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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

For a meeting of Lazonby Parish Council which was held via a Zoom Virtual Meeting due to the Coronavirus Covid 19 pandemic, on Wednesday 1st of July 2020 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Chair Councillor Chris West

Councillors Gill Sharples, Gordon Nicolson, John Judson, Tim Wright, Peter Foley and Angie Miller.

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

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
20/48	Apologies for absence.	RESOLVED that it be noted that apologies were received from Councillor Phillip Whitehead.
20/49	Suspension of delegated powers and approval of Standing Orders appendix on remote meetings.	It was recommended that the Council adopt the suspension of delegated powers and approve the Standing Orders appendix on remote meeting protocol. RESOLVED that the Council agreed to adopt the suspension of delegated powers and approve the Standing Orders appendix on remote meeting protocol.
20/50	Resignation of Councillors.	The Council received notice of Councillors Lynn Whiteley's and Andrew Sharple's resignation from the Parish Council. The Clerk has already reported both resignations to Eden District Council and the notices of the vacancies have been put on the Parish Council website. The deadline to apply was 30 th June 2020. No one has come forward to become a Councillor. RESOLVED that the Clerk write to thank Andy Sharples for his work as a Councillor. ALSO RESOLVED the Council will continue to look to co-opt new members onto the Parish Council to fill the two current vacancies and encourage younger parishioners to join. ALSO RESOLVED to send a co-option policy to all members.
20/51	Requests for Dispensations.	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.
20/52	Declaration of Interest.	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. RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Gordon Nicolson declared a personal interest in matters concerning Eden District Council.

20/53	Delegated decisions made between meetings and due to Coronavirus.	<p>The Council received a proforma regarding for delegated decisions made between meetings and due to the Coronavirus pandemic, which included the suspension of the Annual General Meeting and to keep the existing Chair Councillor Christine West and Vice-Chair Councillor Gill Sharples in their current positions.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the contents of the proforma for delegated decisions made between meetings and due to the Coronavirus pandemic, which included the suspension of the Annual General Meeting and to keep the existing Chair Councillor Christine West and Vice-Chair Councillor Gill Sharples in their current positions.</p>
20/54	The Parish Councils Response to Coronavirus Covid19.	<p>The Council received a report about the Parish Council's involvement in helping the local community during the coronavirus COVID 19 pandemic. These include voluntary shopping services and regularly updating website information. Over 70 people have volunteered to help the community with shopping, walking dogs, prescriptions, hospital appointments etc. A report on this has also been sent to the Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) on their request.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers, local shops, local shopping services and individuals who have helped the community during the Corona virus pandemic whether for shopping or errands or keeping up community morale.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Parish Council also discussed nominating local business who helped the community during the corona virus pandemic for local awards or recognition.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council will thank everyone through the Parish Council Newsletter once that is being distributed again thank everyone who has helped the community during the Corona virus pandemic.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Chris West thanked on behalf of the Parish Council, a parishioner who was proactive in keeping the communities morale up by encouraging VE day celebrations, holding an Easter egg hunt and also for her work with the swimming pool.</p>
20/55	Matters of Urgency.	<p>The Council received the following matters which arrived too late to be otherwise placed on the agenda, or were omitted by mistake, so were introduced in this part of the agenda. These are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will Pool was reported to have dried out but the Fires Service have now kindly filled it up again. 2. Planning Application No. 20/0388 - Erection of detached garage to front elevation at Garth House, Low Plains Farm, Armathwaite. <p>1. RESOLVED that the report about Will Pool be noted with thanks to the Fire Service.</p> <p>2. ALSO RESOLVED that Planning Application No. 20/0388 - Erection of detached garage to front elevation at Garth House, Low Plains Farm, Armathwaite to be considered at Agenda item 21 - Planning Applications – New (or Appeal), Minute No. 20/68 of these minutes.</p>

