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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

For the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd February 2016, starting at approximately 7.30 p.m, in the Jubilee Rooms, Lazonby Village Hall.

Present: Chair Councillor Virginia Minihan.

Councillors Christine Chamberlain, John Judson, 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 3 parishioners.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Hill.

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
16/01	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. Parishioner Tim Wright has spoken to Councillor John Judson and the Clerk in order to put his name forward to join the Parish Council. However, Tim Wright was unable to attend the February 2016 meeting so in his absence but with his consent was co-opted onto the Parish Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Tim Wright be co-opted onto the Parish Council proposed by Councillor John Judson and seconded by Councillor Chris West, with all Councillors present in agreement.</p>
16/02	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>
16/03	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 and prejudicial interest in matters concerning Eden District Council.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillors Peter Minihan and Virginia Minihan declared a personal interest in matters concerning Planning Application No: 16/0027 - (Full Application) Refurbishment and rationalisation of the existing 1MW(e) biomass gasification combined heat and power plant including a new building, an extension to the existing building, a new yard and a back up biomass boiler, at Low Plains Farm, Calthwaite, Penrith CA11 9RQ.</p>
16/04	Matters of Urgency.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no matters of urgency raised for consideration.</p>

16/05	Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 2nd December 2015.	<p>The Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 2nd December 2015 were considered.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council meeting of the 2nd December 2015 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that information about the Parish Council website displaying the Parish Council Minutes and Agendas be put on the front page of the Parish Council Newsletter.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that meeting reports be given to the Clerk 10 days before the meeting so that they can be included on the agenda and then be used for the Parish Council Minutes.</p>
16/06	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 2nd December 2015.</p> <p>15/137 - Photocopier Lease Review.</p> <p>15/152 - Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick.</p> <p>15/170 - Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal under section 78 for Planning Application 14/0919.</p>	<p>The Council considered any matters arising from the Minutes of the 2nd December 2015.</p> <p>The Council received an update on the lease of a new photocopier. The new photocopier machine has now been installed and is doing a brilliant job. There are still issues with the setting up of a direct debit.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the issue of paying by direct debit is still to be resolved under the advice and guidance of Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC).</p> <p>The Council received an update about the drainage system for the Story Homes housing development, and the resurfacing of Scaur Lane. It has been assured that the water was not being discharged too quickly into the beck because of concerns with flooding. Although there was significant flooding further down after the recent storm in December 2015.</p> <p>There are also concerns about increased water run-off on to Scaur Lane from the fields near Story Homes, although this was happening to a lesser degree before the housing development and is not believed to be anything to do with the Story Homes development.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Building Inspector and Cumbria Highways are to check the resurfacing work by Story Homes on Scaur Lane.</p> <p>RESOLVED that County Councillor Hilary Carrick will enquire further about the resurfacing work on Scaur Lane.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Hilary Carrick will ask for an investigation of the drainage on Scaur Lane.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Hilary Carrick will request that the drains near the Chapel be cleaned out as a further precaution against any surface water build up.</p> <p>The Council received an update about the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal under section 78 for Planning Application 14/0919 (behind the Lilacs). The Clerk received an Email from Amanda Hawkings, Planning Casework for the Planning Inspectorate, who explained that she had contacted the Inspector who had agreed that in view of the incorrect details on the LPA's notification letter for the Lilac's Appeal, was allowing a further opportunity for third parties to submit comments. The deadline for submissions was 6th January 2016. They also contacted Eden District Council who said that they will be sending out a revised notification letter to local residents. Amanda apologised for the loss of the Clerk's original request which appeared to have been deleted in error. The Clerk also re-submitted the Parish Council's original response letter to ensure that they</p>

