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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

**For the Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on
Wednesday 6th March 2024, in Lazonby Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Chair Councillor Philip Whitehead.

Councillors Andrew Miller, Ruth Hookway, Maralyn Wade and Craig Wilkinson.

Also in attendance: 2 representatives from Bells of Lazonby, Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick, Treasurer to the Council Chris Hoy and Clerk to the Council Rebecca Wyatt.

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
24/31	Appointment of Temporary Chair.	<p>The Council considered the appointment of an acting Chair for the purpose of this meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council present agreed that Councillor Phillip Whitehead be nominated to be the acting Chair for this meeting. However, Councillor Maralyn Wade started the meeting due to Councillor Whitehead arriving a few minutes late due to work commitments.</p>
24/32	Apologies for absence.	<p>RESOLVED that the apologies received from Parish Councillors Colin Bryce, Tim Wright and Peter Foley be accepted and noted.</p>
24/33	Appointment of Chairman of the Council for 2023 - 2024.	<p>It was recommended that proposals were invited from the floor for a permanent Chair to be appointed for the year 2023 – 2024 from the Council Members.</p> <p>Due to the resignation of the Chair the Parish Council, Members need to elect a new Chair; or if no one comes forward for the position the Parish Council needs to make sure there is an acting Chair at each meeting that can support the Clerk and Treasurer over that month.</p> <p>RESOLVED that there were no nominations for a permanent Chair to be appointed for the year 2023 – 2024 from the Council Members present.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that this appointment of permanent Chair agenda item will be brought back to the next meeting of the Parish Council in April 2024.</p>
24/34	The Filling of Council Member Vacancies.	<p>The Council considered any nominations to co-opt new Council Members as the Parish Council have two Councillor seats to fill.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no new nominations at present but the Parish Council would continue to seek new Parish Councillors to fill the two remaining seats.</p>
24/35	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>

24/36	Declaration of Interest.	<p>RESOLVED that Councillor Phillip Whitehead declared a personal interest in matters concerning the Egg Packing Station Housing Project.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Ruth Hookway declared a prejudicial interest in matters concerning the Bells of Lazonby Planning Application Ref: 2023/1069/FPA and Planning Application Ref: 2023/1105/FPA.</p>
24/37	Matters of Urgency.	<p>The Council received and considered any matters on grounds of urgency which arrived too late to be otherwise placed on the agenda and/or are determined by certain deadlines.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Clerk explained that she had failed to put the Parish Field and Grazing to Let for 2024 on the agenda but as it needed to be actioned, so the lease can start from the 1st April, then it needed to be brought to this agenda item. As per usual the Clerk will put up sheep grazing posters on the notice boards and the Parish Council Website to advertise the parish playing/sports field from 1st April until 30th November, with a deadline for sealed bids by Wednesday 27th March 2024 <p>It was also recommended that the Council agree to give the Clerk and the Vice-Chair Councillor Tim Wright delegated authority to open the submitted bids for the grazing after the deadline and make a decision on who will rent the field. The Clerk will then inform the successful bidder of the decision.</p> <hr/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED that the report about the Parish Field and grazing to let for 2024 be noted. <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed to the Clerk and the Vice-Chair Councillor Tim Wright being given delegated authority to open the submitted bids for the grazing after the deadline and make a decision on who will rent the field, so that the Clerk can inform the successful bidder of the decision.</p>
24/38	Public Participation.	<p>The Chair asked those 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Several parishioners have raised concerns about cars speeding on Great Salkeld Road as they leave the village. 2. There have also been concerns raised about speeding on the road passed the school. 3. A parishioner has raised concerns about the state of the footpath between Scaur Lane and Meadow Close. 4. A parishioner has raised concerns about the erosion of the river bank on the River Eden. 5. The representatives from Bells of Lazonby, planning consultant Daniel Addis and Managing Director Tim Conder spoke to support their planning application Ref: 2023/1105/FPA in view of Westmorland & Furness Council's request for the Parish Council to clarify if they were actually objecting to it in order to trigger the Planning Committee request. The representatives from Bells requested that the Parish Council support their planning application because they believed that the application would reduce HGV traffic in the village because one of their aims is to reduce off-site movement. Also, the three generation family have lived in and