20/56	Public Participation.	<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 Parish Council also discussed issues that parishioners had been in contact about.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A parishioner has reported that Giant Hogweed plants were growing next to the river and one on the campsite side of the little stream next to the footpath to the river. The parishioner expressed their concern that they are extremely dangerous and should be removed carefully and burnt before they seed. The Parish Council took immediate action to deal with the Hogweed due to its danger to the public with several Councillors working on removing seed heads and cutting down to a low level, which has to be done regularly, and placing signs up to warn people of its dangers. It will probably take several years to get rid of entirely but as a public health risk, it will need to be removed. Eden Rivers trust do not deal with it anymore but the online advice is to report any Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) to the Environment Agency so they can plot where it is. The Swimming Pool Committee have been told but the Parish Council would like the Clerk to put it in writing. 2. A parishioner has asked if there has been any progress with regards to the proposals to extend the double yellow lines around the village hall along Scaur Lane. They have said that there is a driveway immediately after the Village Hall on the left which gives access to their house and two other houses but they are having problems with vehicles parking right up to his driveway making exiting the driveway difficult. So far the parishioner has had three near misses with other cars as the vision is obscured. There have been instances of cars parked right across the drive completely blocking it, people are ignoring the yellow lines that are there. The parishioner also said that he did not get notification of the consultation or the opportunity to comment on the proposals; however, they are quite happy with the yellow lines extension proposals. The parishioner has been told that the consultation had been well publicised and also that once the yellow lines are there it is a Police enforcement matter. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the Lazonby & District Swimming Pool Committee and inform them of the suspect giant hogweed on their land. ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk ask the parishioner who warned the Parish Council about the Hogweed if they could contact them about the Hogweed. 2. RESOLVED that it be noted that the Traffic Regulation Order for the yellow lines was approved in March 2020 so they will be going ahead with it soon.
20/57	Report from the local Community Police.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there was no report from the Police.
20/58	Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 4 th March 2020.	<p>It was recommended that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 4th March 2020 now be officially approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings via this virtual meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED that a copy and paste mistake be amended on the Minutes to remove the following words from Minute no. 20/38 - Planning Applications</p>

		<p>– New (or Appeal) - Planning Application No. 20/0102 – <i>“However, the Parish Council would like to stress the need to allow the planting (screening) to mature for the agreed four years before the lodges are erected on site.”</i>; from point one and put it on the end of point two, as part of Planning Application No. 20/0126.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that subject to the above amendments that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 4th March 2020 now be officially approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings via this virtual meeting.</p>
20/59	Progress Reports on Recent Actions.	The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the 4 th March 2020.
	a. Transfer of Assets and Service to the Parish (last minute no. 20/32).	RESOLVED that it be noted that there was nothing further to report about the swings on Coronation Gardens or the unapproved lights at present.
	b. Footway Light replacement on the B6413 (last minute no. 20/32).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the Footway Light replacement on the B6413 near Thorn Tree is now in place and been connected by ENWL.
	c. Lights on Fiddlers Lane (last minute no. 20/32).	RESOLVED that it be noted that there was nothing further to report at present on the footway lights on Fiddlers Lane.
	d. Ownership of Land. (Last minute no. 20/32).	<p>The Council received an update about the ownership of land near the Old School. The land has always been in the ownership of the Parish Council but was not registered when the other Parish Land was. Councillor Chris West has gone through all the records for information and has now given all the relevant paperwork to the Solicitors Cartmell Shepherd who previously carried out the land registry for the Parish Council, in order to acquire the right documentation for the land.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor West will continue to pursue the issue of the ownership of land near the Old School with the solicitors.</p>
	e. Broken Wooden Post Near the Church (last minute no. 20/32).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the broken wooden post at the end of the Parish Council land opposite the Church is still to be repaired.
	f. Rubbish generated from taking away coffees outside the Co-op (last minute no. 20/32).	RESOLVED that it be noted that due to the closure of schools there was nothing more to report at present.
	g. War Memorial Maintenance (last minute no. 20/32).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the work on the War Memorial is to be done during July 2020.
	h. Park Bench Donation (last minute no. 20/32).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the foundation has been dug out but still needs concrete, and once that is done then the installation of the donated park bench will be carried out, so it is still a work in progress.

