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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Thursday 16th July 2026
in the Methodist Chapel commencing at 7.30pm.

Unapproved

40/26 Apologies
Cllrs J Corbishley, J Hodgson and WAFC Cllrs Mary Robinson and Michael Hanley

41/26 Present
Cllrs, D Banks. (Chairman), C Merrie, K Little, M Holliday, C Eland, C Wilson.
There were no members of the public present.

42/26 Minutes
The Chairman was unanimously authorized to sign the minutes of the 21st May 2026 AGM and Parish Meeting, as a true record
Proposed by Cllr C Merrie. Seconded by Cllr C Eland

43/26 Declarations of Interest
Cllrs K Little, C Wilson and D Banks declared their positions on Langwathby Public Hall Committee
Cllrs, D Banks, C Eland and M Holiday declared their positions on the Langwathby Public Hall Renovation Committee.

44/26 Public Participation
There was none.

45/26 Westmorland and Furness Councilor Report
The following report was forwarded to the Council subsequent to the meeting.
1. Place Action Group 16.6.26
(a) **Empty Houses**: Empty Houses Officer Cathy Mooney: 77 empty dwellings on Alston Moor, very few in Fellside. Will contact Communities Impact Initiative to bring these houses back into use.
(b) **EV Car Club**: Charge My Street starting new project with Borderlands funding 20 locations in Cumbria and Northumbria with an EV car and charger with a car club and hirable car. Contacted lead project manager who agreed that Alston would be a good site.

2. Health and Adult Scrutiny Committee 23.6.26.
(a) **Adult Care Workers** (home helps, residential and nursing care homes): 40% are now international sponsored workers. Increasing immigration restrictions will reduce the number of available workers.
(b) **Vaccination**: WAFC area is among the highest vaccination rates in England.

3. Climate and Increasing Biodiversity Working Group To focus on saving red squirrels: to look into the possibility of Pine Martens releases to tackle the rise in grey squirrel populations.

46/26 Finance

	As at 8/7/2026
46.1 To note the following balances:	**£**
Penrith Building Society	29943.24
Barclays	2228.78
Vat to be claimed	7638.59
Total Cash	39810.61

46.2 Presentation and Approval of Interim Accounts
Proposer Cllr K Little
Seconder Cllr D Banks

46.3 The Following Accounts were Ratified since 12th July 2026

Clerk Fee May/June 2026	As per contract
Clerk Office Provision May/June 2026	60.00
Memo	385.00
Edenhall and Langwathby Sports Field Grant	495.00
Edenhall PCC Grant	440.00
Kerry Little – Recycling/Bus Shelter Grant	440.00
Fellrunner Grant	700.00
Penrith Posters – Printing Report	60.00
Employers N I June 26	13.32
Hire Village Hall 21st May 26	22.50
J Fleming Expenses May	44.70

46.4 To agree the following Payments

46.4.1 Clerks Expenses
21st May – 16th July 2026 20.70

46.4.2 HMRC/NALC – The mileage rate for Council officials, to include Parish Clerks, had been lifted from 45 ppm to 55 ppm. As from 1st April 2026.

46.5 To Approve Accounts Ratified 46.3 and Payments 46.4
Proposer Cllr D Banks
Seconder Cllr C Merrie

46.6 To Note Following Receipts None

47/26 Planning Matters

2026/0947/ADV Langwathby Stores Post Office. Advertisement consent for replacement signage to include 1no externally illuminated fascia sign, 1no non-illuminated fascia sign, 1no services panel, 2no information signs, 2no graphics and vinyl on glass. **Supported**

2025/1014/FPA Land South West of Eden View Langwathby. Erection of a dwelling. **Supported**

2025/2359/FPA. Land opposite The Lahum Stagstones Road Edenhall. Erection of a live/work unit. **Objected with reasons**

48/26 Highways and Land Matters

48.1 Edenhall Carriageway Flooding – Sports Field Area
Matter is in hand with Highways, with the intention to undergo further work on or around the 1st September

48.2 Double Yellow Lines from the A686 junction on the A6412 to Culgaith. Reported that lines had been installed but not to the agreed length. Agreed to request that the lines be extended to, or near to, the wicket gate.