		<p>supported the village for a long time, including recently housing the Fire Engine when the Fire Station was out of action. Furthermore, regarding the Greenfield issue that the new site would not be using the entire field and it would be sympathetically landscaped.</p>
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED that the issue about cars speeding on Great Salkeld Road as they leave the village was being discussed later in the agenda. 2. RESOLVED that the issue about speeding on the road passed the school was being discussed later in the agenda. 3. RESOLVED that the issue about the state of the footpath between Scaur Lane and Meadow Close was being discussed later in the agenda. 4. RESOLVED that the river bank erosion on the Eden River was a long standing issue that cannot be resolved unfortunately. 5. RESOLVED that the Council noted all the points from the representatives from Bells of Lazonby, so that they could take them into consideration when discussing again the Planning Application Ref: 2023/1105/FPA - Extension of main bakery building, extension of gluten free bakery building, erection of a storage building, and reconfiguration of internal access road and car parking area, including associated operations, submitted by Bells of Lazonby, later in the meeting, in order to give a requested follow up response to the Westmorland & Furness planning department.
24/39	Broadband in the Parish.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the progression of B4RN's fibre optic broadband in the parish continues with several meetings being held recently to discuss it further.
24/40	Report from the local Community Police.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that there was still no news about a replacement police woman or man as yet.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED the Eden Focus Police Newsletter for Eden Rural and the Penrith & Alston Police Newsletter for January & February 2024 be noted.</p>
24/41	Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 7th February 2024.	It was recommended that the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 7 th February 2024 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.
		RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 7 th February 2024 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.
24/42	Progress Reports on Recent Actions.	The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 7 th February 2024.
	a. Donations at Eden Bridge Car Park (Last minute 24/12).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the issue of donations for using Eden Bridge car park is still ongoing, however, this project will not continue if no one wants to take it forward from April 2024.
	b. State of footpaths in the Village (Last minute 24/12).	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the report on the state of the footpaths in the parish is still on-going and that Councillors Ruth Hookway and Maralyn Wade have started carrying out the survey.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that concerns about the condition of the</p>

	<p>footpath between the Meadows and Scaur Lane was discussed and there is still an issue of ownership and who is liable but Councillor Hilary Carrick and Councillor Craig Wilkinson will look into it further.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Craig Wilkinson will send Councillor Hilary Carrick an OS map of the location and back it up with where the location is using three little words.</p>
<p>c. Parish Fishing (Last minute 24/12).</p>	<p>The Council received an update about the Fishing Rights and Bailifing in the parish.</p> <p>The Council also received an update on the missing fishing notice at the end of the Lazonby Fishing Rights which has recently been washed away in the floods. Treasurer Chris Hoy has been down to see the area where the fishing notice was to see what could be done to replace it.</p>
	<p>RESOLVED that there was no further update about the Fishing Rights and Bailifing in the parish at present.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that Treasurer Chris Hoy will make a new Fishing notice and attach it to the tree near to where the last notice was situated.</p>
<p>d. Social Media Presence for the Parish Council (Last minute 24/12).</p>	<p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council's social media page is still in the process of being set up.</p>
<p>e. Speed Limit Signs Coming into the Village (Last minute 24/12).</p>	<p>The Council received an update on the relocation of the 30 mph speed limit signs on the roads to Great Salkeld and Carlisle. Also several parishioners have now raised concerns about cars speeding on the Great Salkeld Road as they leave the village.</p>
	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that Highways has been looking at traffic calming resolutions and 40 mile an hour buffer zones but there is no firm decision on a design as yet.</p>
<p>f. Footway Lighting Repairs (Last minute 24/12).</p>	<p>The Council received an update on the survey of the footway lighting maintenance. Councillor Craig Wilkinson has been mapping all of the footway lights that need maintenance on behalf the Parish Council. The footway lights that are currently out of action are No. 13, No. 14 and No. 34, then lights No. 23 and No. 33 are permanently on. Footway light no 14 and No. 34 have been decommissioned so will not be reported for repairs but the other lights will be.</p>
	<p>RESOLVED that the Clerk report the footway light that is currently out of action No. 13, and the footway lights that are permanently on being No. 23 and No.33 to Westmorland and Furness Council.</p>
<p>g. Problem with the Tree between Lazonby Swimming Pool and Eden Bridge (Last minute 24/26).</p>	<p>The Council received an update on the removal of the overhanging tree between Lazonby pool and Eden Bridge following further complaints regarding high vehicle strikes, even though cutting back work was carried out on the tree recently. The top has snapped off and is currently hanging over the river not the road, and it has now been requested by Highways for a complete tree removal. The Parish Council has received one quote so far but it needs to be revised as it did not cover all of the work needed. At least three quotes for the work are needed.</p>
	<p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to Councillor Phillip Whitehead seeking two more quotes for the complete removal of the tree between Lazonby Pool and Eden Bridge.</p>

