LPC
LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT BEFORE APPROVAL
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 7th April 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Chair Councillor Chris West

Councillors Gill Sharples, Gordon Nicolson, John Judson, Angie Miller, Peter Foley, Steve Craig and Andrew Miller.

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

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
21/61	**Apologies for absence.**	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that apologies were received from Councillors Phillip Whitehead and Tim Wright.
21/62	**The filling of Council Member Vacancies.**	The Council considered a nomination to fill the Council Member vacancies by co-option. Parishioner Andrew Miller wished to become a Parish Councillor.
		RESOLVED that Andrew Miller be co-opted onto the Parish Council, proposed by Councillor John Judson, and seconded by Councillor Peter Foley with all Councillors present in agreement. **ALSO RESOLVED** that the Clerk ensure the correct forms are filled out for Councillor Andrew Miller and submitted to Eden District Council.
21/63	**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.
21/64	**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. **ALSO RESOLVED** that it be noted that Councillor Steve Craig declared a personal interest in matters concerning the footpath proposals between Eden Bridge and Lazonby & District Swimming Pool.
21/65	**The Parish Councils Response to Coronavirus and other relevant information.**	The Council received a report about the Parish Council's involvement in helping the local community during the Coronavirus Covid19 pandemic and other relevant information. Councillor Chris West reported that local community volunteers are still helping when needed approximately ten people in the parish.
		RESOLVED that the report on the Parish Councils Response to Coronavirus Covid19 be noted with thanks again to Councillor Chris West and the volunteers looking after parishioners in need during the corona virus pandemic. **ALSO RESOLVED** that this agenda item be removed from the agenda.

21/66	**Matters of Urgency.**	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that there were no matters of urgency to report.
21/67	**Public Participation.**	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. 1. Complaints have been received about a local parishioner walking through the Community Play Park with their dog when this is prohibited. 2. Complaints have also been received about dog walkers not keeping their dogs under control on footpaths through fields and not clearing up after them, where possible livestock could be grazing. 3. A local fisherman has complained about the canoeists using the river near to where they were fishing. 4. A parishioner has kindly donated two additional hedgehog warning signs, one in Fiddlers Lane and another on the road to Carlisle. 5. The parish volunteer who kindly clears up the recycling centre has asked if the Parish Council could request two more skips for cardboard for the recycling centre, from Eden District Council. They also reported that there were three heaps of tyres on the right-side verge between Cragnook and Castlerigg. 6. A parishioner contacted the Parish Council for the second time, after the Parish Council had replied to their first complaint after the March 2021 meeting of the Parish Council about the parking issues at Eden Bridge when the Fish & Chip van was visiting on a Thursday night. The parishioner said they felt that the Parish Council had not addressed the concerns that they had raised when they first contacted them. The parishioner said in his email that they had concerns with the fish and chip van is the placement of the vehicles lining up in wait for their food. They believe the fish and chip van is crucial to helping our community get through the current pandemic, however, recently the number of vehicles parking on corners are rising, creating the potential for more collisions. The Parishioner said that many people are parking on the roadside, on corners, making it extremely dangerous to manoeuvre past safely, as drivers are unable to see oncoming traffic. Additionally, he believed that this was beginning to become an issue for agricultural/emergency vehicles that needed to get through. The Parishioner suggested again that the fish and chip van should be located at a new venue (perhaps the auction whilst it is out of use) to ensure the safety of our community members. Two Councillors were down at Eden Bridge car park recently on the night that the Fish & Chip van was there and they said that they could not see any issues. **1. RESOLVED** that it be noted that Councillor Chris West has spoken to the dog walker about not taking their dog in the Community Play Park. **2. RESOLVED** that the Clerk put an article in the Parish Council's Newsletter about keeping dogs under control on footpaths through the fields where possible livestock could be and to pick up after their dogs.