	<p>i. Parish Field and Grazing to Let for 2020 (last minute no. 20/42).</p>	<p>The Council received an update about the parish playing field and grazing to let for 2020. The Clerk and Chair were given delegated authority at the March 2020 meeting of the Parish Council to open any seal bids after the deadline and make a decision who to let too. One bid was received for £201 for the period between 1st April and 30th November 2020.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the bid of £202 for the sheep grazing was accepted, and the successful bidder was informed.</p>
	<p>j. Potholes at Eden Bridge Car park (last minute no.20/43).</p>	<p>RESOLVED that some of the potholes at Eden Bridge Car park have been filled in but there are still some to do which will be filled in when it is possible to do.</p>
	<p>k. Flooding Issues in the Parish (last minute no.20/29).</p>	<p>The Council received an update about the flooding issues in the parish. At the last Parish Council meeting in March 2020, a parishioner reported several areas of flooding in the parish. These areas were from the telephone exchange to the Will pond which had been flooded a lot; and the constant flooding at the top of the village above Will Pool. Also, the flooding behind the village hall had been reported. Councillor Hilary Carrick explained that this reported flooding is not the responsibility of Cumbria Highways. The flooding behind the Village Hall could be either the responsibility of United Utilities or even possibly the Village Hall. The flooding above the Will Pool area is down to a blockage in the drainage on the adjacent land. Highways have been in touch with the landowner and they are trying to arrange to jet water through the pipe as they thought it might be sand in the carrier pipe which is a 4 inch flexi coil. They were going to try to jet water it out to clear it but if that doesn't work then it's down to the landowner to sort it out. Discussion is currently taking place over this.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the report about the flooding issues reported to the Council in March 2020, is not the responsibility of Cumbria Highways but solutions are being looked into to resolve it.</p>
	<p>l. Fishing Sign (last minute no.20/29).</p>	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted with thanks to a Parishioner who has kindly made a fishing sign and he, with the assistance of Councillor West have put it up at the end of the village fishing limit.</p>
<p>20/60</p>	<p>Report from District Councillor Gordon Nicolson.</p>	<p>The Council received a report from District Councillor Gordon Nicolson about Eden District Council matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eden District Council is publishing regular reports on the Covid 19 outbreak. These reports provide information on the numbers of grants being processed and on Government announcements on the pandemic. Initially, Councillor Gordon Nicolson circulated these to Parish Council Members but they are now being sent to Parish Council Clerks by the Council's Committee Admin unit. 2. All Council meetings are being held using Microsoft Teams. After some teething issues, the meetings are being run effectively. Certainly not as good as live meetings but business is being discharged. 3. The Annual Meeting of Council was held on 26th May. Councillor Andy Connell from Appleby was elected Chair for a further year with Councillor Doug Banks from Langwathby as Vice-Chair. 4. The Leisure Services Contract with GLL Ltd is to be renewed for a further five years. 5. Most Council Services are operating at normal levels, with most

		<p>staff working from home.</p> <p>RESOLVED that District Councillor Gordon Nicolson be thanked for his report, the contents of which were noted.</p>
20/61	<p>Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick.</p>	<p>The Council received a report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick about County Council related matters affecting the Parish.</p> <p>County issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Due to the Corvid 19 pandemic, Cumbria County Council stopped face to face contact with the public on the 13th March 2020. Offices have been skeleton staffed since then. b) Virtual meetings of Councillors have only recently started for the County Council they had their first at the beginning of May. Key meetings only. c) During the lockdown where possible Council staff have been directed to other duties locally in terms of the Local Resilience Hub. They have been distributing food parcels and helping with issues arisen since the pandemic. d) Some County Council services are now getting back to normal but other services are not. Other Cumbria County Council staff are working from home. e) Corona virus Corvid 19 testing is putting more pressure on services because of staff having to self isolate especially in key areas such as care work. <p>Local issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) A parishioner contacts Cumbria Highways to ask if the verge could be left uncut at Bardgett Wath until August due to wildflowers in the verge. Cumbria Highways assessed it and as it was not a danger to safety and visibility that they would uphold their request. However, any road junctions will be cut for safety reasons due to visibility irrespective of wildflowers. b) The litter at the Highways depot at the top of the village has now been cleared and the issue has not been repeated. <p>RESOLVED that County Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.</p>
20/62	<p>Lazonby Parish Projects:</p>	
	<p>a. Proposed Development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station.</p>	<p>Members were updated on progress with the proposed development of the former Egg Packing Station for affordable housing. Councillor Gordon Nicolson has been advised that a grant application to cover costs of meeting the conditions attaching to the purchase and remediation grant has been approved. This grant will meet the cost of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Services and Advice • Planning Agents Services • Planning Application fees • Registered Provider's costs in developing a costing a viable scheme • Community Engagement Plan • Valuation Fee for site • Desk top housing needs survey

