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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

For the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd September 2015, starting at approximately 7.30 p.m, in the Jubilee Rooms, Lazonby Village Hall.

Present: Chair Councillor Virginia Minihan.

Councillors John Judson, Chris Hill, Gordon Nicolson, Chris West and Peter Minihan

Also in attendance: County Councillor Hilary Carrick, the Parish Council Treasurer Chris Hoy and Clerk to the Council Rebecca Wyatt and 5 parishioners.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Christine Chamberlain and Broadband Champion Brian Smythe.

| ITEM / MINUTE No. | ITEM | BUSINESS |
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| 15/168 | The filling of Council Member Vacancies by Co-option. | <p>The Council considered nominations to fill the Council Member vacancies left unfilled at the election by reason of insufficient nominations.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Parish Council will continue to look to co-opt a new Council Member to fill the remaining position.</p> |
| 15/169 | Requests for Dispensations. | <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that no requests were received by the Clerk since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.</p> |
| 15/170 | Declaration of Interest. | <p>The Chair asked if there were any declarations by Council Members of any Personal or Prejudicial Interests relating to any items on the agenda for this meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Gordon Nicolson declared a personal interest in matters concerning Eden District Council.</p> |
| 15/171 | Matters of Urgency. | <p>The Council received two matters on the grounds of urgency which arrived too late to be otherwise placed on the agenda, and/or was determined by certain deadlines.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Application No: 15/0768 - (Listed Building) Listed Building consent for the proposed development of the following: Reconfiguration of outdoor store area to create a new boiler house and associated works. Change of use of 'School House' from Class C3 to D1. 2. Planning Application No: 15/0767 - (Full Application) Proposed reconfiguration of outdoor store area to create a new boiler house and associated works. Change of use of school house from C3 (dwelling house) to D1 (non-residential institution). <p>RESOLVED that Planning Application No: 15/0768 - (Listed Building) Listed Building consent for the proposed development of the following: Reconfiguration of outdoor store area to create a new boiler house and associated works. Change of use of 'School House' from Class C3 to D1 be dealt with in agenda item 17 - Planning Applications – New (or Appeal) - Minute 15/183 of these Minutes.</p> |

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| | | ALSO RESOLVED that Planning Application No: 15/0767 - (Full Application) Proposed reconfiguration of outdoor store area to create a new boiler house and associated works. Change of use of school house from C3 (dwelling house) to D1 (non-residential institution) in agenda item 17 - Planning Applications – New (or Appeal) - Minute 15/183 of these Minutes. |
| 15/172 | Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 8th July 2015. | The Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 8th July 2015 were considered. |
| | | RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council meeting of the 8th July 2015 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings. |
| 15/173 | Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 8th July 2015. | The Council considered any matters arising from the Minutes of the 8th July 2015. |
| | | <p>15/75 - Maintenance of the Parish Notice Boards.</p> <p>The Council received an update about the maintenance of the parish notice boards. Norman Thomson rang the Clerk to say that he had managed to get hold of tiles that could replace the broken/missing tiles on the notice boards. The Clerk asked him to speak to Councillor John Judson to see whether he had sourced some tiles yet because he was dealing with the repairs. As Councillor John Judson had not sourced any tiles Norman Thompson kindly offered to take on the work. However, he is unable to do it until he has recovered from a recent injury but is happy to carry out the work once he is fit enough.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the kind offer of repairing the broken/missing tiles on the parish notice board from Norman Thomson be noted with thanks.</p> |
| 15/108 - Grass Cutting in Scaur Lane. | | The Council received an update about grass cutting issues at Scaur Lane and in other areas in the parish. Councillor Gordon Nicolson reported that the person or contractors who cut the grass verge in Scaur Lane has/have not yet been identified. It may have been Eden District Council or County Council. Paul Emmerson of Eden District Council is pursuing the issue, although it is not on the District Council's grass cutting schedule at present. |
| | | RESOLVED that it be noted that Eden District Council is looking to put the cutting of the grass verge in Scaur Close on the grass cutting schedule but it may come under the parishes special expenses budget. |
| 15/137 - Photocopier Lease Review. | | The Council received an update on the lease of a new photocopier. The Clerk has received another quote from Midshire. This brought the number of quotes to two, and although a third was sought the Clerk did not receive any more quotes. With few companies leasing photocopiers in the area, the decision to start a new contract for a new photocopier will need to be made from those quotes available. The following costings are the existing contract with Office Technology, and the given quotes from Midshire and MBdigital which are based on a similar spec A4 photocopier, although the Midshires quote includes colour copies. |
| | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Office technology - current lease - black and white copies only is £473.44 per annum; 2. Midshires quotes on the same lease and service package but including colour copies £435.80 per annum. 3. MBdigital is approximately £543.48 on the same lease and service package - black and white copies only. <p>RESOLVED that the Council agree to Midshires providing the photocopier and relevant services to the Parish Council as the quote was not only the most competitive but it included colour printing.</p> |