24/43	Report from the Westmorland & Furness Councillor.	<p>The Council received a report from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick about Westmorland & Furness matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Westmorland & Furness Budget meeting was held on 22nd February 2024 and Council Tax has increased by 2.99% plus 2% for Adult Social Care. Habitable empty homes will be required to pay 100% of Council Tax after one year and 300% after 10 years. They have also agreed to introduce 100% Council Tax on second homes from April 2025. 2. Westmorland & Furness Council have to produce a new plan for Eden, South Lakes and Barrow to replace the Eden local plan. <p>RESOLVED that Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick reserved the right to request to speak on other issues on the agenda.</p>
24/44	<p>Lazonby Parish Projects:</p> <p>a. Proposed Development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station.</p>	<p>The Council received a report about the proposed development of the Lazonby Egg Packing Station.</p> <p>Gordon Nicolson sent the Council a written report regarding the Egg Packing Station Housing Development project. Gordon has had a productive meeting with Castles and Coasts Housing Association and Westmorland and Furness Council Housing Officers. The meeting was arranged to revive and update the grant application to purchase and remediate the Egg Packing Station site. The outcomes from the meetings are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council and Castles and Coasts wish to continue working with Lazonby Parish Council to develop the site for affordable housing. The Council are finalising their procedures for consideration and determination of significant grants from the Affordable Housing Fund. It is expected that a joint grant application would be determined by the Council's new Investment Board. It was confirmed that the development proposals are compliant with the aims and other provisions of the Affordable Housing Fund. • The proposals are to clear the site and build up to seven two and three bedroom houses for affordable rent. The project will be subject to viability, risk exposure and management and financial accountability checks by the Council and Castles and Coasts Executive. This is standard practice and is designed to minimise the possibility of a project failing after the award of a grant or commitment of funds. • The grant application will need to be resubmitted in the format approved by the Council Cabinet in December 2023. The view is that the Parish Council has the necessary information to hand and should be able to complete the application using existing information. The Council is prepared to consider revised costs. • Lazonby Parish Council and Castles and Coasts will cooperate in submitting a reserved matters planning application (The outline consent expires on 22 March 2025). Recently introduced