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contingency sum <p>The grant application process involved a bidding exercise and discussions about costs and activities with potential suppliers. The selected suppliers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Services and Advice – Wrigley’s llp, Newcastle upon Tyne Planning Agent – WYG Ltd, Cockermouth Registered Provider – Eden Housing Association, Penrith Valuation Surveyor – to be arranged <p>Lacey’s solicitor has been kept up to date with what is going and it is hoped that community consultation will happen in the near future.</p> <p>A Councillor asked if the Council would be voting on carrying on with the project again in case anyone had changed their minds on supporting it. The Councillor believed the evaluation was also in question. However, it was agreed at a previous meeting to carry on with the project and that as there is such a lot of work involved and already been done that the Parish Council is already committed. It is a huge project and involves a lot of work with external bodies so the Parish Council cannot keep changing its mind. There is no question that what the Parish Council is doing is contrary to the rules and the project complies with all the Parish Council’s governing documents. Consulting the local community about the project will happen in the near future.</p> <p>It was pointed out that the Parish Councillors need to recognise the amount of work involved in this project and that those working on it will have to be robust enough to be to deal with the challenges some of their fellow councillors may present. There will be further update about the way forward and how the grant money is to be spent in the first instance to get the project off to a start.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report about the proposed development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station be noted with thanks to Councillor Gordon Nicolson, Peter Foley and Chris West for the work they have done so far.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Parish Council will continue to be given reports on this Housing Project.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED to consult the local community about the Housing Project soon.</p>
	<p>b. Traffic Issues Consultation.</p>	<p>RESOLVED that there was nothing more to report at present regarding the Traffic Issues consultation.</p>
	<p>c. Footpath between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool.</p>	<p>RESOLVED that there were nothing further to report at present about the Footpath between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool.</p>
	<p>d. Planting Trees in the Parish.</p>	<p>The Council received a report about the planting of saplings of various species at the southern end of what was the Allotment site on the parish playing/sports field. The project is going ahead with 100 hedge trees for the hedgerow and another 100 trees for the woodland part. The school will be involved in the project.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report about the tree planting project in the parish be noted.</p>

20/63	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	<p>The Council received a report from the Treasurer for June 2020 (please see attached Treasurer's Report).</p> <p>Fishing permits are being sold to local people only and they are paying via bank transfer which is bringing in a small amount of revenue at the moment.</p> <p>In May 2020 the Parish Council agreed that they should seek an exemption from a full audit for 2019/20 which was published on the proforma of Council decisions. The deadline for the accounts to be submitted to the external auditor is 31st July 2020.</p> <p>The Parish Council's Financial Reports for March 2020, April 2020, and May 2020 presented by the Treasurer were given to the Parish Council monthly during the coronavirus COVID 19 lockdown, the contents of which were approved and accepted and published on the proforma of Council decisions and displayed on the Parish Council website.</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 in May 2020 the Parish Council agreed that they should seek an exemption from a full audit for 2019/20 which was published on the proforma of Council decisions.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Parish Council's Financial Reports for March 2020, April 2020, and May 2020 presented by the Treasurer were given to the Parish Council monthly during the coronavirus COVID 19 lockdown, the contents of which were approved and accepted and published on the proforma of Council decisions and displayed on the Parish Council website.</p>
20/64	Accounts – Internal Audit.	<p>The Council received notification that David Stevens has completed the internal audit of the accounts 2019-20 and is satisfied that the accounts are correct.</p> <p>"RESOLVED that the report CONFIRMED that David Stevens has completed the internal audit of the accounts 2019-20 and is satisfied that the accounts are correct.</p>
20/65	Accounts – External Audit.	<p>It was recommended that the Council agree that the accounts 2019-20 which have been prepared in accordance within the external auditor's guidelines and the agreed Certificate of Exemption and any corresponding documents required by the external auditors be signed off by the Chair.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed that the accounts 2019-20 have been prepared in accordance within the external auditor's guidelines and the agreed Certificate of Exemption and any corresponding documents required by the external auditors be signed off by the Chair.</p>
20/66	Internet Banking.	<p>It was recommended that the Council agree that the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) Chris Hoy apply for and set up Internet Banking with an agreed daily bill payment limit of £1000. The RFO (Treasurer) will become the Primary User, and once the facility has been granted by HSBC the RFO will report to the Council on the functionalities of the online banking and provide details as well as presenting a draft for internal security checks before any payments are completed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agree that the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO/Treasurer) Chris Hoy apply for and set up Internet Banking with an agreed daily bill payment limit of £1000.</p>