		3. **RESOLVED** that Councillor John Judson will look into putting a public sign to remind canoeists and those that are fishing, to be courteous to each other while using the river. 4. **RESOLVED** that the Council wished to thank the parishioner for their kind donation of two additional hedgehog warning signs, one in Fiddlers Lane and another on the road to Carlisle. 5. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to Eden District Council and request two more skips for cardboard for the recycling centre. **ALSO RESOLVED** that it be noted that the tyres have been reported to Eden District Council who will remove them. 6. **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council have noted the comments made by the parishioner regarding the parked cars of parishioners using the Fish & Chip van at Eden Bridge car park, and to inform the parishioner that they do not believe anything needs to be done at present especially as no one else has complained.
21/68	**Report from the local Community Police.**	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that there was no report received from the local Community Police regarding Lazonby and the Penrith rural area. **ALSO RESOLVED** that it be noted that the Council received the February - March 2021 Penrith & Alston Newsletter by Email.
21/69	**Parish Broadband Issues.**	The Council received an update on the broadband issues in the parish from Councillor Steve Craig. There have been 43 sign-ups so far for B4RN broadband in Lazonby but the parish needs at least 200 sign-ups. Great Salkeld and Kirkoswald already have enough sign-ups. Kirkoswald is awaiting approval to start their scheme. A new scheme starts from April 1st So once Kirkoswald is approved then Lazonby will be issued a date to be registered. There is an option to sign up even though you are already tied into a contract with another provider, once an old contract has finished the person can start with B4RN.
		RESOLVED that the report about the B4RN broadband project be noted, with thanks to Councillor Steve Craig. **ALSO RESOLVED** that the Clerk put an article about B4RN in the Parish Council's Newsletter.
21/70	**Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 3rd March 2021.**	It was recommended that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 3rd March 2021 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.
		RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 3rd March 2021 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings via this virtual meeting. **ALSO RESOLVED** that the one minute's silence at the March 2021 Meeting of the Parish Council in memory of Norman Thomson be added before the start of the Minutes.
21/71	**Progress Reports on Recent Actions.**	The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 3rd March 2021.
	a. Transfer of Assets and Service to the Parish (Last minute no. 21/45).	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that the ENWL grant funding for the footway lights heads is still being pursued by the Parish Council.

	b. Broken Wooden Post Near the Church (Last minute no. 21/45).	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that the broken wooden post at the end of the Parish Council land opposite the Church has now been repaired
	c.The Boundary Fence on the Parish playing/sports field (Last Minute no. 21/45).	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that the new boundary fence on the Parish playing/sports field has now been erected and completed, with the contractor's invoice being sent to the Treasurer.
	d. The white line at the bottom of Seat Hill (Last Minute no. 21/45).	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that the repainting of the white lines across the road at the bottom of Seat Hill onto the road to Bells Bakery and the railway station has still not been done so Councillor Hilary Carrick will pursue this.
	e. Footway light at Thorn Tree (Last minute no. 21/45).	**RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact the Footway Lighting Department at Eden District Council to enquire about the footway light at Thorn Tree which is still not working.
	f. Maintenance work at Eden Bridge Car Park (Last minute no. 21/45).	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that Councillors John Judson will organise a working party in line with Covid rules to carry out the maintenance work at Eden Bridge car park.
	g. Donations at Eden Bridge Car Park (Last minute no. 21/45).	The Council received an update about the donation giving possibilities at Eden Bridge car park. Councillor Steve Craig has been trying to find out more about text donations for the use of the car park or even paying for fishing permits but he has not received a response from UK Online Giving as yet. Councillor Craig will also look into having a sign made if the Parish Council decided to pursue the donation for using the car park.
		RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Steve Craig will continue to investigate into how to collect donations at Eden Bridge Car Park.
	h. Charge Points for electric cars in Cumbria (Last minute no. 21/45).	**RESOLVED** that there was nothing further to report at present regarding the possibility of installing charge points for eclectic cars in the parish.
	i. Repair of the door on the Grass Cutting equipment storage shed (Last minute no. 21/45).	The Council received an update about the repair of the door on the grass cutting equipment storage shed. The Clerk has contacted Croglin Designs to ask if they had any storage space for the grass cutting equipment. However, this does not look to be possible as there is no spare storage space. The Clerk then wrote to the School to ask if they were able to contribute to the cost of the repairs to the door of the storage shed at the school and is awaiting a reply. Councillor John Judson asked if he could in the meantime purchase a new combination lock for the door on the storage shed which needs to be secure for insurance purposes because the old one was not fit for purpose.
		RESOLVED that the Council agreed to Councillor John Judson purchasing a new combination lock for the door on the storage shed which needs to be secure for insurance purposes.
	j. Parish Field and Grazing to Let for 2021 (Last minute no. 21/56).	The Council received an update about the Parish Field and grazing to let for 2021. The Council received notification that only one bid was received for the sheep grazing, from Mr Blaylock who had offered £160 for the rental of the Parish Sports/Playing field. The Clerk and Councillor Chris West, having been given delegated authority by the Council to deal with the bids, considered the bid received and agreed to accept it. Due to the timetable for the lease of the field, the Clerk informed Mr Blaylock that he was the successful bidder because the lease started on the 1st of April