	definitely had a copy for consideration.
	RESOLVED that it be noted that both the Clerk to the Parish Council and local residents were notified of the extension to time regarding submitting their comments or objections regarding the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal under section 78 for Planning Application 14/0919 (behind the Lilacs).
15/190 - Overgrown pavement, Seat and damaged Bus Stop Sign - Armathwaite Rd End.	<p>The Council received an update about the damaged seat and missing bus stop sign at Armathwaite Road End on the A6. The bus stop has still not been replaced and it appears that Councillor Virginia Minihan was put in touch with the wrong person in the pursuit to have the issue resolved. The broken bench has now been removed by Councillor John Judson.</p> <p>RESOLVED that County Councillor Hilary Carrick will ask Cumbria County Council about the replacement bus stop sign and markings at Armathwaite Road End on the A6.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor John Judson will ask the local scrap man who visits the parish to take away the bench that came from Armathwaite Road End near the A6 Bus stop, and the bench that came from near Croglin Designs.</p>
15/244 - Wall at Bank Foot.	<p>There was nothing more at present to report to the Parish Council regarding the collapsed Wall at Bank Foot.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk ask Allan Park of Eden District Council Building Control to serve notice on the collapsed wall at Bankfoot in order for it to be repaired as it currently poses a danger.</p>
15/257 – Public Participation - Advertisement Banner at Lazonby Train Station.	<p>The Council considered if they wished to take matters further about the Advertisement Banner at Lazonby Train Station. At the December 2015 meeting of the Parish Council it was reported that the display of an advertisement banner at Lazonby Train Station had been reported to Eden District Council by a parishioner, who had been in contact with the Eden District Council. At that time the District Council confirmed that it was unlawful and planning enforcement case 15/5050 had been opened to investigate the matter. The owner of the sign was asked to voluntarily remove the sign by August 2015. However, the sign has not been removed because Eden District Council Planning decided that the advertising banner was now not deemed as being unlawful so did not need to be taken down. There are now concerns that this could mean that anyone could put up a sign about anything and not be forced to remove it.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Northern Rail and ask them for their policy about the placing of advertising banners on their property.</p>
16/07	<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.</p> <p>A parishioner has enquired about the provision of a hand rail at the steps up from the B6413 near the station. He said that after a year of trying to get information the Building Control Section of Eden District Council has advised that there is no statutory obligation under the building regulations for hand rails to be provided. However, the Eden District Council Officer had said that they would speak to District Councillor Gordon Nicolson to see whether there was any provision under the Equality Act 2010 which might have a bearing on the matter.</p> <p>Mr Chris Wickins from AMP Low Plains Ltd has submitted Planning Application No: 16/0027 - (Full Application) Refurbishment and rationalisation of the existing 1MW (e) biomass gasification combined heat</p>

		<p>and power plant including a new building, an extension to the existing building, a new yard and a back up biomass boiler, at Low Plains Farm in Calthwaite (which is to be considered later on the agenda). Chris gave a presentation about the proposed application and gave out information about the plant, with some the main points as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That a meeting was held with the neighbours of the plant who are the residents of Low Plains Court, to inform them of the proposals and to answer any concerns they may have about the Planning Application. 2. The plant will provide electricity equivalent to that needed to power 1600 homes and will employ up to 15 people, so will be good for local employment and for the environment. 3. The original plant set up by the land owner was shut after it failed to be productive. AMP has now taken over the plant and wish to revamp it and make it more productive. 4. They hope to minimise noise and visual impact, with most of the noise being at the other end of the plant. 5. Emissions from the woodchip burning will be very low impact as it has a high enough chimney. 6. The plant will be in operation for 24 hours a day with deliveries of wood chips between 7 am and 6pm Monday to Saturday but not Sunday. 7. There will be no increase of output compared to the original plant – still 1 mega watt. 8. They are replacing old technology with new technology so a better chance of success. <p>However, it was reported that at least 6 out of the 11 residents of Low Plains Court are objecting to the possible noise impact of the plant that will be in operation 24/7, its light pollution, its proximity to residential areas, the possibility of emissions and that by putting a power station on land at Low Plains farm it is causing the industrialisation of a rural area. It was also reported that Eden District Council have given no official notices about the planning application to local residents and therefore no date to make comments or objections.</p> <p>A parishioner reported a car with a flat tyre being parked for over 10 months on Scaur Lane. The Council discussed that it was only illegal if it was not taxed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Gordon Nicolson will investigate to see whether a handrail could be installed to prevent discrimination against the elderly and disabled being denied pedestrian access to the station.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council thanked Chris from AMP for his report, and that the Council would consider Planning Application No: 16/0027, at agenda item 15 - Planning Applications – New (or Appeal), which is item no.16/14 of these Minutes of the February 2016 meeting of the Parish Council.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the parishioner be advised to report the car to the Police if they believed it was illegally parked.</p>
16/08	Fibre Optic Broadband.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there was very little to report about superfast broadband at present other than Lonsdale Communications are now operating in the areas not covered by BT.
16/09	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 Draft Budget for Eden District Council has been approved with no cuts in services. However, it is proposing a 1.5% increase in