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| | <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk now speak to Midshires and ask them to provide a photocopier and relevant services.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that when it is appropriate the Clerk speak to Office Technology to have the old photocopier removed and to terminate the contract with them.</p> |
| <p>15/138 - Request to hold a Training Event on the Planning Process.</p> | <p>The Council received an update regarding the holding of a 'Training Event on the Planning Process'. The list of attendees is slowly gaining in numbers with a maximum of 30 people allowed to attend the training event.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors Chris West and Chris Hill will organise refreshments on the day, with the Clerk letting them know the final number of attendees before the day.</p> |
| <p>15/156 - Planning Applications – New (or Appeal) - Planning Application 15/0466.</p> | <p>The Council received a letter from the Governors of Lazonby C of E School regarding their retrospective Planning Application 15/0466 expressing their disappointment over the Parish Council's objection to the large size of the target wall, the visual intrusion it causes, and the excessive noise that is brought about from its use. The Parish Council have also received similar letters from a parishioner and parent of a school child, and the Head teacher. The planning application went to the Planning Committee and has now been approved. The Council discussed the issues of working more closely with the head teacher and the School governors in the future.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk write a reply to the school Governors explaining that when Councillors discussed the retrospective planning application 15/0466 at the July 2015 meeting of the Parish Council, it was reported that they had been spoken to by two parishioners whose properties neighbour the school. These parishioners were objecting to one piece of equipment that was visually intrusive and caused a noise disruption when in use. No one attended the meeting or gave any written support for the retrospective planning application which meant that the Parish Council, had only objections before it, upon which to base its decision. Therefore the Parish Council's response had to be one of objection whilst making it clear that it was only this one piece of equipment that was objected to.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Parish Council and Lazonby School look to working more closely over issues in the future acknowledging the importance of the school in the village community.</p> |
| <p>15/163 - Local and National races.</p> | <p>The Council received an update about the Tour of Britain 2015 Cycle Race. The Clerk has spoken to Lazonby School about the Tour of Britain Cycling event and has also forwarded them the information on the funding available from Eden District Council. They have said that they hope to have a themed lunch on that day, as well as setting up exercise bikes or spinners so that the children can cycle the distance of the 5th section of the cycle tour, going in small groups to cycle a mile or two in the hall. They are also looking to hold a bike maintenance course, do playground art, make banners in class to hold when the cyclists pass through, and maybe a cycling Jersey design competition. They have also been donated a bike safety check voucher and a few water bottles, and British cycling and cycle wise have also said they would donate a cycling related prize.</p> <p>The Clerk has also spoken to another parishioner who is looking into --- holding an event in the village which would be a hill climb for adults and children which would be marshalled. He is experienced in cycle racing so has contacts that can help. He said he would contact the school and</p> |

