

## LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 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, Mrs C.Merrie, Mr T.W.Metcalf, Mr W.F.Mounsey (in the Chair) and Ms S.E.Ripper together with County Councillor Mrs I.Henderson, Mr M.McKay (Eden Community Safety Officer), Mrs M.Pearson (representing the Village Hall Committee) and a parishioner.

Apologies were received from PC R.Harrison.

**142 Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**143 Resignation of Ms E.Ripper:** The Chairman reported a letter received from Ms Ripper, indicating that she would be resigning from the Council at the end of the meeting, owing to pressure of work. Members acknowledged the valuable contribution that Ms Ripper had made to the Council's work over the previous 10 years and noted her resignation with regret.

**144 Police Report:** Members considered the Policing Pledge issued by Cumbria Police, setting out the standards of service that the public could expect. Whilst appreciating the work of the community policeman, Members felt the Pledge could not be delivered with the current level of staffing in this area. Rights also needed to be balanced by responsibilities.

**145 Community Safety:** The Council welcomed Mr Mark McKay to the meeting. He explained his background in the police and his role with Eden District Council. He offered his services with any problems that might arise in the parish with regard to crime and disorder, such as vandalism or rowdyism. He was also willing to assist with obtaining grants for projects that had a benefit in terms of reducing crime and disorder.

#### 146 Update Reports

**1. Land Registration:** Signing of the car park licence was still awaited

**2. Briggle Beck Footpath:** Proposals were still awaited from Capita.

**3. Recycling Centre:** The District Council was expecting to finalize plans shortly for the new compound, following completion of the Village Hall works.

**4. Cemetery:** Mr Holliday was thanked for the improvements made at the cemetery, by replacing the waste heap with a bin at the entrance. He explained the proposed area for the burial of ashes, which Members welcomed.

**5. Bus shelter:** It was agreed that the jet cleaning of the Langwathby bus shelter had been successful and could be repeated when necessary.

**6. Walter's Seat:** Mr Little confirmed that the bench could be repaired and will be reinstated after the winter.

**7. Eden CALC Meeting, 19 November:** The Chairman gave a report.

**8. Eden Planning Seminar:** Mr Banks gave a report, including the possibility that consultation will be extended to 28 days.

**9. Highways:** The Clerk reported the County Council's response regarding the road surface at the Luham corner.

**10. Dog Fouling:** The community wardens had agreed to investigate the problem on Henderson's Lane.

#### 147 Village Hall Refurbishment Scheme

Messrs Banks and Harrington declared interests as members of the Village Hall Committee.

**1. Progress of Works:** The Clerk reported that there were a number of minor matters yet to be completed but the improved facilities were being well received. Unfortunately a condensation problem had become

evident, particularly in the roof voids of the side room and kitchen area. The architect had suggested a number of remedies which were being investigated but some additional expense would be required.

**2. Financial Statement:** An interim summary of expenditure related to the refurbishment and receipts was noted.

**3. Tennis Court:** Members felt it would not be practicable to proceed with developing the tennis court as a car park in the near future and repair of the fencing should be progressed.

**4. Village Hall Committee:** Members noted that there was a need for additional members to serve on the Committee and were urged to support the AGM on 9 February and the celebration on 13 February for those who have been involved with the refurbishment scheme.

**5. Insurance:** It was agreed that the insured value of the Village Hall should be increased to £500,000 and the general contents cover be increased to £20,000.

**6. Water leak:** The Clerk reported that a leak in an underground water pipe had been identified but the exact location was not known. It was suggested that United Utilities should be asked to help locate the leak.

**148 Langwathby Village Green:** A letter from Mr B.Alway was discussed and a response agreed.

**149 Property Inspections:** Schedules were circulated to members for completion and consideration at the next meeting.

**150 Signposts:** Mrs Merrie agreed to contact the highway steward to request cleaning and/or re-painting of the sign to Skirwith from the A686 as requested by Culgaith Parish Council.

#### 151 Finance

**1. Balances:** The following balances were noted:

Current a/c	£1,326.87
Everyday Saver a/c	£2,188.55
VAT to be recovered	£17,951.45 claimed but not yet received £305.39 yet to be claimed (to date)

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from HM Revenue and Customs, confirming that the recent large claims that had been queried would be approved.