		2021. The issue of no water supply for the field was also discussed after the Clerk was informed that the water supply was no longer available. It was also recommended that that the Members be asked to confirm that an E Mail exchange took place to agree to give delegated authority to Councillor Chris West and the Clerk Rebecca Wyatt so that they were able to open the bids for the sheep grazing and decide on the successful bidder. The deadline was on 29th March 2021 with the tenancy starting on 1st April before the April 2021 Parish Council meeting.
		RESOLVED that the Council accepted the letting of the grazing to Mr Blaylock for £160 for 2021. **ALSO RESOLVED** that the Clerk will write a letter to Mr Blaylock to officially confirm this and to lay out the terms regarding payment. **ALSO RESOLVED** that the Parish Council Members confirmed that an E Mail exchange took place to agree to give delegated authority to Councillor Chris West and the Clerk Rebecca Wyatt so that they were able to open the bids for the sheep grazing and decide on the successful bidder. **ALSO RESOLVED** that Councillor John Judson will look into where the Parish Council could get a water supply for the Parish Playing/Sports Field.
	k. Surveillance Camera at the Eden Bridge Recycling Centre (Last minute no. 21/57).	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that the fly-tipping situation is still being monitored at Eden Bridge Recycling Centre and will be for the coming months so this agenda item can be removed from the agenda for the time being.
	l. Harrow beck and Footpath number 339023 (Last minute no. 21/41).	The Council received an update about clearing Harrow beck next to Footpath number 339023. Councillor Chris West, a parish volunteer and a representative from the Eden Rivers Trust had an onsite meeting to discuss possible solutions to the problem of the beck flooding and the footpath suffering as a result of that. Councillor Steve Craig has also said that he has found out that the Story Homes Contractors will be working at the beck by jet washing the surface drains. They have said that if the Parish Council needs help with tidying up the beck they would be happy to help as they have the equipment. Councillor Craig has taken some photos and will liaise with the contractors on the work to be done. If it is not resolved by this then the parish volunteers and the use of a local contractor's digger to do the job will be revisited.
		RESOLVED that the report about Harrowbeck be noted with thanks to Councillors Steve Craig and Chris West, the volunteer parishioner and representative from the Eden Rivers Trust.
	m. Trees obscuring the school sign at the bottom of Townfoot (Last minute no. 21/41).	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that the trees obscuring the school sign at the bottom of Townfoot are on Cumbria Highways list of work to be done even though it is the Landowners responsibility they will do it this time.
	n. Dropped flagstone on the pavement near the Midland Hotel (Last minute no. 21/41).	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that the dropped flagstone on the pavement near the Midland Hotel is on Cumbria Highways list of work to be done after it was confirmed it was the responsibility of Cumbria County Council.

