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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

Minutes

**For the Meeting of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee
held on Thursday 20th July 2017, starting at 7.30 pm in the Jubilee Room, Lazonby Village Hall**

Present: Councillors Gordon Nicholson, Chris West, Chris Hill and John Judson

Item No.	Item	Business
17/1.	Declaration of Interest.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no Declarations of Interest from the Councillors present.
17/2.	Appointment of Chair for 2017 - 2018.	RESOLVED that Councillor Gordon Nicholson be appointed as the Chair for the year 2017 – 2018 from the Committee Members.
17/3.	Appointment of Minute Taker.	RESOLVED that Councillor Chris Hill be appointed as Minute Taker for the year 2017 – 2018 from the Committee Members.
17/4.	Terms of Reference.	RESOLVED that the Committee's 'Terms of Reference' were agreed and noted.
17/5.	Review of the use of the Parish Playing/Sports Field.	<p>The playing/sports field has been unused as such for over 10 years and is now very dilapidated. It is let in part to Martin Blaylock for grazing and in part to the Scouts for outdoor activities. The entrance area is overgrown with nettles. The Parish Council continues to pay insurance for the unused goal posts.</p> <p>Mr Northwood has mended a gate and fences with donated materials.</p> <p>RESOLVED that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Northwood.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor John Judson talk to Mr Blaylock about grazing the excess grass.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Chris West talk to Scouts about their use of the field.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor John Judson spray the nettles by the gate with weed killer.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED to arrange to get the grass cut and subsequently remove the goal posts probably using a tractor.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Chris Hill write a piece for the Parish Council newsletter asking for ideas for the future use of the sports field.</p>

17/6.	Issues regarding Eden Bridge Car Park area.	<p>Councillor John Judson has had a thorough look at the whole area and a number of issues arise. The benchmark sculpture and signage need cleaning. There are issues with Himalayan Balsam; Fly tipping continues to be a real problem. The Committee appreciate very much the work being done by Lois and Nigel Harbron on the meadow area. It also noted that Story's still haven't given a date for using the car park for a depot but it should be this summer and that they will mend potholes etc in the car park.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Chris Hill contact Lois and Nigel Harbron to agree a date for cutting the grass.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that a Boon Day be arranged for late summer after the grass is cut, to remove balsam, clean the sculpture and rake up grass.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Gordon Nicolson speak to Eden District Council about fly-tipping and get blue bags for volunteers to use both for waste and balsam which will be picked up by the bin lorry.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Chris Hill put a piece in the Parish Council newsletter asking that Cardboard boxes be flattened before being put in the recycling bins.</p>
17/7.	Will Pool Footpath Project.	<p>This project is to provide 60m of footpath to access the Will Pool. A path of 1.2m width is needed. It is estimated at between £2000 and £3000 for which Grant Aid would be sought probably from CWMET once the details of the project are agreed by the Parish Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors John Judson and Gordon Nicolson meet on site on Saturday 22nd July at 10 am to look at the site and consider specifications for the project.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Gordon Nicolson contact the Treasurer Chris Hoy for the names of contractors previously involved with the project.</p>
17/8.	Footpath between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool.	<p>As a longstanding wish of the Parish Council, the Committee noted the new permitted path from Kirkoswald through the fields to Eden Bridge. However, they wish to pursue the objective of a proper footpath, the line of which was measured up last year by Councillors Chris West and John Judson.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Gordon Nicolson raise the matter of the footpath between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool again with County Councillor Hilary Carrick.</p>
17/9.	Date of Next meeting.	<p>RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting be Thursday 24th August, at 7.30 in Lazonby Village Hall (Subject to availability).</p>