		<p>Council tax due to increased costs in waste management etc. This will mean an 8p a week increase to Band E property.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Scrutiny Review is now available for comments by 31st March 2016. 3. The Clean for the Queen's 90th birthday is now being promoted by Eden District Council. 4. Regarding the flooding issues, a Scrutiny Review on the sandbag policy is being done. They would like the views and personal accounts of people who have been affected by the Cumbria floods regarding how the District Council can help in the future. School Lane residents may wish to take part. 5. The Eden Local Plan is now with the Secretary of State. The outcome of which will be known in March/April 2016
		<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that District Councillor Gordon Nicolson reserved 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>
16/10	<p>Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick.</p>	<p>The Council received a report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick about County Council matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The engineering of the junction from Great Salkeld when joining or crossing the C3002 road from Salkeld Dykes to Penrith has been resolved. The farmer needs access to his land at Half Way Well through a nearby gate so the gradient is being dealt with. The drainage will also be looked at due to flooding. 2. The consultation on the County Council Plan ended on 22nd January 2016. A County Council Cabinet meeting will be looking at the results on 4th February 2016. 3. The County Councils Local Committee meeting will be happening soon. They are looking to commission a strategic transport enquiry to look at local transport systems around Penrith. <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that County Councillor Hilary Carrick reserved the right to speak on other issues on the agenda.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that County Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.</p>
16/11	<p>Lazonby Parish Projects:</p>	
	<p>a. Registration of Parish Land.</p>	<p>The Council received an update regarding the registration of Parish land. Bethan Griffiths, of Cartmell Shepherd Solicitors, has confirmed that the Land Registry has completed the registration of 'The Sports Field' in the name of the Parish Council. The Land Registry completed this application quickly because it was based on its own title deeds and not the Statutory Declaration of Councillor John Judson. A copy of the completed registration was also sent for the Council's reference. Bethan has asked if the Council can check the register and in particular the title plan carefully to ensure that it is accurate. If there are any amendments required then please let her know. Bethan has also said that she would contact the Council in due course once the applications to register the rest of the Council land have been completed. The Council discussed the boundary shown on the Map and questioned whether it was correct.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor John Judson will visit the Parish Field and check the boundary is correct and let the Clerk know so she can pass the information on to the Solicitors.</p>

<p>b. Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>The Council received an update regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. It was with great sadness that the Parish Council learnt of the unexpected death of Liz Howe in January. Liz had been one of the driving forces behind the development of the Lazonby Neighbourhood Plan, along with her partner Gordon Malcolm. The Parish Council send their condolences to Gordon and her family. Understandably any further work on the Neighbourhood plan has been halted for the time being.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Virginia Minihan speak to Gordon Malcolm to see if he wishes to continue being the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in light of his recent loss.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk send Gordon Malcolm a card of condolence on behalf of the Parish Council.</p>
<p>c. Street lighting in the Parish.</p>	<p>The Council received an update regarding the Street lighting in the Parish.</p> <p>It was also recommended that the Members be asked to confirm that an E Mail exchange took place to agree to and confirm the contract arrangements.</p> <p>It was also recommended that an annual grant of £100 be awarded to the Village Hall Committee to meet the electricity costs.</p> <p>Following the December 2015 meeting of the Parish Council it was agreed that Councillor Gordon Nicolson be given the authority to progress the installation of the light on the Village hall during the Christmas and New Year break, as a matter of urgency. Also that Councillor Gordon Nicolson liaises with Council Members and the Village Hall Committee regarding the installation of the lights and seeks agreement from all parties before proceeding with the installation. Quotations were requested from three electrical contractors. Two replied almost immediately and submitted quotes following a site visit. The third contractor did not respond until early January 2016 by which time the other two quotes had been considered, the contract awarded and indeed the work completed. The quote from Alpha Electrical Services of £900.00 for the installation of the lights on the village hall was accepted following an exchange of E Mails among Parish Council Members. The Clerk and Chair, Councillor Virginia Minihan, were able to agree to the work going ahead because the cost of the lights was under £1000 which meant the Council did not have to go to tender. The contractor was commissioned and completed the work on 7th January 2016. The installation is two 80w LED lights mounted on the wall of the village hall. The electricity supply is from the village hall. The lights are controlled by a light sensor which switches the lights on at dusk and off at dawn. In addition there is a time switch which switches off the lights at midnight and on again in the morning until dawn. The lights have been operational since 7th January 2016. Councillor Gordon Nicolson is happy to request that the installation costs of the lights are met by a grant or ex gratia payment from Eden District Council.</p> <p>The Treasurer Chris Hoy also asked if there were any further costs regarding the street lighting in the parish. It was discussed that a light at the end of Scaur Lane just before the junction might be a possibility but to wait to see if Story Homes were going to deal with that. £3000 is still ring-fenced for the cost of any street lighting that was needed, which will be revisited in November 2016 when discussing the budget for the following financial year. So far £900 has been used for the village Hall lights but it is hoped this will be recuperated from EDC.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that Members of the Parish Council confirmed that an E Mail exchange took place to agree to and confirm the contract arrangements of the installation of lights on the village hall.</p>