		<p>ALSO RESOLVED that The RFO (Treasurer) will become the Primary User, and once the facility has been granted by HSBC the RFO will report to the Council on the functionalities of the online banking and provide details as well as presenting a draft for internal security checks before any payments are completed.</p>
20/67	<p>Authority for Payments.</p>	<p>RESOLVED that 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 £118.25 to the Clerk for office and travel expenses from 5th March 2020 – 1st July 2020.
20/68	<p>Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).</p>	<p>The Council considered new applications which have been issued for consultation by Eden District Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Application No. 20/0388 - Erection of detached garage to front elevation at Garth House, Low Plains Farm, Armathwaite. <p>The Council also received the following planning application reports for approval regarding the following Planning Applications, which was considered by the Planning Committee and Members of the Parish Council by Email, with written notification to parishioners via the parish notice boards, during March to June 2020. No objections or comments were received from parishioners for any of the planning applications advertised. The Parish Council gave a NO COMMENTS response to the following planning applications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Application No. 20/2017 - Creation of a new access to farmstead and improvement of existing field access, at West Brownrigg Farm. Plumpton, Penrith. 2. Planning Application No. 20/0247 – Detached garage/secure store with attached carport and refuse/recycling store, at 1 Back Row, Lazonby, Penrith. 3. Planning Application No. 20/0293 - Erection of replacement dwelling and conversion of existing dwelling to form double garage, workshop and greenhouse. at Amberley House, Lazonby, Penrith. <p>RESOLVED that the parishioners should be consulted on Planning Application No. 20/0388 - Erection of detached garage to front elevation at Garth House, Low Plains Farm, Armathwaite via notices on the parish notice board on the Parish Council website; and once the consultation is over the Parish Council will give a response talking into consideration any parishioners comments.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the following Planning Applications had a no objections or comments response to Eden District Council Planning Department:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Application No. 20/2017 - Creation of a new access to farmstead and improvement of existing field access, at West Brownrigg Farm. Plumpton, Penrith. 2. Planning Application No. 20/0247 – Detached garage/secure store with attached carport and refuse/recycling store, at 1 Back Row, Lazonby, Penrith. 3. Planning Application No. 20/0293 - Erection of replacement dwelling and conversion of existing dwelling to form double garage, workshop and greenhouse. at Amberley House, Lazonby, Penrith.