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| | | <p>see if they can work together if they do go ahead and do it. The Clerk told him about the funding but he didn't think he would need anything as he would probably charge a small entry fee that would cover expenses.</p> <p>The Clerk has also spoken to both Grace Sinton and Marianne Armstrong of the WI and told them about the funding available, and both said that at the moment the WI had nothing planned but they may well look into doing something now with the possibility of funding. The Clerk also suggested working in partnership with the school PTA as there is a limit of £500 for each parish.</p> <p>The Council also received an invitation from High Hesket to join in a village to village cycle ride - Ride Stage 5 on Saturday 12th September 2015. The idea is to do either the whole ride or join at your village - all cyclists welcome.</p> |
| | | <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk to the Council's report about the Tour of Britain Cycling event be noted.</p> |
| | <p>15/152 - Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick.</p> | <p>TO RECEIVE an update about the drainage system for the Story Homes housing development. The Clerk contacted United Utilities to enquire about what had been connected into the trench which was dug at Lamb Lea/Scaur Close between plot 1 and plot 20. The Clerk received a reply from Anthony Laithwaite, from the Developer Services & Planning Operational Control at United Utilities, who recommended that the Council liaise with the Lead Local Flood Authority regarding the outfall query. Councillor Hilary Carrick reported that the road must be reinstated by the end of November 2015 by Story Homes. United Utilities need to be pressed to give an answer regarding what is connected under the road as it is not the responsibility of the County Council Lead Local Flood Authority.</p> |
| | | <p>RESOLVED that County Councillor Hilary Carrick will investigate further the issue of what is connected under the road and report back at the next meeting.</p> |
| <p>15/174</p> | <p>Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on the 13th August 2015.</p> | <p>The Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on the 13th August 2015 were considered, approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> |
| | | <p>RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on the 13th August 2015 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> |
| <p>15/175</p> | <p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on Thursday 13th August 2015.</p> | <p>The Council considered any matters arising from the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on the 13th August 2015.</p> |
| | <p>15/169 - Footpath to Garthfold Farm.</p> | <p>The Council received an update about the unstrimmed footpath to Garth Folds Farm. At the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on Thursday 13th August 2015 a parishioner asked whether there was a reason as to why the public footpath to Garth Folds Farm had not been strimmed for at least a year. It was resolved at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on Thursday 13th August 2015 that the Council would find out if this part of the parish was covered by the volunteer grass cutters and to also look further into who was responsible for maintaining the public footpaths in the Parish. It has since been found out that the footpath is not on the Parish Council's volunteer grass cutting schedule.</p> |

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| | | <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that a Cumbria County Council Public Rights of Way Officer will inspect the footpath and will ensure that any overgrowth obstructing it is cut back.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Chris West will monitor the footpath condition and make sure it has been cut back by Cumbria County Council.</p> |
| | <p>15/170 - Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal under section 78 for Planning Application 14/0919.</p> | <p>The Council received complaints about the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal under section 78 for Planning Application 14/0919 being difficult to send comments and objections to as they had given out the wrong Email address. Furthermore, Emails were bouncing back with attachments, such as photographs, as there was no indication of how large files should be. The Parish Council were only able to send their response because they were alerted to the problem by a parishioner who had managed to get hold of the correct one.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk write a letter of complaint to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the handling of the Appeal for Planning Application 14/0919, after it was brought to the Council's attention that parishioners who were also making representation were hindered by the fact that the wrong correspondence Email was given, that Emails with attached files (photographs mainly) were bouncing back due to file size requirements but no guidance had been given out about file sizes.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council request that an extension be given on the deadline for responses, and the correct Email address be given out as well as guidance about files sizes to send attachments.</p> |
| <p>15/176</p> | <p>Public Participation.</p> | <p>The Chair asked the parishioners present if they wished to make any contributions relating to any items on the agenda, or any other parish related matter which they may wish to raise. The Council also received correspondence on several issues in the parish.</p> <p>A parishioner has informed the Parish Council of an unauthorised display of an advertisement banner, at Lazonby Train Station. A planning enforcement case has been opened (15/5050) to investigate the matter. The Parish Council do not have to do anything at present as the matter is in the hands of Eden District Council.</p> <p>A parishioner has requested that a drop kerb be put in near the school on the school side of the road.</p> <p>A parishioner has complained again about the issue of roadside weeds in the village. The Council also discussed the possibilities of employing someone on a part time basis to deal with maintenance issues in the parish during the summer growing season. The path near the bus stop in Hesket (in the Parish of Lazonby) also covered with weeds, so much so you cannot see the path.</p> <p>Representatives from Lazonby School Governors and the Head teacher gave an explanation of why the school needed support regarding Planning Application No: 15/0768 - (Listed Building) Listed Building consent; and Planning Application No: 15/0767 - (Full Application) Proposed reconfiguration of outdoor store area to create a new boiler house and associated works. Change of use of school house from C3 (dwelling house) to D1 (non-residential institution). The planning application means a new heating boiler being installed which is very much needed by the school and before the cold weather arrives. This planning application was then discussed later on the agenda.</p> |