		<p>requirements on nutrient neutrality mitigation will be a challenge. Effectively this means that any pollution of the River Eden from new properties can be neutralised. There are complexities here. Meantime, the matter should be regarded as work in progress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council confirmed that previously awarded grants may be utilised for their original purpose [planning and legal fees, costs of community engagement and commissioning specialist reports. The outstanding grant to purchase an option on the site may also be drawn down when required. • If the grant is approved by the Council Investment Board, this will be conditional on the formal exchange of contracts governing the planning, funding and delivery of the project. This is standard practice and should make respective responsibilities and obligations clear.
		RESOLVED that the report about the Egg Packing Station Housing Development be noted with thanks to Gordon Nicolson.
	b. Planting for Pollinators Project.	The Council considered the Planting for Pollinators Project in the parish. There is £20,000 worth of funding for Cumbria. Councillor Phillip Whitehead has spoken to the School and they are interested in taking part in a project. Possible places of interest so far are the school, Scaur Close Green, Eden Bridge and the Church.
		RESOLVED that the Parish Council look for sites of interest for the Planting for Pollinators project, and give that information to Councillor Hilary Carrick.
24/45	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	The Council received a report from the Treasurer for February 2024 (please see attached Treasurer's Report).
		RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his monthly report (see attached report), the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.
24/46	Recharge for Footway Lighting.	<p>The Parish Council received information regarding the recharge for footway lighting. The Clerk received a letter regarding the recharge costs for footway lighting in the Parish from Westmorland & Furness Council. Then a few days later a further letter was received to advise the Parish Council that after further discussion Lazonby Parish Council would no longer be recharged for the former district-owned footway lighting. This means that the Parish Council would no longer be invoiced for 2023-2024 and do not need to include or allow for this in setting their precept for 2024-2025. This only applies to those footway lights that the Council recharges to the Parish Council and does not apply to any lights that they may pay for directly to energy companies. Furthermore there is now to be a review of the lighting policy for the whole of the Westmorland & Furness area during 2024 and the Council will provide an update once that progresses.</p> <p>The Treasurer has asked for further information to clarify this, and has now had some feedback on the decision to review the recharge for footway lighting policy. The legacy Council have differing policies for both footway and street lighting so it was decided to waive all charges at present until there is a full review in order to harmonise the policy for all. More information will be available to the Parish Council before year end. The financial effect on the parish at present is considerable over the periods that have been waived. A saving of £7.5 K under current electricity prices, although the Parish Council will still be responsible for insuring the footway lights at an annual cost of approximately £400 per annum for all 33 lights.</p>

		<p>The Treasurer expects electricity prices to remain very close to present levels for the remainder of the decade and if correct then within three or four years the Parish's reserves will be taken below the £10k contingency reserves, assuming that Westmorland & Furness Council do not repatriate the lights. When the Parish Council opted to adopt the lights to reduce any blackout issues, the Treasurer produced a cost analysis that projected very little impact on the Parish Council's reserves. However, this was a few years before the cost of living crisis and the surge in Electricity and Gas prices. The parish benefitted initially from grants given by Eden District Council to soften the cost impact. These grants reduced over four years to zero.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Treasurer will continue to monitor the footway lights situation with Westmorland & Furness Council and press for more details if they are not made available by Autumn 2024.</p>
24/47	Authority for Payments.	<p>The Council considered requests for payment received by the Treasurer, Clerk or Council Members, and agreed to pay the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The sum of £159.15 to the Clerk for office and travel expenses from December 2023 – March 2024.
24/48	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	<p>The Council considered any new applications which have been issued for consultation by Westmorland and Furness Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Re-submission of Planning Application Ref: 23/0254 – (Full applications) - Residential development of 9 dwellings and associated, at Land at Fiddlers Lane, Lazonby, Penrith. The new documents for consideration are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage Strategy Response • Site Investigation Report NPD <p>Councillor Ruth Hookway left the room while the following planning application was being discussed due to her prejudicial interest.</p> 2. The Council considered Planning Services recent correspondence with the Clerk regarding the Parish Council's formal consultation response, in relation to Planning Application Ref: 2023/1105/FPA - Extension of main bakery building, extension of gluten free bakery building, erection of a storage building, and reconfiguration of internal access road and car parking area, including associated operations, at Bells of Lazonby, because the Parish Council's has used the word 'comments' on the applications response. They attached a copy of the scheme of delegation, and drew the Parish Council's attention to point A (e). So in order for the application to be decided at planning committee, the Parish Council itself is required to raise a formal Objection to the scheme if Officers were recommending approval or vice versa. Therefore Planning Services would like to know if the Parish Council's is making a formal objection to the scheme because this would trigger the requirement for it to be considered at Planning Committee. The Parish Council have been told that there are two more strategies to be submitted by Bells of Lazonby to Planning. <p>Councillor Ruth Hookway returned to the room.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The Luge on Blaze Fell planning application has been reported by the Media as going to the planning committee however, this is not true and no decisions have been made as yet.

1. **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would like to reiterate their **OBJECTION** to the resubmission of Planning Application No. 23/0254, Residential development of 9 dwellings and associated infrastructure, on Land at Fiddlers Lane, Lazonby. This objection continues to reflect representations made by residents at a Parish Council Meeting on 10th May 2023. The Parish Council would like to reiterate their original **COMMENTS** and add to the following **COMMENTS** to support their **OBJECTION**.