		<p>ALSO RESOLVED that it was agreed by the Council that an annual grant of £100 be awarded to the village hall Committee to meet the electricity costs of running the lights on the village hall.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council agree to Councillor Gordon Nicolson pursuing a grant from Eden District Council to cover costs of the recently installed lights on the village hall.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Gordon Nicolson be thanked for the work he has done to ensure that the lights were installed on the Village Hall over the Christmas and new year period.</p>
	<p>d. Scaur Close Green.</p>	<p>The Council received an update regarding the Scaur Close Green project. Due to festivities, bad weather, and sickness, Geoff Wilson and Rob Sim have not yet been able to make any progress with tree felling. It remains imminent when personal and meteorological conditions improve.</p> <p>The Council also received notification of a successful Environmental Improvement Grant for landscape and habitat improvements award of £650 from Friends of the Lake District. The grant should be spent by December 2016 but it is hoped an extension can be sought to this deadline if the work is not complete.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Friends of the Lake District to thank them for and accept their kind offer of a £650 grant award, and give them the Parish Council bank account information in order for the grant to be paid.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Geoff Wilson be thanked for his report about the Scaur Close Green Project.</p>
	<p>e. Recycling Centre and Eden Bridge Car Park.</p>	<p>The Council received an update about the plastic recycling cage at Eden Bridge car park recycling centre which was recently removed due to the ceasing of plastic recycling. The Clerk contacted Plumpton School to ask how they retained their plastic recycling after being told that they owned those at their local recycling centre. The School told the Clerk that the plastic recycling bins were not their property but had been replaced with the roll top bins a while back, before the plastic recycling cage had been removed from Lazonby, and were believed to have been installed and then maintained by Eden District Council. The scrapping of the plastic recycling cage is still on-going.</p> <p>The Council also noted that that fly-tipping continues to be a problem at the recycling centre, with Volunteer Geoff Wilson contacting Eden District Council on a regular basis about having it removed. The Clerk has also put yet another article about it, with a photo, in the latest Parish Council Newsletter.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the issue of pursuing a roll top bin for plastic recycling from Eden District Council be removed from the agenda as it is believed they will not agree after already been in contact with them over this issue.</p>
	<p>f. Community Playground.</p>	<p>The Council received an update about the ownership and maintenance of the Community Playground. The Clerk wrote to Jill Eastham, Chair of the Lazonby & District Swimming Pool Committee, to accept the decision the Committee had made about retaining ownership of the land the Community Playground is situated on, and also taking on full responsibility and management of the playground. The Clerk also wrote informing them that the Parish Council would now relinquish any further responsibility for the Community Playground from the date of the letter. However, the Clerk informed them that the Parish Council would still pay for the most recently quoted repairs on the playground but any further repairs should now be met by Lazonby & District Swimming Pool Committee. Also that the Parish</p>

Council has paid the annual maintenance charge to Eden District Council for this financial year up until the end of March 2016. The Clerk informed the Committee that Eden District Council had also been informed.