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| | | <p>RESOLVED that the Councillor Hilary Carrick will request the drop kerb to be put in near the school on the school side of the road.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk put an article in the Parish Council Newsletter asking for people to keep the village tidy from weeds, rubbish and dog waste.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Hilary Carrick ask Cumbria Highways if they have the spraying of weeds on their schedule of works and if not could they.</p> |
| 15/177 | Fibre Optic Broadband. | <p>Brian Smythe sent his apologies for not being able to make the Parish Council meeting but he had to attend a Connecting Cumbria Hub Coordinators briefing. However, through his contact with the Clerk he reported that the only significant news was that we now have Rory Stewart's support for a meeting in London with BDUK. The purpose of the planned meeting is to lobby BDUK to change the priority for allocation of funding in Phase 3 to favour the most remote areas that have been very poorly served in Phase 1 (and are unlikely to do any better in Phase 2).</p> <p>RESOLVED that Brian Smythe be thanked for his report about broadband, the contents of which were noted.</p> |
| 15/178 | Report from the District Councillor Gordon Nicolson. | <p>The Council received a report from the District Councillor Gordon Nicolson about Eden District Council matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Government have tried bringing in legislation to say that there would be no 'affordable housing' contributions to new housing developments of less than 10 houses. However, a legal challenge was made by a number of Councils, which was upheld and the Government's legislation was seen as unlawful. So now it remains as was, with 'affordable housing' contributions by the Government being given as before regardless of the number of houses. 2. A meeting was held on 26th August 2015 regarding community oil buying groups organised by ACT. There was a very good attendance. A tool kit for this is being prepared and will be made available. Councillor Nicolson suggested this was something that could be done in the parish. This is on the agenda for consideration. <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that District Councillor Gordon Nicolson reserve the right to speak on other issues on the agenda.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that District Councillor Gordon Nicolson be thanked for his report, the contents of which were noted.</p> |
| 15/179 | Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick. | <p>The Council received a written report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick about County Council matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After the Low Plains Quarry planning application was refused and an Appeal was sought, the Planning Inspectorate put a series of conditions and technical requirements on the planning application before it was granted, involving various aspects of site and working conditions. The information needed to apply these conditions was submitted by the deadline by Tarmac. A consultation is now taking place but as it is deemed more to do with the technical side of things ---- it is not a public consultation. There has been no more information given on this as yet but Councillor Hilary Carrick will keep the Parish Council informed. |

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| | | <p>2. Highways have been patching up the main road through the village with the complete road surface to be done next.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that County Councillor Hilary Carrick reserve the right to speak on other issues on the agenda.</p> <p>RESOLVED that County Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.</p> |
| 15/180 | Lazonby Parish Projects: | |
| | a. Registration of Parish Land. | RESOLVED that it be noted that the registration of parish land is still in progress at the Land Registry. |
| | b. Will Pool Project. | The Council received an update regarding the Will Pool project and the proposed path. As Cumbria County Council Highways have given permission for the proposed path to Will Pool, funding possibilities have been looked into. However, at present there is no funding and no suitable funding avenues. |
| | | <p>RESOLVED that due to the cost of the proposed path to Will Pool that this be put on hold unless any funding is found.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that both duck warning signs are now in place.</p> |
| | c. Neighbourhood Plan. | The Council received an update regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. A draft was ready at the last meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan but it still has gaps in it. Another grant is being applied for to fund the work, which will include paying for public meetings, the printing of the draft Plan and other associated costs such as more consultancy work. |
| RESOLVED that it be noted that the Neighbourhood Plan draft continues to progress with funding being sought to cover associated costs such as public meetings, printing and possibly more consultancy. | | |
| d. Street lighting in the Parish. | <p>The Council received an update regarding the street lighting in the parish. Councillor Gordon Nicolson Contacted Chris Slater, the Footway Lighting Project Officer at Eden District Council, to enquire further about lighting issues in the parish, in particular the light outside of the village hall (light 17). Chris Slater replied "<i>Further to your query about Light 17 in Lazonby (Opposite the Village Hall). When our contractors Amey Engineering went to prepare the site to erect a new column they found that the main utility electric cable was running close to the gable end wall. This would mean siting the new column in the middle of the footpath to avoid this cable. This would have been a health and safety hazard. There appears to be no other site for a column close to this on that side of the road because there is a drain on the main road side and a British Telecom manhole. If we were to move it any further up it would be in front of the house owner's windows. The only other option would be to see if there was an electric cable on the other side of the road which we could connect to. We will make further enquiries to see if this is the case.</i>"</p> <p>The Parish Council also discussed an alternative of purchasing a light and having it fixed to the wall of the village hall with the electricity being paid for by Eden District Council</p> | |
| | RESOLVED that Councillor Chris Hill, as the Parish Council representative for the Village Hall Management Committee, speak to the Committee to ask them if they would be prepared to have a light situated on the village hall. | |