20/69	Planning Applications – Decisions.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the following Planning Application Decisions were received:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Application No. 20/0006 (Re-submission of 19/0166) – Retrospective change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage and proposed erection of detached garage, at 2 Holmegarth, Lazonby – GRANTED. 2. Planning Application No. 20/0036 – Retrospective application for the erection of 2 no storage sheds with side covered area at Brackenbank Boarding Kennels, Lazonby, CA10 1AX – GRANTED. 3. Planning Application No. 20/0035 – Erection of single storey extension to front elevation, at Rectory Barn, Lazonby, Penrith - GRANTED. 4. Planning Application No. 20/0126 – Variation of condition 8 (landscaping) attached to approval 18/0669, at Nord Vue Farm, Armathwaite – GRANTED. 5. Planning Application No. 20/0247 – Detached garage/secure store with attached carport and refuse/recycling store, at 1 Back Row, Lazonby, Penrith – GRANTED. 6. Planning Application No. 20/0102 – Retrospective application for use of the site for motor homes, tented camping accommodation and touring caravans, at Lazonby Campsite, Lazonby Pool, Town Foot, Penrith, CA10 1BL – GRANTED.
20/70	LPC Cumbria Highways Link Person Report.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that there was nothing further to report regarding Cumbria Highways issues.</p>
20/71	Eden Bridge Recycling Site.	<p>The Council considered the future of the Eden Bridge Recycling Centre after constant reports of fly-tipping and abuse of the area and reducing recycling credits. It was reported by Geoff Wilson who volunteers to keep it tidy that he thought that the fly-tipping is not as bad as it used to be and that it should not be a reason to cease having the recycling centre, plus better it is left at the recycling centre than dumped over a hedge, in a field or on a verge, although action will still be taken if the culprits are found out. Concerns were made that maybe it was not worth the hassle for the credits it generates.</p> <p>The Council also hoped to receive an update about the recycling credits and how they are worked out after a parishioner had asked at the last Parish Council meeting in March 2020 how the credits were worked out regarding weight. The parishioner gave their permission for their original email on the subject to be given to the Resources and Services Portfolio Holders at Eden District Council to get answers to some of the questions the parishioner had asked. However, this is still to do.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council thanked Geoff and Jennifer Wilson for their continued volunteer work keeping the recycling centre tidy.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Eden District Council and ask for more information about the recycling credits.</p>
20/72	Wildlife areas in the Parish.	<p>The Council considered a request to leave the area opposite the church to wildflowers. A request for the triangle of grass below the church to be left as a wildflower area has been received, as it is possible that one plant there is one of the rarest in the county, which advice is being sought.</p>