The Clerk informed Paul Emmerson and Neil Buck of Eden District Council that the Parish Council had received a letter from Lazonby & District Swimming Pool Committee, dated 20th November 2015, informing the Parish Council that they had sought legal advice and decided to keep the land that Lazonby Community Playground is situated on, and furthermore wished to take on full responsibility and management for the Community Play Park including maintenance costs. The letter also informed them that Lazonby Parish Council wished to terminate the Management Agreement with Eden District Council, dated 28th January 2011, at the end of this financial year – 31st March 2016. The letter also explained that Lazonby Parish Council would honour the payment of the most recently quoted repairs on the playground but any further repairs and correspondence regarding the Community Play Park should be sent to the Lazonby & District Swimming Pool Committee. The Clerk asked Eden District Council to acknowledge receipt of this letter and also their willingness to acknowledge that the Management Agreement between themselves and Lazonby Parish Council will terminate on 31st March 2016. Neil Buck of Eden District Council replied that the matter had been passed onto their Legal Services team for consideration.

Correspondence was then received from the Chair Jill Eastham of the Lazonby & District Swimming Pool to ask if the transfer date could be from January 2016 so that that they could get insurance in place. Questions were also asked as to whether there was insurance on the play equipment or not, and if so could it stay in place until the Swimming Pool Committee had arranged to get insurance. There were also concerns as to whether there had been any damage caused by the recent stormy weather to the Play Equipment, and if so that the Committee could not accept the transfer back until that had been dealt with, as it was believed to be the responsibility of the Parish Council. Councillor Virginia Minihan replied to the Swimming Pool Committee saying that the Parish Council had also been delayed in finding accidental damage insurance due to the time it has taken to assess the value of the equipment and the delay in knowing whether the land was going to be transferred to the Parish Council. Therefore there is no insurance in place to cover any repairs that may be needed and the money for the current repairs that the Parish Council had agreed to cover (around £650 + the cost of hiring the fencing around the slide and the removal of the unsafe bird's nest swing etc) will be coming out of the Parish Council's reserves. However there is public liability insurance in place until the end of March 2016, under the Management Agreement with Eden District Council. The Swimming Pool Committee were advised to continue with seeking equipment insurance as soon as possible, and to give them time to do this the Parish Council had agreed to 1st January 2016 as requested. The Committee have also been given the Wicksteed equipment guarantees and original bills, from when the equipment was first purchased and installed by Wicksteed, with the guarantees being in place until February 2016.

The Clerk also received an offer of support/help with the community playground after a parishioner read the article on the playground in the Lazonby Parish Council newsletter (Nov/ Dec 2015). The parishioner asked what sort of help was needed. The parishioner also said that her young children use the park regularly and are frustrated that some of the equipment has been out of action for a while now; and that the parishioner was aware that many of the playgroup mums and dads felt the same way, therefore she believed that she could rally more support from the playgroup and maybe the school if needed. The Clerk replied to thank the