1. As stated in the Neighbourhood Plan for Lazonby, *'The amount of housing to be provided in the Parish has been set through the Eden District Council Development Plan. This comprises the Eden District Council Local Plan, which identifies Lazonby as a Key-Hub. The Local Plan does not allocate development sites in Lazonby, but as one of the larger 'key hubs' identified in the Local Plan, Lazonby is expected to contribute a minimum of 106 new dwellings to the Local Plan requirement through to 2032'* (See Eden Local Plan). Lazonby Parish Council believe that this allocation is substantially met given the volume of new development and the allocated sites awaiting development identified in the Lazonby Neighbourhood Plan (See Lazonby Neighbourhood Plan pp 37 to 53).

Through the Neighbourhood Plan, six suitable sites were chosen that did not include the land in question on Fiddler's Lane. Lazonby Parish Council would like to point out that five of the six allocated sites have either been developed or are in the process of being developed - The Lilacs, Scour Lane, The Meadows, the Telephone Exchange and the Old Egg Packing Station, leaving only the Piggeries to be developed. Therefore, it is felt that the maximum house allocation has far exceeded what is expected of the parish of Lazonby.

Furthermore, the area by Fiddlers Lane has been deemed unsuitable due to narrow roads, difficult access, existing additional traffic and parking issues from the Auction Mart and will put more pressure on an aging sewage system and power grid in the village. Lazonby Parish Council note that the response from Highways is not yet reported, however they are aware that an earlier application to use Fiddlers Lane for access was not accepted and it was recommended that a new access utilising Normans way was constructed.

2. Lazonby Parish Council would also like to point out, as stated in the Lazonby Neighbourhood Plan (LNP) and referenced by the Lazonby Neighbourhood Plan Design Guide, *'Also in addition, all housing development will be encouraged to comply with a number of general principles which meet the objectives of the LNP:*

- 1) *Proposals should be of a nature and scale that reflects and respects the character and appearance of the area, with regard to the surrounding landscape and/or townscape and the character and appearance of its setting (see Design Guide and Policy D2);*

- 2) *Proposals should not result in any significant adverse*

		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>impact on the amenity of any existing neighbours, including businesses; and not otherwise adversely impact sensitive environmental or heritage assets.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Furthermore, Lazonby Parish Council would like to request that this planning application decision be determined by the Planning Committee, as Local Councils and residents must have the opportunity to address Committee Members. It is also believed that there is a strong case for a site visit by Committee Members before the application is determined. 4. Lazonby Parish Council believes this objection is presented on wholly material grounds. 5. In addition to the above concerns, the Parish Council would like to bring the following to your attention that as stated in the 'Eden Local Plan 2014 – 2032 – Supplementary Planning Document' that in Alston, Appleby, Kirkby Stephen, a Key Hub or Smaller Village and Hamlet, a 6 to 10 dwelling development means a financial contribution (commuted sum) to affordable housing - <i>'2.6.2 Developments of between 6 and 10 dwellings outside of Penrith (not including rural exceptions sites in the Other Rural Areas) will be expected to make a financial contribution to affordable housing. This will be in lieu of providing affordable housing on-site as part of the development scheme.'</i> The Parish Council are concerned that the area needs actual affordable housing and not just a financial contribution. 6. Lazonby Parish Council has concerns about the proposal of having a sewage system near an open water SSSI. 7. Lazonby Parish Council already has major concerns that the existing village drainage is already struggling with the excess water run-off from current new developments. 8. Lazonby Parish Council would also like to point out that Policy D1: Greenfield and Brownfield Sites of the Lazonby Neighbourhood Plan (page 26) states <i>'proposals for the development of greenfield sites, other than as permitted by policies in this plan or the Eden Local Plan, will not be approved.'</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed to wait until they had seen the two new reports/strategies submitted by Bells of Lazonby to Planning Services before they made their final decision on Planning Application Ref: 2023/1105/FPA - Extension of main bakery building, extension of gluten free bakery building, erection of a storage building, and reconfiguration of internal access road and car parking area, including associated operations, at Bells of Lazonby. ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk will inform Planning Services about the Parish Council's decision to wait until they have had all the reports/strategies before they make their final decision. 3. RESOLVED that the report on the Luge on Blaze Fell planning application not going to the Planning Committee be noted.
24/49	Planning Applications – Decisions.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no planning application decisions received,