		<p>Therefore it has been asked if it would be possible to ensure that no further mowing of it takes place in the near future? Information about the plants in bloom on the land will be supplied so people would know if the area was being 'looked after', and not destroyed in the interests of tidiness. The Clerk has written back to the person requesting this informing them that in principle the Parish Council would be happy to leave this land as a wildflower area. The area of land has been cut for many years by Councillor John Judson but he has not been able to so far this year due to shielding during the corona virus lockdown. At the moment the Council are quite happy for this area to be left uncut as most of it does not grow very fast apart from the area around the seat and the Millennium Stone. Signs have gone up about the wildflowers in the area. However, a couple of parishioners have mentioned that they think it looks unkempt so maybe it would look be better if it had a metre strip suave around it. Also there has been an increase in dog fouling in the area. The Council wished to discuss this further at a later meeting.</p> <p>The Council also received information regarding the Long Grass for Nature campaign in Eden. Penrith Action for Community Transition (PACT) – a community group of volunteers working towards a more sustainable way of life in Penrith and Eden sent an invite to take part in a campaign they are running this spring and summer, called Long Grass for Nature. They are encouraging everyone who owns or maintains grassy areas – whether lawns, village greens or verges – to let them grow longer for a month or more this year. The aim is to allow the wildflowers in the grass to bloom, providing food for insects including bees and other pollinators. Long grass also provides a habitat for insects. Their campaign in Eden is in support of wider initiatives across Cumbria and nationally, including by Cumbria Wildlife Trust (with the Get Cumbria Buzzing project) and Plantlife International (which runs the #NoMowMay campaign and Every Flower Counts survey). The aim is to boost the numbers of insects here in Eden. Insects have gone into dramatic decline globally, including here. This threatens our food supply, as we rely on insects to pollinate about three-quarters of the crops we grow. Insects are also food for a wide range of other wildlife, from birds to fish. Their decline is therefore also a serious threat to nature and biodiversity more widely. Loss of habitat is one of the reasons for the decline in insects, along with the industrial-scale use of pesticides. As individuals, we may not be able to tackle some of these challenging issues, but it is within our power to create a home for insects in the grassy areas we have control over. It's also something that we can do to help nature during the current pandemic because it simply involves allowing the grass to grow. More information about the campaign can be found on their website at https://www.penrithact.org.uk/long-grass-for-nature.</p> <p>The Clerk has written back and informed them that Lazonby Parish Council has been doing this for several years and that they link with residents of a neighbouring Parish on one of these areas. Also that at present the Parish Council are leaving several areas uncut for periods of time allowing wildflowers to grow, and that these areas are by the church, a small village green in Scaur Close, and also the road verge by Eden Bridge Car Park and the recycling site. Areas around Will pool are also left uncut.</p> <p>RESOLVED that this be reviewed at the end of the summer at the October 2020 meeting of the Parish Council to see what the local community felt about it.</p>
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20/73	Fish and Chip Van Permissions & Information.	<p>The Council received a report about the Fish and Chip van visits at Eden Bridge Car Park on Thursday evenings. During the Coronavirus lockdown, the owners of the Angel Lane Chippie and Sandgate Friery in Penrith requested to serve their fish and chip at Eden Bridge Car park from pre-orders, and if possible start bringing their fish and chip van. After much discussion among Parish Council members via Email, the Council ensured that the appropriate social distancing and other requirements were met regarding the coronavirus lockdown. This also included talking to a Senior Environmental Health Officer at Eden District Council, who had spoken to the owners regarding their mobile fish and chip van and the guidelines which were current at that time and that going forward, as the food business operator he must ensure that he adhered to the most current guidance and legislation available. Also as it wasn't a new business, or a business operating in a new way during "lockdown" so they had previously been subject to routine food hygiene inspections carried out by officers of the food health and safety team prior to the COVID 19 controls being brought in. EDC also confirmed that business compliance checks were being carried out by officers across the district at various times and days, including weekends and that information regarding when and where the fish and Chip van owners will be trading had already been provided to the Council. The Parish Council also received support from several parishioners. The Parish Council were satisfied with the information received regarding the safety of the Fish and Chip van and permitted them to use the Eden Bridge Car Park. The Fish and Chip van is going well and social distancing is being adhered too. The proprietor has asked if they could put a sign up to advertise the Fish and Chip van.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that the report about the Fish and Chip van visits at Eden Bridge Car Park on Thursday evenings be noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council agreed to the proprietor of the Fish and Chip van putting up an advertising sign for their Thursday night visit.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the issue of charging rent for the Fish and Chip van be discussed at the September 2020 meeting of the Parish Council.</p>
20/74	Parish Rotary Mower Repairs.	<p>The Council received a report regarding the parish rotary mower repairs. Volunteer grass cutter Geoff Wilson reported to the Parish Council that the rotary cutter was vibrating abnormally and after investigating it was found that two of three bolts that hold the cutter bed had sheared off which meant that the cutter bed was unbalanced and causing the vibration. After some difficulty, Geoff was able to get the third bolt out to remove the cutter bed. He then rang Eden Valley Tool Repairs seeking advice on the mower repair options. They were helpful, but are inundated with work so could not help with the repair at that time. However, they confirmed how best to deal with the sheared bolts. Geoff kindly managed to order the parts and repair the mower and the Parish Council reimbursed all expenses to Geoff. He did report that it is working but it is still vibrating.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council thanked Geoff Wilson for repairing the parish rotary mower.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council put a provision for another rotary mower in the Parish Council budget in November 2020.</p>
20/75	Fishing Permits.	<p>The Council considered the conditions regarding selling fishing permits during the Covid 19 coronavirus pandemic. Concerns about spikes with corona virus still.</p>

