Toppins on Green Lane.
- 4 Concern over litter on south bound railway side – request Litter Group to pick.
- 5 Penrith Rugby Club to be congratulated on their success in securing a flat rate of £100 for water rates.
- 6 Concern over the continued closure of The Shepherds Inn. The Parish Council decided to write to Enterprise Inns to establish their intentions for the future use of the Shepherds Inn.

322 Annual Parish Meeting

Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 12th May 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall agreed. Eden Rivers Trust to be approached regarding a speaker for the meeting. Other idea put forward – Social Enterprise in the Community to include such topics as community-run pubs.

323Next Parish Council Meeting: The Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 19th May in the Village Hall (Back Room) commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.