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| | <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Gordon Nicolson ask Eden District Council about the lighting contractors and still pursue the stand alone street light.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Gordon Nicolson ask Eden District Council about whether or not they would pay for the electricity to the light if it was situated on the village hall.</p> |
| e. Scaur Close Green. | <p>The Council received an update on the revamp of the Scaur Close Green, the project that was provisionally agreed for consultation by the Parish Council at the July 2015 LPC meeting. A summary of responses to the consultation on the Scaur Close triangle was presented and a more detailed estimate of the costs produced by Rob Sim and Geoff Wilson. The cost estimate indicates the source of each cost entry where appropriate. This does not mean that the items will be purchased from the source indicated if a more local or better value source is located. The estimated cost of the 'new' trees is shown as a community contribution because they will be a donation to the project. There may also be other donations of 'materials' and/or equipment hire. Also included is an 'equivalent' charge for 20 person-days of labour (at a modest day-rate) that will also be a community contribution. No possible external funding sources have yet been investigated, but if the Parish Council agrees to progress the proposals and wishes some research to be done into external funding options then it can be done but that may result in commencement of the project being delayed and missing this autumn's felling opportunities. If external funding is sought it will be important to be able to show a reasonable level of 'matched' community input. A landowner on the outskirts of Lazonby village has kindly agreed that Geoff Wilson may take sandstone from a stone-dump in one of his fields with which to make improvements to the 'triangle' boundary wall. The stone can also be regarded as a community contribution of quite significant value.</p> <p>The Council discussed with Geoff Wilson and Rob Sim, who were also in attendance at the meeting, the way to progress the project. Funding will still be sought if possible although as already agreed the Council have ring-fenced £1000 this year for the project and a further £1000 next year if needed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Scaur Green project be split into two phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 - Felling the trees that have been agreed to and looking for funding to do the next phase of the work. • Phase 2 - Planting, sewing and maintenance of the wall. <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council agreed to Phase 1 of the project to be started and carried out over the coming months.</p> |
| f. Recycling Centre and Eden Bridge Car Park. | <p>The Council received an update on the maintenance of the Eden Bridge Car Park's surface. Councillor John Judson reported that several of the potholes at Eden Bridge car park have been filled in already by the highways work man who recently did work in the parish.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors John Judson and Peter Minihan will repair the remaining potholes at Eden Bridge car park.</p> |
| g. Community Playground. | <p>The Council received an update about the ownership and maintenance of the Community Playground. As reported previously, Eden District Council do not want the community playground land currently owned by the Lazonby & District Swimming Pool. Councillor Virginia Minihan and Gordon Nicolson have been in talks with EDC over the maintenance (grass cutting and rubbish bin emptying) and inspections of the</p> |