		<p>parishioner and to inform her of the change of responsibility/ownership and to contact the Swimming Pool Committee as they may need the help.</p> <p>Jill Eastham, Chair of the Lazonby & District Swimming Pool Committee, has recently contacted the Parish Council Community Playground representative Councillor Christine Chamberlain to ask why Eden District Council has not started the repairs as agreed by the Parish Council on 25th November 2016. The Clerk has contacted Eden District Council to ask for an update on the progress of the repairs.</p> <p>It has now been confirmed by Eden District Council that the play equipment repair work will be completed by Wicksteed by 12th February 2016.</p> <p>The issue of providing financial support to the Swimming Pool committee to help pay for the costs of running the playground should also be considered.</p> <p>It was also reported that the footpath to the playground has been washed away in the recent storms and flooding, and so hardcore is now needed to repair it.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the repair work by Wicksteed should be completed by 12th February 2016 and the invoice then sent to the Parish Council.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk ask Eden District Council for written confirmation or certification that the repair work on the play equipment has been completed by Wicksteed, and copy the Email requesting this to Jill Eastman, Angela Milburn and Councillor Virginia Minihan.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be agreed by the Council that an ex gratia payment of £500 be made to the Swimming Pool Committee towards the upkeep of the playground, which will be paid annually on May 1st.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it was agreed by the Council that Councillor John Judson could purchase some dumpy bags of hardcore and replace the washed away path, with help from Councillors Chris West and Christine Chamberlain.</p>
16/12	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	<p>The Council received a report from the Treasurer (please see attached Treasurer's Report).</p> <p>It was also recommended that the Minutes of the Finance & Budget Committee Meeting on 26th November 2015 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk put a piece about the precept remaining the same for another year in the Parish Council Newsletter.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance & Budget Committee Meeting on 26th November 2015 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his report, the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.</p>
16/13	Authority for Payments.	<p>The Council considered any requests for payment received by the Treasurer, Clerk or Council Members.</p> <p>It was reported that Office Technology Corp Ltd has submitted a final bill of £466.42 inc VAT of £77.74. It was noted that the bill is divided into £223.68 for cost of the copying service, and £165.00 for uplifting the machine. The Treasurer can see no detail on the contract relating to any</p>

		<p>charge for removal of machine especially as the Council have asked for a similar clause in the new suppliers contract to remove from their contract. However, usually the old supplier bills the Council every May for an annual IT support costing around £145, this bill has not arrived. This would have coincided with the bill to uplift the machine when the Clerk moved homes. This maybe an administration error possibly confused over the uplift and IT support conflicting. The uplift for the Clerks home move cost £150 and was paid. The Treasurer believes that the IT support bill may have been lost in their system and is most unlikely to arrive as it is six months ago and of course the Parish Council have only used half that support before terminating the contract.</p> <p>The payments to Cartmell Shepherd Solicitors for the work done so far on the Land Registry, and the Lighting Contractors for the work on the village hall were also considered.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to pay the final bill from Office Technology of £466.42 (VAT will be claimed back) for the photocopier service.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council agreed that Cartmell Shepherd Solicitors be paid £1788 for the work that they have carried out so far on behalf of the Parish Council regarding the Land registry.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council agreed that Alpha Electrical Services be paid £900 for the installation of lights on the village hall.</p>
16/14	<p>Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).</p>	<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: 15/1174 – (Listed Building) Alterations to form new chimney stack to rear of property, at Low plains House, Calthwaite, Penrith CA11 9RQ. 2. Planning Application No: 16/0027 - (Full Application) Refurbishment and rationalisation of the existing 1MW(e) biomass gasification combined heat and power plant including a new building , an extension to the existing building, a new yard and a back up biomass boiler, at Low Plains Farm, Calthwaite, Penrith CA11 9RQ. <p>RESOLVED that the Council has NO OBJECTIONS to – (Listed Building) Alterations to form new chimney stack to rear of property, at Low plains House, Calthwaite, Penrith CA11 9RQ.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council had the following OBSERVATIONS and COMMENTS to make Planning Application No: 16/0027 - (Full Application) Refurbishment and rationalisation of the existing 1MW(e) biomass gasification combined heat and power plant including a new building , an extension to the existing building, a new yard and a back up biomass boiler, at Low Plains Farm, Calthwaite, Penrith CA11 9RQ:</p> <p>Lazonby Parish Council has noted local residents concerns about likely noise levels and requests that the Planning Committee gives particular attention to professional advice, explanations and data regarding the noise levels from the proposed plant and that they take them into account when reaching a decision and setting conditions.</p>
16/15	<p>Planning Applications – Decisions.</p>	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the following Planning Application Decisions were received:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notification of Outcome of Applications for Planning