21/72	**Report from District Councillor Gordon Nicolson.**	The Council received a report from District Councillor Gordon Nicolson about Eden District Council matters affecting the Parish. 1. Eden District Council is currently in a period of Purdah before the Local Elections and the Police and Crime Commissioner Election 2021. 2. The Consultation on local government reorganisation closes on 12th April so please make comments by then.
		RESOLVED that District Councillor Gordon Nicolson be thanked for his report, the contents of which were noted. **ALSO RESOLVED** that it be noted that District Councillor Gordon Nicolson reserved the right to request to speak on other issues on the agenda.
21/73	**Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick.**	The Council received a report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick about County Council related matters affecting the Parish. 1. Cumbria County Council is currently in a period of Purdah before the Local Elections and the Police and Crime Commissioner Election 2021 2. Cumbria County Council moves into its recovery phase following Covid19 and services will now start to open up. 3. The Consultation on local government reorganisation responses is very important.
		RESOLVED that County Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted. **ALSO RESOLVED** that it be noted that County Councillor Hilary Carrick reserved the right to request to speak on other issues on the agenda.
21/74	**Lazonby Parish Projects:**	
	a. Proposed Development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station.	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that there was no progress to report other than the Parish Council is in contact with Eden District Council and the prospective development partner.
	b. Traffic Issues Consultation.	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that two parishioners who had originally had concerns about the yellow lines have said that it has turned out better than they thought it would.
	c. Footpath between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool.	The Council received an update about the footpath project between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool. County Councillor Hilary Carrick has been seeking quotes for the work to put in the footpath, from two local Contractors. One verbal quote has been received indicating that the cost of the work would be approximately £10,000 less than the quote from County Council. However, both contractors still need to give their final written quotes. The match funding will need to be found by the Parish Council which could be around the £50,000 mark. Story Homes could still be a possible funding source. Funding from Cumbria County Council may be available this financial year, and so Councillor Carrick will be pushing the footpath project within the next two to three months, for County Council, to view and hopefully accept. If County Council funding is agreed Councillor Carrick will be pushing the project to completion.
		RESOLVED that the report on the footpath between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool be noted with thanks to Councillor Hilary Carrick.

21/75	**Financial Report by the Treasurer.**	The Council received a report from the Treasurer for March 2021 (please see attached Treasurer's Report). The recycling credits were discussed after it was reported by the Treasurer that they have reduced considerably over the years.
		RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his report, the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted. **ALSO RESOLVED** that the Clerk put an article in the Parish Council Newsletter to ask people to carry on using the recycling centre to help gain credits.
21/76	**Appointment of New Internal Auditor.**	The Council considered the appointing of a new Internal Auditor. David Stevens has decided to stand down as the Parish Internal Auditor. The Committee would like to thank him for his services over the last five years. The Treasurer would like to recommend his replacement as Mr John Kidd who lives in the village and previously worked in finance as the Director of Finance for The Cumberland Building Society. Mr Kidd has agreed to audit the accounts for the usual fee of £70 subject to approval by the Committee.
		RESOLVED that the Council agreed to Mr Kidd auditing the accounts for the usual fee of £70, following the retirement of David Stevens.
21/77	**Authority for Payments.**	**RESOLVED** that there were no authority for payment requests for the Council to consider.
21/78	**Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).**	The Council considered the following Planning Applications. 1. **Planning Application No. 21/0191** – Installation of 6no additional static caravans on existing site for holiday occupation and demolition of an existing storage building, at Hesket Park, High Hesket, Carlisle. 2. **Planning Application No. 21/0258** – Detached garage/secure store with attached carport. Re-submission of 20/024, at 1 Back Row, Lazonby, Penrith. 3. **Planning Application No. 21/0273** – Proposed off-street parking area, at South Cote, Lazonby. 4. **Planning Application No. 21/0096** –- Replacement of existing former chicken shed with new secure storage shed, at Barnwell House. Lazonby, Penrith. The Council also received a planning application report for approval regarding Planning Application No. 21/0141 – Erection of a timber granny annexe, at Coombe Eden. Armathwaite, Carlisle. It was resolved at the March 2021 Meeting of the Parish Council that the Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to Planning Application No. 21/0141 – Erection of a timber granny annexe, at Coombe Eden. Armathwaite, Carlisle. However due to this not being on the agenda and only introduced at agenda item 17 - Matters of Urgency on the meeting's agenda, that the Clerk put notices up on the Parish notice boards to consult parishioners before a response was given. No responses were received from parishioners so a **NO OBJECTIONS** response was given to Eden District Council Planning.
		1. **RESOLVED** that the Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to Planning Application No. 21/0191 – Installation of 6no additional static caravans on existing site for holiday occupation and demolition of an existing storage building, at Hesket Park, High Hesket, Carlisle.