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| | | <p>playground. The Parish Council have the maintenance paid up until the end of the current financial year. Councillor Virginia Minihan has also spoken to the Chair of Lazonby & District Swimming Pool who has said they will discuss the issue of transferring the playground land to the Parish Council at their next management committee meeting and will let the Council know in due course. If the land is to be transferred to the Parish Council's ownership then it is hoped this will be done from April 1st 2016 when the new Management Contract comes into force. The costs involved will be the cost of Land Registry. Who will meet the legal costs has still to be decided.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council will now wait to hear from the Lazonby & District Swimming Pool Management Committee before they decide what they wish to do and if to progress the transfer of the land on which the community playground is situated.</p> |
| 15/181 | Financial Report by the Treasurer. | <p>The Council received a report from the Treasurer (please see attached Treasurer's Report).</p> <p>The Council also received notification of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) – Grant to Parish/Town Councils and Meetings 2016-17.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his report, the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council received notification of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) – Grant to Parish/Town Councils and Meetings 2016-17.</p> |
| 15/182 | Authority for Payments. | <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no authority for payments sought.</p> |
| 15/183 | Planning Applications – New (or Appeal). | <p>The Council considered the following Planning Applications, which were issued for consultation by Eden District Council or County Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Application No: 15/0768 - (Listed Building) Listed Building consent for the proposed development of the following: Reconfiguration of outdoor store area to create a new boiler house and associated works. Change of use of 'School House' from Class C3 to D1. 2. Planning Application No: 15/0767 - (Full Application) Proposed reconfiguration of outdoor store area to create a new boiler house and associated works. Change of use of school house from C3 (dwelling house) to D1 (non-residential institution). <p>RESOLVED that a public notice regarding Planning Application No: 15/0768 - (Listed Building) Listed Building consent for the proposed development of the following: Reconfiguration of outdoor store area to create a new boiler house and associated works and change of use of 'School House' from Class C3 to D1, be put up in the parish to allow parishioners to comment before the final response is given due to the planning applications arriving too late to be put on this agenda.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that a public notice regarding Planning Application No: 15/0767 - (Full Application) proposed reconfiguration of outdoor store area to create a new boiler house and associated works and change of use of school house from C3 (dwelling house) to D1 (non-residential institution), be put up in the parish to allow parishioners to comment before the final response is given due to the planning applications arriving too late to be put on this agenda.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council's response will be given in by 17th</p> |

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| | | September 2015 to fall within the 21 day deadline. |
| 15/184 | Planning Applications – Decisions. | <p>RESOLVED that it be noted the following Planning Application Decisions were received.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Application No: 15/0523 (full Application) - Proposed first floor extension, demolition of concrete garage and alteration to vehicular entrance and parking area., at Rose Cottage, Lazonby, Penrith CA10 1AJ - GRANTED. 2. Planning Application 15/0529 (Listed Building) - Listed building consent for the demolition of existing lean to and erection of new orangery to rear of property, at Low Plains House, Calthwaite, Penrith CA11 9RQ - GRANTED. |
| 15/185 | Police up-date. | RESOLVED that it be noted that no written or verbal report was received from the Police. |
| 15/186 | Lazonby Fire/Rescue Service. | RESOLVED that it be noted that no written or verbal report was received from Lazonby Fire/Rescue Service. |
| 15/187 | Housing Development in the Parish. | RESOLVED that there was nothing further to report regarding the Barton Dale signs or any other issues relating to housing in the parish. |
| 15/188 | Traffic and Parking Issues in the Village. | <p>The Council received an update on the removal of the parking restrictions and lines outside the Lofts. Councillor Hilary Carrick has requested the removal of the parking restrictions and lines outside the Lofts. However, the issue of the damaged barriers at the bottom of Station Road still needs to be resolved and repaired before the parking restrictions and lines outside the Lofts are removed because after this the County Council will not repair them anymore if they are damaged.</p> <p>The Council also considered a request from the Head teacher of Lazonby School regarding the speed of traffic passing the school. School staff, parents and neighbours have complained about the speed at which traffic passes the school particularly from the bridge and queried if there can be some sort of traffic control measure. The school presently has a 20 miles an hour sign at certain times of the day but something all the time would be more beneficial. The Head teacher has discussed this with PC Harrison and he suggested that the school raise it with the Parish Council. The Head teacher who attended the Council meeting said that the Police may be willing to fund the speed restrictions (funding is available up to about £6000) such as a slow activated sign to enforce the 30 (or 20?) mile an hour speed limit, and will discuss this issue further with the school Governors in September.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the removal of the parking restrictions and lines outside the Lofts will be done when the contractors are next in the area.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Carrick will request a repair of the barriers at the end of the Station Road before the parking restrictions and lines outside the Lofts are removed.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Hilary Carrick will ask Highways for suggestions on the best way to help reduce speed on the road passing the school, such as a slow activated road sign.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the police may have possible funding for speed restrictions on the road past the school that may help to cover the costs which will be applied for.</p> |

