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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

**For the Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on Wednesday 8th June 2022,
in Lazonby Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Chair Councillor Chris West

Councillors Gordon Nicolson, John Judson, Angie Miller, Peter Foley, Tim Wright, Steve Craig and Andrew Miller.

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

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
22/112	Apologies for absence.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no apologies given.
22/113	The filling of Council Member Vacancy.	There were no nominations for a new Council Member to be considered.
		RESOLVED that it be noted that the Parish Council will continue to look to co-opt a new Council Member to fill the remaining position.
22/114	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.
22/115	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 Andrew Miller declared a personal interest in matters concerning the North Cumbria Orchard Group (NCOG).
22/116	Matters of Urgency.	<p>The Council received the following matters which arrived too late to be otherwise placed on the agenda so were introduced in this part of the agenda. These are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. It was reported that a grass-cutting volunteer has recently been given abuse for cutting an area of grass that a parishioner did not want cutting. This is unacceptable behaviour as grass cutters are kindly offering their time to keep the village maintained. This volunteer has sadly now decided to give up grass cutting.2. The Parish Council also received an email from someone who does not live in the Parish but visits the area regularly and who has asked in the past if the Parish Council could leave wild areas in the parish. They wrote to say they were saddened to see that the Parish Council has reverted to its mowing of at least two areas

		<p>again, at Eden Bridge and the strip below the church. The Clerk replied to say that the Parish Council had given these pieces of land a few years of wilding and had nothing but adverse comments about how unkempt they looked and increased dog fouling in the area, and now it was felt that it was better to do it the way it is being done at the moment. The Clerk then received an unpleasant reply which the Chair of the Parish Council incensed by the comments replied to explain the Parish Council's position and to say that their unpleasantness was not appreciated when the Parish Council and the grass cutters were all volunteers giving their time to help the community.</p>
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED that the report on abuse given to grass cutters be noted and the situation kept an eye on. 2. RESOLVED that the report about the complaint about the wildflower areas being cut and the Parish Council's replies be noted.
22/117	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 number of Parishioners have contacted the Parish Council concerned that another parishioner has been ordered by Eden District Council to move their coach and train from the field near Clear View because they are not agricultural vehicles. The Parish Council have spoken to the parishioner and unfortunately, they have had to sell their train as a result of this order. Eden District Council has said they are acting on a complaint made by an anonymous Parishioner. The Parish Council made enquiries about the planning position and it is now of the understanding that the land is zoned for agricultural purposes. There have been several planning applications for the site. The most recent granted consent for what is known as "sui generis " use. This means that the agricultural designation is retained but the precise nature of the activity related to agriculture is not specified. Councillor Mary Robinson is currently looking into the matter. 2. A complaint has been made about dogs running loose and fouling a field near Salkeld road. The gate has also been left open which resulted in sheep getting into a field of turnips and eating the whole crop.
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED that the issue about the train and coach on agricultural land be noted. 2. RESOLVED that the Clerk notify the Community Wardens to see if they can keep an eye on the situation. <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Clerk will put a reminder in the Parish Council's Newsletter about keeping dogs under control, dog fouling and following the country code.</p>

22/118	Report from the local Community Police.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that no report was received from the local community Police.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council received the Eden Focus Police Newsletter for Penrith & Alston for April 2022.</p>
22/119	Parish Broadband Issues.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the B4RN broadband is no longer going forward in Lazonby so this project is now closed.
22/120	Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 4 th May 2022.	It was recommended that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 4 th May 2022 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.
		RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 4 th May 2022 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.
22/121	Progress Reports on Recent Actions.	The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 4 th May 2022.
	a. Donations at Eden Bridge Car Park (Last minute 22/91).	The Council received an update about the donations for Eden Bridge Car Park. The application for Just Donate has been submitted and is currently in the process of being accepted.
		RESOLVED that Councillor Steve Craig and Treasurer Chris Hoy will liaise over the progressing the Just Donate funding when the application is accepted
	b. Repair of the door on the Grass Cutting equipment storage shed (Last minute 22/91).	The Council received an update on the repair of the door on the grass cutting equipment storage shed. The new door has now been put on the grass cutting equipment storage shed, and enough keys were cut for all the grass cutters and a spare key was given to the Clerk. The guarantee for the door has also been given to the Clerk. Some rendering still needs to be done.
		RESOLVED that the Council agreed to give delegated authority to Council John Judson so that he can ask a contractor to do the rendering work if it does not cost more than £150 otherwise he will seek the permission of the Parish Council.
	c. State of footpaths in the Village (Last minute 22/91).	RESOLVED that it be noted that drop kerbs are being installed within the next month.
	d. Parking Issues (Last minute 22/91).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the H bar markings are to be done in the next few months as an advisory to inform drivers that the access should be kept clear near the gate of the Chapel, and Eden graphics will be advised again to put a sign on their gate to say that it is a work entrance.
	e. Highways Issues Updates (Last minute 22/91).	<p>RESOLVED that the drain cover in Fiddlers Lane has now been repaired.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the sunken tarmac in Fiddlers Lane is still to be resolved so will be reported again to Cumbria Highways.</p>
	f. Parish Notice Board Maintenance (Last minute 22/91).	The Council received an update about the Parish notice boards. The felt is still to be repaired, the legs of the Town head notice board need to be repaired and the beading needs also needs to be fixed on the Town Head notice board.