		2. **RESOLVED** that the Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to Planning Application No. 21/0258 – Detached garage/secure store with attached carport. Re-submission of 20/024, at 1 Back Row, Lazonby, Penrith. 3. **RESOLVED** that although the Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to Planning Application No. **21/0273** – Proposed off-street parking area, at South Cote, Lazonby. 4. **RESOLVED** that the Council had **NO OBJECTIONS** to Planning Application No. **21/0096** –- Replacement of existing former chicken shed with new secure storage shed, at Barnwell House. Lazonby, Penrith. **ALSO RESOLVED** that the planning application report regarding the **NO OBJECTIONS** response to Planning Application No. 21/0141 – Erection of a timber granny annexe, at Coombe Eden. Armathwaite, Carlisle be approved
21/79	**Planning Applications – Decisions.**	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that the following Planning Application Decisions were received: **1. Planning Application No: 21/0126** - Discharge of conditions 3 (surface water drainage scheme), attached to approval 20/0293, at Amberley Lodge, Lazonby **- GRANTED.** Please note - this was sent to the Parish Council although the Parish Council was not consulted on it originally.
21/80	**LPC Cumbria Highways Link Person Report.**	The Council received reports on other issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting concerning Cumbria Highways. 1. A manhole outside Brookfield is still leaking when it rains. 2. There is a blocked drain at Scarrows Lane which is contributing to washing the road surface away. **RESOLVED** that it be noted that Councillor John Judson has reported the leaking manhole outside Brookfield, and the blocked drain at Scarrows Lane to Cumbria Highways
21/81	**Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No 339025.**	The Council considered the proposed diversion of public footpath no 339025 consultation under the Highways Act 1980 Sections 119. Cumbria County Council would like to receive any comments that the parish Council might wish to make regarding the proposed diversion of a section of public footpath no 339025 at Garthfolds in the parish of Lazonby. The section to be extinguished is shown A-B and a new route to be created shown A-C-D-E-F-G as detailed on the attached map already sent to Councillors. For reasons of safety, the proposed diversion will take walkers out of a busy working farmyard with its regular movement of livestock and large farm machinery and to improve security following a recent burglary. The proposed route will be slightly shorter and will pass through fields and open countryside yet still offers a good view of the traditional farm buildings. The applicant landowner will install BS5709 compliant wicket gates at Points C, D, F and G on the attached map. Groundworks will be undertaken to ease the gradient from the present field level to the roadside at Point G. If the Parish Council wish to visit the site prior to providing a response then please contact the landowner's agent Christopher Gray of Edwin Thompson. When responding, please could you think about the following legal tests that would have to be met if any diversion is to be successful: 1. Will the new path be substantially less convenient to the public? 2. The effect which the diversion would have on public enjoyment of