<p>24/50</p>	<p>Planning Applicants Response Regarding a Parish Council's Response Letter to Westmorland & Furness Planning Services.</p>	<p>RESOLVED that the following response from Bells of Lazonby to the Parish Council's response to Planning services regarding Planning Application Ref: 2023/1105/FPA – (Full Application) - Extension of main bakery building, extension of gluten free bakery building, erection of a storage building, and reconfiguration of internal access road and car parking area, including associated operations, at Bells of Lazonby Ltd Edenholme Bakery Lazonby Penrith CA101BG, be noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Concerns about an increase in noise, disturbance and emission pollution. <i>The primary purpose of the large application is to facilitate more on-site storage of materials and finished goods, therefore reducing the reliance on off-site third party facilities. Based on the current profile of the business, roughly one third of HGV movements in and out of the site are linked to this third party off-site storage, and would therefore be reduced rather than increased. There are no emissions to note from the facility outside of the faint smell of baked goods and no plans as part of the planning application that would alter the emissions.</i> 2. Concerns about an increase in light pollution, especially regarding the impact on local wildlife <i>As with previous developments, all new lighting installed on any development would be facing down towards the ground and be of appropriate type to minimise any impact on the area and wildlife. We have fitted shields to outside emergency lights to ensure they light up the ground and not the sky to minimize the light pollution created. Regarding light pollution for our neighbours, the development is to be on the same level as the current site, which is below the ground level at the top of the field, so there is adequate shielding by the natural topography of the field.</i> 3. Concerns regarding the size and scale of the proposed site <i>This application represents long-term plans for the business and not an immediate expansion. It would be staggered over several years and is giving the business the facility to secure its long-term future in Lazonby. The majority of new space is for on-site storage rather than an expansion of operations.</i> 4. Concerns regarding materials being used for the new buildings <i>All materials for new building works are in keeping with previous buildings on-site and meet all appropriate legislative requirements.</i> 5. Concerns about the impact on the local environment regarding fauna and flora <i>A full independent Ecological and Tree survey was carried out by two independent, local companies and submitted as part of our application. The Ecologist response included some recommended “enhancements” and Bells of Lazonby have committed to incorporating those recommendations.</i> 6. Concerns that there is no indication of any traffic or travel plan for the site <i>As the plan is intended to reduce traffic and there is no change to the travel route, which includes utilising a direct B class road directly into the site, it was initially deemed not necessary. We have subsequently instructed a travel assessment to be undertaken in line with a request from Highways and we will liaise with them as the relevant authority on a travel assessment.</i>
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		<p>7. Concerns regarding Heavy Goods Vehicles travelling in and out of the village, especially as all routes in and out of Lazonby are on B roads and most are not suitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles <i>There is a robust and detailed vehicle routing guidelines for all HGV's coming into or leaving the site, and this has been the case for several years. This is for vehicles to use the B6413 direct road from the site to join the A6 at Plumpton, in either direction. We do not allow vehicles to enter the site from any other direction. This is also not changing as part of the planning application and will remain in line with current, only with the intention to reduce vehicle usage on like for like business.</i></p> <p>8. Concerns that there is no agreement or restrictions in writing to limit Heavy Goods Vehicles to working hours only <i>We request all HGV's to operate within normal working hours and the vast majority of our deliveries are between the hours of 7am and 5pm, and are only outside these hours by exception to provide the food ordered by our customers. As the only change expected out of this application is to reduce planned vehicles, a change to any agreement in hours is unnecessary and would not be agreeable. It was shared during the meeting that we used to run a fleet of 14 vehicles that would each make round trips from the bakery of freshly baked goods to nearby towns and villages, at unsociable hours. Therefore, in recent years the business has improved the hours in which it operates which is a positive development relating to parishioners asks and is in keeping with our desire to be the best neighbour we can be.</i></p> <p>9. Concerns about the suitability of Seat Hill for Heavy Goods Vehicles <i>The Bakery has been on this site for many years, and Bells of Lazonby provided the land for the construction of Seat Hill several decades ago. When Bells of Lazonby bought the site from the previous owners (for which it was used as the railway goods yard), as part of the development of the site the road was installed to be suitable for HGV use as that was required for construction vehicles to go up the road both for the Bakery and for the construction of the residences on Seat Hill themselves. The road is more than able to handle HGV's as has been demonstrably the case for several decades. Indeed, the bend outside the railway station has been constructed with enough width to allow HGVs to manoeuvre safely, however this is sometimes restricted with parked vehicles.</i></p> <p>10. Concerns that there is no indication of future proofing, control or monitoring of operations at the site <i>We are unclear on what this query relates to as summarised in this way – if it relates to the concern raised around the business being sold and therefore operations changing in the future, we can reiterate that we remain 100% family owned and there are no plans to sell the business. The third generation of the family were added to the board within the last 5 years, and it remains happily independent, family owned and proudly in Lazonby, where members of the family still live to this day.</i></p> <p>11. It is strongly felt that there is the need for long term control and documentation of the planning process to ensure future proofing <i>We believe this query is directed at the case office or planning department rather than Bells of Lazonby</i></p>
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24/51	Report from the Highways Link Person.	<p>The Council received any reports on other issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting concerning Cumbria Highways.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor Craig Wilkinson has mapped out the potholes in the village giving them moderate to severity status. Highways will be in Kirkoswald with a jet patcher to fill their potholes in the near future, and will then go around filling potholes that have been reported in the local area. 2. The drainage issues at the bottom of Rectory Lane have been rectified with the differentiation between the level of the footpath and road reinstated, and the footpath resurfaced. 3. The Council also received further details regarding the M6 Intack Bridge – repairs and roadworks, north of Southwaite services. The work involves repairing the steel beams that support the bridge deck, after the structure was struck by a high vehicle. This essential work will strengthen the bridge and ensure journeys remain safe for road users. They started the work on Friday 1 March 2024, taking around three weeks to complete. The M6 southbound between junction 42 (Golden Fleece) and junction 43 (Catterlan) will be reduced to two lanes during the day, with traffic running on the hard shoulder and lane 1. Overnight, the carriageway will be reduced to hard shoulder running only. To safely carry out our repairs, the bridge will be closed for the duration of the scheme. Drivers will be diverted via Southwaite underbridge. They will also be installing a temporary safety barrier and road markings. To do this safely the M6 southbound

