

LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th March 2010

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 and Mr S.J Peet. Apologies were received from Mr T.W.Metcalf.

230 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2010 were approved and signed by the chairman.

231 Police Report: The Community Police Officer had sent a report, which referred to the theft of batteries from farms and requested farmers to have them marked with “smartwater” so that, if stolen, they could be identified. Items were also noted from the Penrith Rural Team newsletter, including the speed checks being undertaken in Langwathby. Members hoped these could be concentrated on periods of high motorcycle activity.

232 Housing Needs Survey: Jayne Potts from Cumbria Rural Housing Trust explained the housing needs survey that the Trust would be carrying out on behalf of Eden District Council and offered to include a small questionnaire for the Parish Council, if that was desired. The Council agreed to study the proposed housing needs questionnaire before the next meeting and to decide whether to add any questions of its own.

233 The Pinfold, Edenhall: The Council noted that Mr S.Harrington was no longer able to maintain the Pinfold and agreed to grant a Licence to J.Burrell and C.Peck to use the Pinfold for a small vegetable garden at the nominal rent of £1 per annum. The Clerk was authorized to conclude the Licence with the Licensees.

234 Langwathby Car Park: The Clerk reported the willingness of the Probation Service to arrange for the refurbishment of the post and chain fence between the village green and the car park. Members agreed to proceed accordingly and authorized procurement of the necessary materials. The delay in re-registering the car park land in the name of the Parish Council was regretted and Members agreed to complain to Cartmell Shepherds, Solicitors, at the lack of communication. The Clerk was asked to arrange for a new sign to replace the one that was broken.

235 The Big Tidy Up: The Council decided to write to Langwathby School to see if senior pupils would be interested in helping with a litter clear-up under adult supervision.

236 Property Inspections: Reports were received following inspections made by councillors of Parish Council property and equipment in Langwathby, to highlight any safety or maintenance issues. It was agreed to arrange redecoration of Langwathby bus shelter in the spring and to paint the goal posts on the village green. Mr D.H.Banks agreed to clean the limestone tablet on the war memorial and Mr G.C.Little and Mr J.M.Holliday agreed to relocate the seat near Hope’s Garage to a more suitable position. Mr S.J.Peet and Mr J.M.Holliday were asked to obtain quotes for repairs to the tennis court fence. The Edenhall councillors will arrange a similar inspection before the next meeting.

237 Update Reports:

1. Fishing Path: Members noted that areas for coppicing adjacent to the Parish fishing path had been marked out and approval sought from Natural England and the Environment Agency.

2. Proposed Footway to Edenhall Sports Field: A position statement was received, which stated that the County Council hoped to commence creation of a footway from Langwathby bridge to the Sports Field early in the next financial year.

238 Finance

1. Balances: The following balances were noted:

Current a/c	£8,029.37
Deposit a/c	£2,307.10
VAT to be recovered	£81.02

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

Brogan Fuels, heating oil for Village Hall	£489.80 plus VAT
Performing Right Society re Village Hall	£41.85 plus VAT
E.ON, electricity for Village Hall	£200.23 plus VAT
G.C.Anderson, website maintenance	£70.36
Chubb Fire Ltd, Village Hall fire inspection	£55.41 plus VAT
Field View Electrical Ltd, V. Hall fire alarm inspection	£30 plus VAT
Viking Direct, notice boards for Village Hall	£69.98 plus VAT

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

T.Glendingning & Co, final payment on V.Hall contract	£account awaited
R.Wager, Clerk's salary, Dec-Feb	£500
R.Wager, postage & stationery	£8.58
R.Wager, purchase of computer ink	£24.59
PWLB, loan repayment due 15 th March	£3,726.04
Cumbria Association of Local Councils, annual sub	£188.50

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

Refund of VAT	£494.70
Village Hall Committee contributions to expenditure	£731.88
Eden District Council, recycling credits July-Dec	£676.36
Village Hall Committee, contributions to expenditure	£155.39

5. Grants: Members considered the grant request from Eden Citizens Advice Bureau deferred from the last meeting and the financial information supplied but felt that it was not appropriate to make a grant on an ongoing basis. Grant requests from Mencap, the Great North Air Ambulance and the Red Cross Haiti Appeal were also declined.

6. Building Society Account: The Council resolved to open a deposit account with Penrith Building Society, any two of the three signatories (D.H.Banks, J.M.Holliday and C.Merrie) to sign.

7. Risk Assessment: Members discussed and approved the risk assessment schedule 2010. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the Langwathby village green trees to be inspected again.

8. Annual Review of Internal Audit Arrangements: The Council reviewed its internal audit arrangements and concluded that the present arrangements were satisfactory. The audit plan was approved.

239 Planning: The Council noted -

- (i) The arrangements for a planning appeal hearing on 13th April, concerning proposed housing development on land adjacent to Eden Straits, Langwathby (09/0809)
- (ii) Progress with Eden's Core Strategy Development Plan Document.
- (iii) That no objection had been raised to the extension of a chicken shed at Browood, Edenhall (10/0067)

240 Correspondence

1. Eden Association of Local Councils: The Vice-Chairman and Clerk will attend the meeting on 30th March.

2. Eden District Council Scrutiny Work Plan: The Council had been asked to express a preference for four scrutiny topics from a list of nine identified by the District Council. Members selected refuse collection and recycling; parks and open spaces; shared services and Penrith New Squares.

3. May Day: Use of the village green was approved for Langwathby May Day on 15th May.

4. Langwathby Methodist Church: The Council heard that the Church would be marking its 150th Anniversary in 2010 and wished to hold a village celebration on the village green on Saturday evening, 19th June. The evening will include a brass band and soloist; use of the green was approved.

5. Langwathby Scarecrow Festival: The Council approved use of the village green for the Scarecrow Festival on 10th/11th July, including erection of a tent for a Farmers' Market. Correspondence was also noted regarding new model standing orders; various events concerning renewable energy; the Sustainable Communities Act; recycling newsletter; "green communities"; permeable paving; NSPCC Helpline and TYLA Services.

241. **Local Concerns:** Members noted that fly tipping had taken place adjacent to Langwathby bridge and this had been reported to Eden District Council. There was a discussion regarding recent divisions at the District Council and its policies regarding shared services and Penrith New Squares. Members also discussed issues related to on-street parking in Langwathby.

242. **Annual Parish Meeting:** Arrangements were discussed for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on Thursday, 22nd April and Members decided to invite a speaker from the Friends of the Settle/Carlisle Railway Line.

243. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, 13th May, in the Village Hall (Back Room) at 7.30pm (Annual General Meeting).

(The meeting finished at 9.30pm.)