48.3 Langwathby Recycling Centre – Reported that nobody had come forward to offer a home for the center when it has to close on the existing site. It was agreed that the Parish Council would give at least 30 days' notice to WAFC when the site would need to be closed when the date was known, when work on the new Public Hall would commence.

48.4 Concrete Slit Drain – Salkeld Road, Langwathby. Work has subsequently been completed.

48.5 Footpath Obstruction – Overgrown Branches By Eden House, Edenhall.
The matter is in hand.

48.6 Langwathby Bank Top Litter Bin.
Following the request for an additional bin at this site, WAFC had responded by stating that requests for additional litter bins these are assessed and scored against specific criteria and a minimum score needs to be achieved for the application to be approved. This process ensures that a fair and consistent approach is adopted throughout the District when dealing with these types of requests. Unfortunately, in this instance the request for an additional litter bin at this location doesn't meet the required minimum score when assessed against the scoring criteria.

48.7 Defective Tarmac Around a Drain Cover – approach to A686 from Culgaith.
Work completed.

48.8 Dangerous Boughs reported on Tree by Langwathby Bus Shelter.
Reported that the oak tree, by the bus shelter, would be pruned on the 14th December and the raising of the canopy on the beech tree, in the near future.

49/26 Place Action Group

49.1 Rural Housing Survey Consultation Document
Agreed to add this document to the website.

49.2 Langwathby Bridge Feasibility Study
Reported that WAFC had stated that there was no possibility of Langwathby Bridge being replaced in the foreseeable future; as a consequence, there was no justification in undertaking a feasibility study.

50/26 Correspondence, Notices and Publications
To note key items of correspondence received since the last meeting.

50.1 Fellside Foodbank / Penrith Foodbank meeting
Reported that a meeting will take place on Friday 11th September at 2pm on Microsoft Teams.
This meeting is to discuss whether people in the Fellside area can work together with Penrith Foodbank, to provide a delivery service in the Fellside area and potentially to advertise the Foodbank to attract donations and be sure Fellside communities know where and how to access support.
Alston and Fellside Place Action Group having allocated £2000 of funding to this work.

50.2 A Community Resilience Fund is Launched to Support Local Communities Across Cumbria
Community groups across Cumbria are being invited to bid for their share of a Resilience Grant Programme; the programme being delivered over the next

50.3 Notice of Intention to Commence Preparation of the Westmorland and Furness Local Plan
The Scoping Consultation being between 1st July to 11th August 2026.
Westmorland and Furness Council is preparing a new Local Plan, a statutory document that sets out the vision, policies and framework for the future development and use of land.
View the notice of intention and Local Plan timetable (Ctrl/click)

51/26 Councillor Matters
An opportunity for Councilors to raise issues on behalf of residents.
Note: no decisions can be made on these matters but they may be placed on a future agenda of the Council.

51.1 Overgrown Footpath to River by Langwathby Bridge.
Reported that the footpath down to the river, from the Penrith side of Langwathby Bridge, was badly overgrown. Also, flowering Ragwort was reported on the Bridge roadside verge.
Action:- To arrange for pruning and strimmimg to be undertaken.

51.2 Hogweed on Ladies Walk was Reported
Action:- To notify the landowner, to request it is removed.

51.3 Back Lane – Speeding Reported.
Action:- To report to Highway to request new signage ‘Slow – Children’ and ‘Resident Access Only’, also to report to the police, asking them to monitor the traffic behavior.

52/26 Date of next meeting –
Langwathby Public Hall 17th September 2026 commencing at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.15 pm.

Signed _____

Date _____