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| 15/189 | LPC Cumbria Highways Link Person Report. | <p>The Council received a report on any other issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting concerning Cumbria Highways.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor John Judson also reported that there has been a recent patch up on local road surfaces and some of the potholes in the Eden Bridge car park have also been filled.</p> |
| <p>At this point in the meeting the Chair addressed the Parish Council present to ask if they wished to carry on business beyond the time allocated to hold the meeting. It was agreed by all present that they wished to continue to complete all business on the agenda.</p> | | |
| 15/190 | Overgrown pavement, Seat and damaged Bus Stop Sign - Armathwaite Road End. | <p>The Council received a report about the overgrown pavement, damaged Seat and bus stop sign on the A6 - Armathwaite Road End. At the end of July the Clerk received an email from the Lesley Jones, the Clerk for Hesketh Parish Council, who wrote to say that at a recent Hesketh Parish Council Meeting it had been reported that there was damage to the bus timetable and the pavement was overgrown at Armathwaite crossroads. The bus stop seat was also mentioned in a later email. This area is in Lazonby Parish. Councillor Virginia Minihan met with the Clerk and a Councillor from Hesketh Parish Council. The bus stop they were concerned about has disappeared completely so Councillor Minihan has been in touch with Stagecoach who have notified their Engineering department to replace the bus stop. Councillor Minihan will keep an eye out when driving on the A6 and if it has not been replaced within a month will contact them again. The seat is also bent and not very safe. Stagecoach says it belongs to the County Council but it is believed to belong to the Lazonby Parish Council. There are also weeds overgrowing the pavement all along the A6. It is so bad that it looks as though there is no pavement under it but as it does not go anywhere is it still needed?</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Virginia Minihan will keep an eye on the replacement of the bus stop and contact Stagecoach if it is not replaced after a month.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED Councillor Peter Minihan will look at the damaged seat and either repair it or look to replace it with a bench that was removed from another location in the parish.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED to look into the issue of the weeds covering the path along the A6 near the bus stop.</p> |
| 15/191 | Current Applications for a Temporary Road Closure. | <p>RESOLVED that the following applications for temporary road closures from Cumbria County Council be noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. U3047 Oatlands Cottage, Nr Armathwaite - to carry out crash barrier Works. U3047 from its junction with the U3050 extending in a predominantly north easterly direction for approximately 1.6km up to its junction with the U3048 (Common House). This will operate from 26th October 2015 for 1 week. 2. B6413 Lazonby To Kirkoswald - to carry out excavation works to unblock cable duct. B6413 from its junction with the C3008 extending in a predominantly south westerly direction for approximately 1.1km up to Eden Bridge. This will operate from 26th October 2015 for 1 week. <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk put notification of the temporary road closures in the October 2015 Parish Council Newsletter.</p> |

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| 15/192 | <p>Invitation to participate in a pilot scheme for the "Local Delivery of Services".</p> | <p>The Council received an invitation to participate in a pilot scheme for the "Local Delivery of Services".</p> <p>A letter was received from Eden District Council's Communities Portfolio Holder, Councillor Michael Slee together with accompanying Council report for consideration by your Parish/Town Council. The letter said the following: <i>"The District Council currently provides discretionary amenities and services such as: footway lights, toilets and litter bins, the inspection and maintenance of play areas, the provision of recycling 'bring' sites and the maintenance of cemeteries and closed churchyards. Some services are already provided directly by Parish Councils. The Localism Act gives new powers and rights to Parish Councils and communities that will enable them to make more of a difference locally. These new powers include the Community Right to Challenge and the registration of Assets of Community Value. Much could also be achieved through informal partnerships and dialogue with members of Eden District Council. In order to gauge the level of interest of Parish and Town Councils in beginning a dialogue with the District Council about how best to provide these discretionary services in the future, please could you tell me which of the services that are currently provided by the District Council your Parish or Town Council would be interested in exploring for more local service delivery, and the reasons why. The Council meeting on 16 July is considering a report called 'Local Delivery of Services Project' and I attach a copy with this letter to give more background information. We will carefully consider all expressions of interest and will respond to all by the closing date. Initially, however, we are thinking of working with a small number of Councils as a pilot scheme to try and find the best ways of delivering services locally for all the Council."</i> Expressions of interest and Comments to be received by 18th September 2015.</p> <p>RESOLVED that invitation to participate in a pilot scheme for the "Local Delivery of Services be noted with no further action.</p> |
| 15/193 | <p>Community Oil Buying Groups.</p> | <p>The Council considered the creation of a Community Oil Buying Group in the parish. This would mean bulk buying domestic heating oil at a reduced price amongst a group of people. However, although the Parish Council would be happy to help to start one through advertising on their website and in their newsletter, they will not be running it.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk ask for a volunteer or volunteers to run a group, through advertising in the Parish Council Newsletter.</p> |
| 15/194 | <p>Creating a 'Child friendly' Village.</p> | <p>The Council considered a request from the school regarding creating a child friendly village. The Head teacher had written to the Clerk to say that they <i>"have struggled this year caught between complaining neighbours and children wanting to use the school yard out of school hours and although this appears to have got better it has raised a more pressing issue. Historically, children have played on the school yard and field out of school hours and as long as there is no damage or nuisance caused this is accepted. However, the land does belong to the Diocese and there are conditions we have to comply with for insurance purposes, even so we would only reluctantly move children on. Our children and ex pupils have told us that they are finding it increasingly difficult to find somewhere in the village where they can gather/play safely, without being told to move on. I have raised this with Chris Hill who suggests that we look at Lazonby village becoming a 'Child Friendly' village, something I whole heartedly support. Again if there is anything school can do please let us know."</i></p> <p>The Council discussed this further. The Neighbourhood Plan steering</p> |