		the path or way as a whole; 3. The effect the order would have as respects other land served by the existing right of way; 4. The effect of the new right of way on land over which the new path is created; 5. That termination of the alternative footpath is on the same or a connected highway and is substantially as convenient to the public. They would like a reply by the end of April 2021.
		RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed to give the following response to the proposed diversion of a section of public footpath no 339025 at Garthfolds in the parish of Lazonby: • The Parish Council require that all gate wickets are installed before the other footpath is closed.
21/82	**Local Government Reorganisation.**	The Council considered information regarding the Local Government Reorganisation**.** At their last meeting, the Parish Council considered the Local Government Reorganisation Consultation. The Secretary of State for the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Robert Jenrick MP, announced the government's consultation into local government reorganisation (LGR) in three areas of England, including Cumbria. Recently, the principal authorities in Cumbria were invited to submit their proposals for reorganisation in the autumn. The consultation closes at 11.45 pm on 19th April 2021. The Parish Council have noted the consultation and has not given a response as yet. The Parish Council have received a letter from Eden District Council and Carlisle City Council regarding their proposal; and a leaflet from Allerdale Borough Council and Copeland Borough Council regarding their proposal.
		RESOLVED that the information about the Local Government Reorganisation be noted and that the Councillors respond individually.
21/83	**Preparing to Return to Face to Face Parish Council Meetings.**	The Council received information about NALC's guidance about the possible return of face to face meetings after 6th May 2021. The Council considered the NALC guidance on holding face to face meetings to see what the Parish Council need to do. The Council also considered an online survey consultation which been issued regarding whether there should be permanent arrangements allowing Council meetings to take place online, which closes on 17th June: www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-authority-remote-meetings-call-for-evidence". The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Robert Jenrick MP, has written to council leaders about remote meetings to confirm that the government has considered the case for extending legislation very carefully and has concluded that it is not possible to bring forward emergency legislation on this issue at this time. NALCs Chairperson Councillor Sue Baxter has replied to express her disappointment, as has the Local Government Association in their statement. The government has also updated the guidance on the safe use of council buildings following this confirmation, aimed at helping Councils operate safely and securely, including using existing powers to reduce the number of face-to-face meetings deemed necessary. NALC has not been involved or consulted on the update to this guidance and will need to consider the new advice. A Consultation has also been launched about how remote meetings have been used to inform any potential future legislation regarding their use beyond the coronavirus pandemic which closes on 17th June 2021. NALC will of course be responding to this consultation and will be discussing this with other key stakeholders who we have already been working with on this issue. As county officer colleagues heard at yesterday's fortnightly remote

		meeting, NALC is supporting the application by Hertfordshire County Council/Lawyers in Local Government/Association of Democratic Services Officers to the court for a declaration. This will continue despite the government's decision and is expected to be determined before the end of April.
		RESOLVED that the Clerk collate the information about remote meetings and give it to the Parish Council to look at and bring back to the next meeting of the Parish Council.
21/84	**Litter Picking in the Community.**	The Council considered the Keep Britain Tidy's the Great British Spring Clean and a request for the Council to buy more litter picking equipment for the parish. The Keep Britain Tidy organisation has just launched the Great British Spring Clean which they are encouraging local communities to take part. This year, supporters can join us by again making a simple pledge and let us know how many minutes they'll clean up for during the campaign **(**28 May – 13 June 2021). They will convert those minutes to miles with the hope that, come summer, we can all enjoy a cleaner, greener, litter-free environment. People can pledge as an individual or as a group, ensuring they follow the latest Covid-19 guidance about group gatherings outdoors. On our site, we have all the latest safety advice and information. Also, four people in pairs have been out recently picking litter on the road to Carlisle. They have collected 14 bags in a 1 mile stretch, and 23 bags throughout the parish. They have 2 sets of equipment on permanent loan from Eden District Council and have bought another two hoops to use. They have received thanks & positive comments from the local community. A lady near Appleby has set up a Wombling free Eden social media page to link like-minded people who pick litter all over Eden. Eden District Council has limited resources for equipment and wants to mostly keep their equipment to loan out for community litter picks. Therefore a request has been made to the Parish Council to ask if they would fund the purchase of two more litter grabbers at a cost of around £30 so that they have four full sets to use locally on their litter picks. Gordon reported he has ten litter picking sets that Lazonby and Great Salkeld could use but it was only a temporary loan and would need to be given to Great Salkeld when they requested them for their litter picks.
		RESOLVED that the Council agreed to fund the purchase of two more litter grabbers at a cost of around £30. **ALSO RESOLVED** that Councillor Gill Sharples will contact Keep Britain Tidy to inform them what the Parish is doing regarding litter picking.
21/85	**Invitations to Participate.**	The Council considered if Council Members would like to comment, take part in, attend, or send a representative to any invitations to participate. 1. **CALC Member Survey 2021 -** a new survey from the Cumbrian Association of Local Councils (CALC). They would be grateful if the Parish Council could complete this. It is a short questionnaire designed to help them improve their services. It covers areas including council administration, training, employment matters and Council activities such as community planning. The consultation closes on Monday 24th May 2021. 2. **Climate Science & Solutions 101 - What a Difference a Degree Makes - 90-minute climate crash course delivered by Cumbria Actions for Sustainability (CAfS)** - They will initially be holding two sessions with 15 places per session so first come first served. If there is sufficient demand we will arrange for CAfS to deliver further courses. The first sessions are on:

		Tuesday 22nd June 6.30 pm – 8 pm Tuesday 29th June, 1 pm – 2.30 pm The cost will be subsidised for CALC members at £15 per delegate, for non-members the cost is £40 per delegate. 3. **Zoom training for Parish Councils - Wednesday 5th May 2021, at 6.30 pm -7.15 pm** - Join Eden Rivers Trust for a Zoom training event for Parish Councils thinking of setting up Balsam Task Force groups in their area.
		RESOLVED that invitations to participate be noted.
21/86	**INFORMATION gave for reference only.**	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that the following information was given to the Council for reference only. 1. **Action for Health and Mental Health Providers Forum Bulletins.** 2. **Cumbria Arts & Culture Network Newsletters.** 3. **Regular Covid-19 – EDC Daily Member's Briefings.** 4. **Regular NALC Updates and Bulletins.** 5. **Cumbria Community Resilience Group** - **COVID Updates.** 6. **CALC Newsletter – February/March 2021.** 7. **Cumbria in Bloom Newsletter.** 8. **Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership Update – March 2021.** 9. **Newsletter for parish Councils from Eden Rivers Trust.** 10. **Letter from Highways England about road works on the Appleby to Brough bypass starting in April 2021.** 11. **Cumbria County Council Environment Fund and Green Recovery.** 12. **Leeds-Settle-Carlisle Line as Part of a Rural Transport Strategy information -** In January 2020 the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line published their paper 'The Case for Integrated Transport on the Settle Carlisle Line Corridor' which examined how local transport links could be improved benefitting the economic outlook and wellbeing of the communities. In early 2021 the opportunity presented to submit evidence to the DfT Future of Transport: Rural Strategy review. With this in mind, they have therefore revisited the earlier study to form their submission to the DfT review and now provide an update paper entitled the 'The Leeds-Settle-Carlisle Line as Part of a Rural Transport Strategy' for your consideration. The recent paper provides an overview of the transport situation as it currently exists, some of the problems and makes general and specific recommendations on how matters might be improved, envisaging the railway line at the core of a rural transport strategy. Quite simply, the railway line is already there with a reasonable service and state-funded so why not use it?
21/87	**Date of the Next Meeting.**	**RESOLVED** that the date of the next scheduled meeting be Wednesday 5th May 2021, via Zoom virtual meeting; this meeting of the Parish Council will start with an Open Parish Meeting at 7 pm followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Council at approximately 7.30 pm. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will put the Annual General Meeting Notices on the parish notice boards, the Parish Council Website and the Newsletter.

The meeting finished at 9.11 pm