		RESOLVED that the Council agreed that the fishing permits only be sold to local people until further notice.
20/76	LPC Grant Applications for 2021 - 2022.	The Council received the grant application selection criteria for approval. The Clerk will be promoting the Parish Council grant applications for 2021 – 2022 in late July early August. The grant application selection criteria are part of the grant-giving process, and that point 10 was updated to include that if the applicant wished to receive future grant funding then evidence of the existing grant expenditure was needed first.
		<p>RESOLVED that the Council agree to the grant application selection criteria being updated to include that if the applicant wished to receive future grant funding then evidence of the existing grant expenditure was needed first.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council agree to the Clerk now promoting the Parish Council grant applications for 2021 – 2022 in late July early August 2020.</p>
20/77	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> <p>1. New model Code of Conduct Consultation - The Local Government Association (LGA) has launched a <u>consultation</u> on a new <u>model member code of conduct</u> – the deadline for submitting comments is 17th August 2020. High standards of conduct and behaviour are of huge importance to the local (parish and town) council sector as they are needed to protect the integrity of decision making, maintain public confidence, and safeguard local democracy. NALC therefore strongly encourages local councils and county associations of local councils to consider the proposed new <u>model member code of conduct</u> and respond to the LGA <u>consultation</u> before the deadline of 17th August 2020.</p> <p>The Council also noted that the following invitations to participate were dealt with during the Coronavirus COVID 19 pandemic lockdown:</p> <p>1. CALC Subscription 2020/21 - was renewed in April/May 2020.</p> <p>2. Tilhill -Scratchmill Scar, Plumpton, Penrith - UKWAS Stakeholder consultation – Evaluation of Scratchmill Scar, Lazonby Fell, Plumpton, Penrith Woodland for Forest Certification - The forest products market is increasingly demanding assurance about the quality and environmental impacts of forest management. One way to provide this assurance is through independent verification against a published standard which defines appropriate and effective management. In forestry, this process is widely known as forest certification. I am writing to inform you the Scratchmill Scar woodlands are currently being assessed for forest certification under the UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) and a management plan produced. The UKWAS (endorsed by the Forest Stewardship Council® www.fsc.org, and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification™ www.pefc.org) sets out the management standards which woodland and forest owners, managers and forest certification bodies can use to certify woodland and forest management in the United Kingdom. The Standard, which can be seen at www.ukwas.org.uk, is the product of an inclusive and transparent process which has involved a balanced representation from the UK forestry and environmental communities. The Standard requires that local people and relevant organisations are</p>

		<p>made aware when a forest is being evaluated and are able to engage with the manager. Scratchmill Scar woodland has applied to join the Tilhill Forestry Resource Manager Certification scheme which is certified by the 'Woodmark Programme'. The Parish Council had no comments to make. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The Penrith Parking and Movement Study Stakeholder Engagement – The Parish Council did not comment. 4. Electric Vehicle Chargepoint Webinar - 'Making the Shift – Electric Vehicle Charging in the north of England' was held on 30th June 4.00 pm. 5. EALC Meeting <p>RESOLVED that past and present invitations to participate be noted.</p>
20/78	<p>INFORMATION gave for reference only.</p>	<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. External audit 2019/2020 information from CALC. 2. CALC Newsletter for April/May 2020 3. A vast amount of Information on Corona Virus Corvid 19, related services and updates from outside bodies during the pandemic. 4. Guidance on homeworking payments from CALC. 5. Eden District Council: Adoption of Housing Supplementary Planning Document - On 20 April 2020 Eden District Council adopted the Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The Housing SPD provides detailed guidance on the interpretation of policies in the Eden Local Plan 2014-2032 that relate to housing and is a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. The Housing SPD, Adoption Statement and other associated documents can be viewed on the Eden District Council website. The Council offices and libraries across the district are currently closed. Hard copies of the Housing SPD and Adoption Statement will be made available at the following locations once the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted and these venues reopen. 6. Revised LTN 31 Local Council General Powers - NALC's Legal Topic Note (LTN) 31 on <i>Local council general powers</i> has been updated, please see the attachment. It has been redrafted to explain more clearly the eligibility criteria for the purposes of exercising the general power of competence. It explains what councils can and cannot do under the general powers (S.137 and the general power of competence). The S.137 figure has also been updated. 7. Thank You Letter to all Parish Councils - from Stewart Young Leader of Cumbria County Council regarding the support they have given to residents and communities during Covid-19. 8. Action for Health and Mental Health Provider Forum Bulletins. 9. NALC Legal Topic Note Update information - LTN 8: Elections has been updated to make it more relevant for the needs of local councils and to clarify NALCs guidance on co-option. It is now titled <i>Elections and co-option</i>. Please note that the updated LTN should be read in conjunction with legal briefing L03-20 – The Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus) (Postponement and Referendums) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

20/79	Date of the Next Meeting.	RESOLVED that the date of the next scheduled meeting be Wednesday 2 nd September 2020. Venue to be announced.
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20/80	Proposed Development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station (Wall at Bankfoot).	RESOLVED that it be noted that there was nothing further to report on the proposed development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station (wall at Bankfoot).
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The meeting finished at 9.22 pm.