		<p>will be closed overnight between junction 42 and junction 43, with traffic being diverted by the A6.</p> <p>Both diversion routes will be clearly signposted with roadside signage. The planned dates for the overnight closures (8pm to 6am) are Saturday 2, Sunday 3, Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 March 2024. They always aim to work to our schedule, but unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather conditions may mean slight changes occur at short notice.</p> <p>We would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience our essential repair work may cause you. The communities going cooperation is appreciated and helps to keep their workers and other road users safe. How to find out more. If you have any queries about the work, please contact us on 0300 123 5000. Or you can email us via: info@nationalhighways.co.uk</p>
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED that Councillor Hilary Carrick will give Highways the mapped report of the potholes in the village to Highways so they can fill them in when they are in the area. 2. RESOLVED that the drainage issues at the bottom of Rectory Lane have been rectified with the differentiation between the level of the footpath and road reinstated, and the footpath resurfaced be noted. 3. ALSO RESOLVED that the further details regarding the M6 Intack Bridge – repairs and roadworks, north of Southwaite services be noted.
24/52	Flooding Action Group.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there was no update on the flooding issues in the parish at present.
24/53	Standing Orders.	<p>The Council received recommendations to update the public participation part of the Standing Orders as it recently came to the attention of the Clerk that the standing orders Chapter 3 - Meetings Generally point f) - <i>“The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(e) shall not exceed 5 minutes unless directed by the Chair of the meeting.”</i> This is either an unnoticed typo or was decided a long time ago and never been changed. The Clerk would like the Council to agree to change it to a new total time of at least 15 minutes which is in line with other Parish Council’s Standing Orders.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to change the following standing order - Chapter 3 - Meetings Generally point f) - <i>“The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(e) shall not exceed 5 minutes unless directed by the Chair of the meeting.”</i> to a new total time of 15 minutes.</p>
24/54	Weight limit on Eden Bridge.	<p>The Council considered the possibilities of a weight limit on Eden Bridge. The bridge is listed but there is no current weight limit on it however there is reinforced concrete inside the bridge.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council decided that no further actions regarding a weight limit being placed on Eden Bridge be taken due to the bridge already being reinforced with concrete.</p>