		<p>Permission - 3/15/9008-9009 – GRANTED.</p> <p>Location: Scratchmill Scar Quarry, Lazonby Fell, Plumpton, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 1BY</p> <p>Proposal: Section 73 planning application to vary Conditions 1 & 23 of planning permission 3/00/9015 in order to extend the timescale for mineral working by 15 years, to 30 January 2031 and amend the working and restoration scheme.</p> <p>Ref No: 3/15/9008</p> <p>and</p> <p>Proposal: Section 73 planning application to vary Conditions 1 & 23 of planning permission 3/00/9016 in order to extend the timescale for mineral working by 15 years, to 30 January 2031 and amend the working and restoration scheme.</p> <p>Ref No: 3/15/9009</p>
16/16	Police up-date.	RESOLVED that it be noted that no written or verbal report was received from the Police.
16/17	Lazonby Fire/Rescue Service.	<p>The Council received a report about the Lazonby Fire/Rescue Service, including any neighbourhood Alert Bulletins. The Clerk wrote to the 84 County Councillors, on behalf of the Parish Council, to urge them to consider alternative proposals which would give Lazonby and District a chance to retain their local Fire Station. Several Councillors replied to say they were supportive of saving the fire station, and other Councillors just to acknowledge the letter. County Councillor Hilary Carrick also reported that a petition to save the fires stations under threat was submitted with over 5000 signatures. The County Council are meeting on 4th February when the proposals will be decided</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report about the future of Lazonby Fire Station be noted.</p>
16/18	Housing Development in the Parish.	RESOLVED that there was no further update regarding the Barton Dale signs.
16/19	Traffic and Parking Issues in the Village.	<p>The Council received an update about the issue of speeding traffic passing the school and possible traffic calming measures. PC Louise Gaskell contacted the Clerk to inform her that the police's safety van had been deployed near the School, after the Clerk had requested their presence. Louise asked if this had helped the situation at all or if the problem is still ongoing? If it is ongoing, then the police can discuss how they can go forward to help the problem. Neither Councillors nor the School said they had seen the safety van. No one has said anything further about the speeding past the school especially in school time.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors ask around to see if there is still a problem with speeding traffic through the village.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk ask the School if they believe there is still a problem with speeding traffic past the school.</p>
16/20	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. There was nothing further to report.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that County Councillor Hilary Carrick has reported the need for reinstating of the grid drain near the Co-op and the deep furrows in the verges on the road to Plumpton to Cumbria Highways.</p>

16/21	Fishing Sign Replacement.	<p>The Council considered the replacement of the fishing sign on the river Eden which was washed away in the recent December 2015 floods.</p> <p>RESOLVED that a new fishing sign be ordered from Eden Graphics because they had made the previous sign.</p>
16/22	Copper Beech Tree at Croglin Designs.	<p>The Council considered further work to the Copper Beech Tree near Croglin Designs. The tree at Croglin Designs needs further attention before spring as recommended by PS Tree to balance the shape, and there is still a need to remove the branches over the GPO lines as they are growing rapidly.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Peter Minihan will seek three quotes for the work to be done on the Copper Beech Tree near Colin Designs.</p>
16/23	Low Plains Quarry Update.	<p>The Council received an update about Low Plains Quarry. Councillor Virginia Minihan, who is the Parish Council Representative for the Low Plains Quarry, contacted David Hughes, the Monitoring and Enforcement Officer in Planning Services - Environment & Community Services at Cumbria County Council to ask whether there had been any noise monitoring done since the Planning Permission and its attached conditions had been accepted, as a number of Parishioners had complained about the excessive noise heard in the week commencing 18th January 2016. David Hughes replied as follows:</p> <p><i>“Various schemes required by condition – including noise - have been submitted, but have not yet been approved. I understand from the case officer that she is waiting for the comments from Eden District Council. Some of the schemes submitted have been sub-standard and resubmissions are due this week (22 Jan). I do not believe that any noise monitoring has been undertaken.</i></p> <p><i>Would it be possible to have more details of the nature of the noise and a description of it? – I will happily pass onto the site manager to deal with. No site monitoring visits have been undertaken in relation to the new conditions yet. My intention was to do so when all of the schemes had been approved so that I could check that the relevant procedures had been put in place. However, in the Council’s latest restructuring (confirmed today) the Monitoring and Enforcement officer post is being deleted and the number of planning officers (further) reduced. Whilst I remain hopeful that there is role for me in the organisation leading on planning monitoring and enforcement (albeit with additional work and responsibilities), it is unclear at this time whether this will be the case and what level of resources there will be to undertake proactive monitoring of sites. I have attached a copy of the final conditions. The date by which all of the schemes have to be approved or appealed in accordance with condition 4 is 13 April 2016. I will also raise the issue of the liaison meeting with them. I mentioned this to them in passing in the summer, but clearly has not been actioned.”</i></p> <p>Councillor Virginia Minihan passed on details of the nature of the noise and Tarmac replied that it had a customer order for ‘oversize cobbles’ at the moment and that is what was causing the excessive noise. David Hughes said that he would be pressing for instrumental noise monitoring to be carried out as soon as an acceptable scheme has been submitted and approved.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk write to David Hughes, the Monitoring and Enforcement Officer at Cumbria County Council, after the 13th April 2015 to ask for the final approved conditions for Low Plains Quarry.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Virginia Minihan will continue to pursue the setting up of liaison meetings with Tarmac at Low Plains Quarry again.</p>