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| | | <p>group have been discussing the creation of another play area at the top of the village. Creating a child friendly environment for the parish could also be included in the Neighbourhood Plan, and this would then be given to all households which would raise awareness about having more tolerance of children playing out. The use of the parish sports playing field could also be looked at as a potential place for local children to play.</p> |
| | | <p>RESOLVED that the use of the parish sports playing field be placed on the October 2015 agenda and discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.</p> |
| <p>15/195</p> | <p>Invitations to Participate.</p> | <p>The Council considered whether Members would like to take part in, attend, or send a representative to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Licensing Act 2003 – Review of Statement of Licensing Policy Consultation - a letter was received from Linda Watson, Eden's Licensing Officer regarding a 12 week consultation on a review of statement of Licensing Policy. Responses to the consultation must be received in writing by no later than 14th October 2015. 2. Gambling Act 2005 – Review of Statement of Licensing Policy Consultation - a letter was received from Linda Watson, Eden's Licensing Officer regarding a 12 week consultation on the contents of a revised draft policy which has been amended to reflect changes to guidance and legislation since the last policy review Responses to the consultation must be received in writing by no later than 20th October 2015. 3. Office for Nuclear Development's Geological Disposal Team's call for Evidence document - a letter and response form for your information from Rod Donington-Smith on behalf of Cumbria Trust regarding the "Implementing Geological Disposal" White Paper and the Office for Nuclear Development's Geological Disposal Team's call for Evidence document - Response to be given by 4th September 2015. 4. Open Meetings of the Executive will take place at 6pm on the dates below at various locations throughout the District, starting at 6pm. The evening starts with an open session which members of the community, parish councils, businesses, etc are very welcome to attend to ask questions of the Executive members or express views or concerns about things happening in Eden. No notice is required of the questions - just turn up and ask or express a view. Following the open session a formal meeting of the Executive will take place. Posters will be sent out to the surrounding parishes nearer the time to promote the evening Meeting dates and venues are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st September 2015 – Appleby Market Hall • 3rd November 2015 – Lazonby Village Hall • 12th January 2016 – Penrith Town Hall • 9th February 2016 – Millhouse Village Hall • 1st March 2016 – Morland Village Hall • 5th April 2016 – Methodist Hall, Kirkby Stephen <p>RESOLVED that the invitations to participate be noted.</p> |

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| 15/196 | INFORMATION given for reference only. | <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the following information was given to the Council for reference only.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EALC Meeting 23rd June 2015 Minutes and supporting paperwork. 2. Cumbria County Council's Eden Area Newsletter. 3. NALC's Financial Services Compensation Scheme Briefing - July 2015 - Until now Parish Councils have not qualified for compensation in the event of a UK registered bank going bust but now if a Council's income and expenditure was below 500,000 Euros at 3rd July (around £355,000) then a Council's deposits will be covered in the future. The briefing explains the change in more detail, what it means and what you'll need to do. 4. August 2015 Police Newsletter for the Penrith Rural area.. |
| 15/197 | Date of the Next Meeting. | <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the date of the next scheduled Meeting be confirmed as Wednesday 7th October 2015, at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Rooms at Lazonby Village Hall.</p> |