

LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th July 2009

Present: Mr D.H.Banks, Mr W.H.Benn, Mr I.S.Harrington, Mr J.M.Holliday (District Councillor), Mr P.M.Jackson, Mr G.C.Little, Mr T.W.Metcalf, Mr W.F.Mounsey (in the Chair), and Mr S.J Peet, together with Mrs M.Robinson (County Councillor).

Apologies were received from Mrs C.Merrie.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Robinson to her first meeting as the new County Councillor for the area.

188 Minutes: The minutes of the annual meeting held on 14th May 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

189 Police Report: The Community Police Officer was not able to attend but her written report was noted. The farmers present agreed to be part of the farm watch scheme and, if appropriate, Mr Metcalf agreed to be nominated as Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for Edenhall.

190 Update Reports:

1. Briggie Beck Footpath: Notification had not yet been received as to the commencement of the upgrade works.

2. Fishing Path: The Clerk said a date for a site meeting was still being sought.

3. Recycling Centre: The fencing had yet to be moved.

4. Cemetery: Nothing to report.

5. Tennis Court: An estimate of the cost of re-fencing the present tennis court had been received and a comparative cost for moving it onto the Games Park, utilizing the present court as a car park for the Village Hall. The Clerk was requested to seek grant aid for the larger scheme, including, if necessary, obtaining further quotations, to ascertain whether it was feasible to proceed. Mr Holliday agreed to arrange for the site to be swept.

6. Balmer Memorial Seat: Mr Holliday was thanked for providing the base for the new seat.

7. Highways: The signpost at the war memorial in Langwathby had now been replaced. Culgaith Parish Council had advised that the road through Culgaith village would be closed for a week commencing 10th August.

8. Street Lights: Mr Holliday reported that the problem of the flickering lights at Low Farm was being investigated by the County Council. There had been no satisfactory outcome so far to enquiries made at Eden District Council regarding replacement of lights considered not repairable.

9. Ullswater College MAD Day: Mrs Merrie had sent a report indicating that the school party's work on clearing the bridleway had been challenged by a local resident and consequently disrupted but had now been completed.

10. Edenhall Bus Shelter: It appeared that the waste bin was now being emptied. The Clerk reported damage to the guttering and was asked to arrange repair.

11. Village Hall Water Leak: No further action was proposed at present.

12. Car Park: The Clerk reported that the Licence had now been received and would be signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. A meeting was still being sought with Enterprise Inns.

13. Gate at Meadowside: Mr Holliday said the District Council had agreed to replace the gate and tidy their land.

191. Citizen of the Year Award for Langwathby Village

Mr Holliday summarized the history of the Award, which had been established by the late Jack Williamson in appreciation of assistance given to his family by the people of Langwathby village. The Award had hitherto been funded by the Williamson family's charitable trust but Mr Williamson's son, Colin, who is elderly, wished to convey a sum of money to the Parish Council so that the award could be continued by a local body. The Clerk outlined the proposal, which was for the Parish Council to set up a charitable trust and to act as the corporate trustee. The Council approved the making of a trust deed to establish a charity to be known as the Williamson Langwathby Trust once the money had been received and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were authorized to sign the deed.

192. 1st Langwathby Guides Bulb Planting

The Council agreed to support a proposal by the Guides to plant bulbs in the verge of Eden Straits (in the vicinity of the Walter Howe memorial seat) and will seek authorization from the Highway Authority. Members also agreed to purchase a sack of daffodil bulbs for the Guides to plant.

193 Finance

1. Balances: The following balances were noted:

Current a/c	£9,226.64
Everyday Saver a/c	£2,188.55
VAT to be recovered	£63.34 plus claim for £1,374.12 outstanding

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

C.Parsons, electrical work at Village Hall	£75.35 plus VAT
Home Choice Videos, Memorial Garden maintenance	£35

3. Accounts to be paid: The following accounts were approved for payment:

N.Preston, repair to Langwathby bus shelter	£120
N.Preston, grass cutting for half year	£630

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

Village Hall Committee re Brogan Fuels (paid in 08/09)	£449.80
Village Hall Committee re insurance contribution	£305
Village Hall Committee re E.ON	£191.56
Village Hall Committee re C.Parsons	£75.35

5. Grant requests: Having considered the accounts of both Parochial Church Councils, the Council decided to make grants of £200 each to Edenhall PCC and Langwathby PCC for churchyard maintenance. A request for support from “Vitalise”, a charity which provides respite breaks for disabled people and their carers, was declined.

194 **Planning:** Comments made on the following applications were noted as follows:-

- (i) Townhead Farm, Langwathby (agricultural building) – no objection
- (ii) Springbank, Langwathby (extension) – no objection

195 Correspondence

1. Eden Association of Local Councils: The Chairman and various members indicated their intention to attend the meeting with the County Council’s Local Committee on 15th July.

2. Cadet 150 Tree Planting Scheme: Members welcomed the scheme but concluded regrettably that there was no parish land suitable for further planting.

Members also noted a number of matters drawn from recent CALC circulars and correspondence relating to Northern Gas Networks grant scheme, Eden Community Liaison Forum, Eamont Bridge flooding, Eden Core Strategy, Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework, Rural Community Network and an Eden District Council scheme for lending litter picking equipment.

196. **Local Concerns:** Members expressed concern at the extent of ragwort growing on highway verges and decided to ask Mrs Merrie to take this up with the Highway Steward.

197. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, 10th September, in the Village Hall (Back Room) at 7.30pm

(The meeting finished at 8.45pm.)