

LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th September 2009

Present: Mr W.H.Benn, Mr I.S.Harrington, Mr J.M.Holliday (District Councillor), Mr G.C.Little, Mrs C.Merrie, Mr T.W.Metcalf, Mr W.F.Mounsey (in the Chair) and Mr S.J Peet, together with the Chair of the Village Hall Committee and a member of the Scarecrow Festival Committee.

Apologies were received from. Mr D.H.Banks and Mr P.M.Jackson, owing to absence on holidays.

198 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

199 Police Report: The Community Police Officer said quad bikes and diesel continued to be targets for thieves but some suspects had been apprehended following information received from observant members of the public. She said speeding and rural burglaries were the highest police priority in this area.

200 Update Reports:

1. Briggie Beck Footpath: An update had been requested from the Footpaths Officer.

2. Fishing Path: A date for a site meeting was awaited from Natural England..

3. Highways: Culgaith Parish Council had advised that the road through Culgaith village would now be closed for a week commencing 28th October. A licence to plant bulbs in the verge of Eden Straits was still awaited. There had been no developments regarding clearance of ragwort from verges.

4. Street Lights: Nothing further to report. Mr Holliday agreed to check the lamps in Culgaith Road and report any outage.

5. Edenhall Bus Shelter: Repair work completed.

6. Car Park: The Clerk reported that the Licence was still with Enterprise Inns for completion, apparently delayed by changes to the lease arrangements for the Shepherd's Inn..

7. Williamson Langwathby Trust: The Clerk said the trust had now been established, following an initial receipt of £50 from the Williamson family trust. The first meeting of the trustees would take place after the Parish Council meeting.

201 Land to Rear of Village Hall: The Clerk reported that an application for grant to re-vamp the area had been made to Awards for All. Mrs M.Robinson hoped to contribute around £1,300 from the County Council Local Committee. It was agreed that a full-size tennis court should be provided and this would reduce the area for car parking. Disabled parking could be provided nearer the Hall. A possible layout for the parking area was approved and the Clerk was authorized to seek planning approval as a working amendment. Competitive tenders will be sought for the works proposed, which may proceed when funding is assured.

202 Footpath to Edenhall Sports Ground: The Council approved the plan for the footpath to be provided between the bridge and sports ground under the Community Travel Plan for Langwathby.

203 Telephone Box at Edenhall: Members noted the proposed closure of the public call box at Edenhall and decided to accept the offer to take over the empty box from BT for the sum of £1.

204 Recycling Centre: Members noted completion of the new compound and authorized the Chairman to sign the adoption agreement for the period 2009-14.

205 Finance

1. Balances: The following balances were noted:

Current a/c £8,721.45

Everyday Saver a/c £2,188.55

VAT to be recovered £98.46

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

Hope's Garage, mower repair £16 plus VAT

- 2. Lorries in Back Lane, Langwathby:** Lorries destined for Birds' factory were mistakenly entering Back Lane and a sign was needed at the Culgaith Road end of the Lane.
- 3. Blocked drains in Back Lane and Culgaith Road**
- 4. Outside Brandlehow, Langwathby:** The footway was breaking up.
- 5. Gate at Meadowside:** This has not yet been provided by Eden District Council (Mr Holliday to enquire).
- 6. White Lining:** These still need renewing near the Langwathby war memorial.
- 7. Coxon Lane Junction with Back Lane, Langwathby:** Bushes are obscuring visibility (Mrs Merrie to discuss with householder).
- 8. Trees planted on Salkeld Road:** Query whether these are planted in the highway verge.
- 9. Waste bin adjacent to bus shelter, Langwathby:** Additional capacity is needed.
- 10. Salt bins:** A bin is needed at the Old School end of Edenhall.
- 11. Village Hall Committee:** Mrs F. Flower will need to step down as chairperson, having moved out of the area, and a new Chair needs to be appointed.
- 12. Village Hall Roof:** A leak near the join of the newly roofed area and the old roof is being investigated.
- 13. Scarecrow Festival:** Questions had arisen about the frequency of the festival. Members felt it essential to continue this as an annual event and the Clerk was asked to explain the situation in The Memo and Herald report.

209. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, 19th November, in the Village Hall (Back Room) at 7.30pm

(The meeting finished at 9.20pm.)