<p>16/24</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. NALC letter and guide about how parish and town councils can be involved in the HM Queen’s 90th Birthday - on 21st April 2016, Her Majesty The Queen celebrates her 90th Birthday, and in celebration of this the Beacons will be lit that night across the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories, marking this unique moment in history. 2. Eden’s Scrutiny Work Programme Consultation 2016-17 - As in previous years we are looking for topics for inclusion on the Scrutiny Work Programme and welcome input from Parish and Town Councils. The consultation will be running until 31st March 2016. 3. Clean for the Queen – From February 2016 and centred on 4/5/6th March 2016 - As part of its support for the country’s biggest-ever community clear up Eden District Council is organising a mass litter-pick. The national Clean for The Queen campaign aims to give the country a tidy-up ahead of The Queen’s 90th birthday in April. The campaign is being backed by organisations including the Women’s Institute, the National Trust and RSPB, as well as businesses including McDonald’s, Costa, Greggs, KFC and Wrigley and anti-litter charities such as Keep Britain Tidy and the Campaign to Protect Rural England. Supported by the Government, Clean for The Queen has also won the backing of councils across the UK and is centred on a weekend of activity from March 4th to 6th, 2016. In support of the event EDC are able to loan a limited amount of litter picking equipment and will provide a service to collect the filled sacks at agreed collection points. Also, should anyone be aware of a hot spot for litter within the limits of the highway boundary and they are unable to organise a community litter picking group then please just let the team at Eden know, and they will investigate having the area cleaned up.” If you would like to register to take part in the Clean for The Queen event then please sign up via www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk where resources are available to promote your event www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk/resources/2466. To arrange for the loan of litter picking equipment and the filled sacks to be collected or should you require any further information about Clean for the Queen in Eden please contact Eden District Council. 4. Meeting of Eden District Council’s Executive - on Tuesday 9th February 2016 in Millhouse Village Hall, Millhouse nr Skelton. Beginning at 6pm, the meeting 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, express views or concerns about things happening in Eden. No notice is required or people’s questions just turn up and ask or express a view. 5. Free Low Carbon Neighbourhood Planning Event – Finding solutions to climate change in your community – Thursday 11th February 2015 6pm – 9pm At the Town Hall, Alston. Book your free place through Cumbria Action for Sustainability. <p>RESOLVED that the Council Members bring any suggestions they have to the March 2016 Meeting of the Parish Council regarding the Eden’s Scrutiny Work Programme Consultation 2016-17.</p>
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16/25	INFORMATION given for reference only.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the following information was given to the Council for reference only.</p> <p>1. Eden Local Plan 2014-2032 – Submission to Government Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 - The draft of the Eden Local Plan 2014 - 2032, along with all comments made were submitted to the Government on 22nd December 2015. This is for information only and there is no need for any action on your part at this stage. The draft plan and supporting evidence documents will be available to view and download on the Council's website at http://www.eden.gov.uk/localplansubmission or these documents will also be made available at the Council Offices. The next stage is that there will be an examination in public where an independent Planning Inspector will review the draft plan and the comments made. It is expected that this will happen around mid-April 2016. The Inspector may decide to hold hearing sessions during the examination.</p>
16/26	Date of the Next Meeting.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the date of the next scheduled Meeting be confirmed as Wednesday 2nd March 2015, at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Rooms at Lazonby Village Hall.</p>

Please Note:

Amendments to these Minutes have been made in red following approval at the Parish Council Meeting on the 2nd March 2016.