Grants approved but not yet paid £320 (Fellrunner) £100 (CAB)

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

Penrith Building Supplies, tiles, guttering etc for V Hall	£388.07 plus VAT
Penrith Tool Hire re mower service	£50.37 plus VAT
HSD Ltd, under-sink water heater for Village Hall	£83.15 plus VAT
Brogan Fuels, heating oil	£449.80 plus VAT
L.Watson, Memorial Garden maintenance	£49
Eden District Council, building control fee	£343.94 plus VAT
Eden Valley Windows, replacement door	£760.17 plus VAT
J.T.Atkinson re V.Hall refurbishment	£443.42 plus VAT

The Clerk reported that Mr Watson was unable to continue maintaining the Memorial Garden.

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

Architect's fees re Village Hall refurbishment	£5,000 of the £7,500 due (plus VAT)
Plansafe, CDM Coordinator fees re V Hall refurbishment	£1,181 plus VAT
Contract Flooring (Cumbria) Ltd re V Hall	£3,213.30 plus VAT
Langwathby Methodist Church, room hire	£21.60
John Dulson Ltd, supply of wire etc	£164 plus VAT
R.Wager, salary, Sep-Nov	£500
R.Wager, postage & stationery	£32.85
Internet security subscription	£21.47

(Mr Holliday declared an interest in the following item and left the room while it was considered)

JB Holliday & Sons, work at bus shelter and cemetery	£96 plus VAT
EJ & JM Wilson, bin for cemetery	£153 plus VAT
G.Anderson, website maintenance	£67.10
TW Relph, materials for gate to pinfold	£30.91

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

Village Hall Committee re refurbishment scheme	£11,000
Village Hall Committee re E.ON	£296.72
Village Hall Committee re J.T. Atkinson	£443.42
EDC, recycling credit	£304.07
Richardsons Funeral Dirs re Mrs A.Ewbank: burial fee	£150
re reservation fee	£50

**5. Grass Cutting Contract**

The firms to be invited to tender for this year's grass cutting contract were agreed.

152 **Planning:** Comments made on the following planning applications were noted:

- (i) 1 Ivy Cottages, Edenhall (roof light) – no objection
- (ii) Meadoway, Edenhall (installation of flue) – no objection

**153 Correspondence**

**1. Skipton-East Lancs Rail Action Partnership:** The Council agreed to lend support to the campaign to restore the missing rail link between Skipton and Colne.

**2. Highway Maintenance Programmes:** It was agreed that the Area Engineer should be requested to consider the poor surface of the A686 as a priority for the 2010/11 programme.

**3. Eden Sport and Recreation Strategy:** It was agreed that interest should be expressed in the proposed coaching sessions to be held in 8 village locations.

**4. Ullswater College MAD Day:** Mrs Merrie will discuss possible community projects with the school. Correspondence and publications were also noted in relation to CALC Newsletter, Eden Design Awards, Closer to Home, local authority publicity, County Council budget consultations and a progress report on the Local Transport Plan.

154 **Publication Scheme:** The Council's "Guide to Proactively Published Information for the Public" was approved.

**155 Local Concerns**

**1. Gritting:** It was agreed that the Highways Department should be asked to extend gritting to include Salkeld Road up to the garage and also provide salt bins on Storey Bank and at Meadowside..

**2. Station Access:** The problem of inadequate drainage on the new access track to the southbound platform to be referred to Northern Rail.

**3. Langwathby Bridge:** The need for improved signage to encourage cyclists to use the pedestrian bridge to be referred to the Highways Department.

**4. Eden Housing Association:** The failure to acknowledge correspondence to be referred to the Association.

**156 Future Meetings**

**1. Next meeting:** Thursday, 12 March 2009 in the Back Room, Village Hall, Langwathby

**2. Dates already agreed:** 7 May (Annual Parish Meeting), 14 May (Parish Council AGM)

**3. Provisional dates for meetings in 2009/10:** 16 July, 10 September, 12 November, 14 January 2010, 11 March, 6 May (Annual Parish Meeting), 13 May (Parish Council AGM)

(The meeting finished at 9.20pm.)