24/55	Fire at Lazonby Firestation.	<p>The Council received the following (press release) about the fire at Lazonby Firestation in February 2024.</p> <p>From Andrew Clarke – the Communications and Engagement Officer:</p> <p><i>“Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service attended a fire at Lazonby On-Call Fire Station at 12:40am on Thursday 22nd February 2024. The small fire was contained to one room used as office space and was extinguished by Firefighters on the scene. It is believed the fire was caused by an electrical fault which is being investigated further. There was nobody in the building at the time of the fire and there was no damage to the fire appliance or equipment housed there. Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service’s business continuity plan has taken immediate effect to ensure there is no impact on the cover the On-Call crew can provide and therefore no impact on the community. Thanks for your support following the fire last week, and we appreciate your help in getting the word out to the community. There is likely to be increased activity around in and around the station this week as contractors begin work on the refurbishment of the affected area. Our appliance continues to be housed at Bells of Lazonby, and our Firefighters will train and deploy from there while the station is out of action. We have not had a call-out since the fire. I will continue to keep you informed during the recovery stage.”</i></p> <p>Follow up email from Andrew Clarke - Communications and Engagement Officer:</p> <p><i>“Thanks for your support following the fire last week, and we appreciate your help in getting the word out to the community. There is likely to be increased activity around in and around the station this week as contractors begin work on the refurbishment the affected area. Our appliance continues to be housed at Bells of Lazonby, and our Firefighters will train and deploy from there while the station is out of action. We have not had a call-out since the fire. I will continue to keep you informed during the recovery stage.”</i></p> <p>RESOLVED that the report about the Fire Station fire and the latest update be noted.</p>
24/56	Invitations to Participate.	<p>The Council considered if Council Members would like to comment, take part in, attend, or send a representative to any invitations to participate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cumbria Fire and Rescue Community Risk Management Plan consultation - Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) is currently consulting on its Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP). The CRMP sets out the Service priorities over the next four years, and they are trying to ascertain as many views from different organisations as possible. Mark Clement, Head of Safety and Assurance at Fire Headquarters has asked me to invite you to take part in the consultation. A link to the consultation is shown below if you wish to take part. https://www.cumbriafire.gov.uk/our-community-risk-management-plan-crmp-2024-2028 2024 BBC Radio Cumbria Make a Difference Awards - Do you know someone going above and beyond to make things better? Whether it's caring for someone in need, being a brilliant neighbour, or inspiring children in the classroom, if you know someone who is really making a difference to your life or where you live, then <u>you can nominate them</u> for an BBC Radio Cumbria 'Make a Difference' award. There are 8 categories: Volunteer, Community, Fundraiser, Carer, Great Neighbour, Bravery, The Green Award and The Animal

		<p>Award (New to 2024). Nominations will close at 11 pm on Sunday 10 March 2024. The winners will be announced at a Make a Difference awards ceremony in September 2024.</p> <p>3. Official portraits of HM The King - All Town, Parish and Community Councils can apply for a free portrait of HM The King. You must complete an application by Thursday the 28th of March 2024.</p>
		RESOLVED that invitations to participate be noted.
24/57	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. Friends of Settle to Carlisle Line Magazine February 2024 and AGM document for 2024. 2. Souvenir D Day 80 Flags of Peace for D Day - on 6th June 2024 are available at a cost.
24/58	Date of the Next Meeting.	RESOLVED that the date of the next scheduled meeting be Wednesday 3 rd April 2024, at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.

The meeting finished at 9.25 pm.