	22/91).	<p>RESOLVED that Councillor John Judson and Treasurer Chris Hoy will look at the loose beading on the Town Head notice board.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the repair of the felt inside the cabinets of the Parish Council side of the notice boards and the legs of the Town Head notice board still needs to be repaired.</p>
	g. Parish Fishing (Last minute 22/91).	<p>The Council received an update about the fishing rights and bailifing in the parish. The Angling Club Secretary and one of his colleagues came out to meet with Councillor Peter Foley to discuss the possibilities of making an offer to use the fishing rights for their Angling Club. The Angling club works on an Annual Membership basis and already has fishing rights on the River Eden in the same area. They also have bailiffs that can check to make sure the users have permits. The Parish Council discussed the need to protect local's rights and make sure that parishioners were still able to fish for free. They also discussed what would happen to the day permits. The Parish Council need to look into how much their current revenue is for fishing and compare it to past years so that they can make sure the bid is competitive and more than covers what they would get annually, and to make sure they reserve the right to reassess it annually. Also the possibility to include the campsite users in this agreement. The Parish Council now need to look at their fishing revenue and give the Angling Club an idea of what they would expect from the agreement and ask them for their proposals.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to give delegated authority to Councillor Peter Foley, Councillor Tim Wright and Treasurer Chris Hoy to pursue the possibilities of a fishing rights agreement with the Angling Club.</p>
	h. Sign at River Eden (Last minute 22/91).	<p>The Council received an update about the sign saying “no access ISSS site on our stream by Lazonby Estates.” which appeared at the River Eden. A Cumbria County Council Rights of Way Officer has checked the definitive map and says there are no rights of way so it is probably an old agreement with the landowner. The Rights of Way Officer was not prepared to meet because of this. Although there is evidence for use if it is not on the definitive map then it will not stand. The path has been used without dispute, as a permissive path, for over 30 years, especially regarding fishing rights on the river.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Councillor Chris West and John Judson will look at the new signs to see if they are restricting the use and then speak to the Manager of Lazonby Estates to see if a solution can be reached.</p>
	i. Broken Rail near the Old School (Last minute no. 22/91).	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the people who were responsible for the accident with the car which damaged the step and broke the rail near the Old School have accepted the quote for the work to be done and will pay for the work without going through the insurance.</p>
	j. Grant to help update the village hall flat to house a Ukrainian family (Last minute no. 22/91).	<p>The Council received an update about giving a grant to help update the village hall flat to house a Ukrainian family. The Clerk received a reply from the Village Hall Committee regarding the Parish Council's grant offer. They thanked the Parish Council for their kind offer and said that they have a volunteer plumber to carry out work in the village hall flat at a cost of £840.84 (including VAT) so they would be happy if the Parish Council could help fund that. So far the Village Hall Committee has achieved the following toward the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About 20 people responded to the appeal and have been assisting in a variety of ways • They have received a brand new kitchen (including induction hob

		<p>and oven) and bathroom from local suppliers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An offer of new carpets, flooring and fitting from a local business • A wall in the flat has been replastered • All walls have been stripped of old wallpaper, filled and made good • A wall between the bathroom and kitchen has been completely removed as it was rotten and made of substandard materials – now replaced with a new stud wall and awaiting plastering • The new corridor to form the entrance to the flat is due to start construction next week (part of the Village Hall's own kitchen renovation which has also now started) • They have a full complement of offers of household furnishings and white goods, many of them donated as new or bought specifically • The kitchen for the flat is due to start being fitted next week • Electrical safety checks and ongoing work – time donated by a qualified electrician • There is a team on standby ready to start the decorating phase. <p>In terms of matching with a Ukrainian refugee family, the Village Hall Committee registered with the government scheme at the start but haven't heard anything. So they have now registered with a charity called Reset which was recommended to them. This includes training and bespoke assistance with short-term assured tenancy agreements for host and refugee tenants. This is matching families and hosts more efficiently and they are hopeful to find a match for either a couple, parent and child, or parent and 2 children, over the next few weeks. The council voted to give the Village Hall appeal £500 - 4 in favour and 4 members, not in favour, therefore the Chair had the casting vote and agreed to award the grant.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed to give the Village Hall Committee a £500 grant towards the plumbing in the Village Hall flat to help ready it for housing a Ukrainian refugee family.</p>
	k. Dangerous Gap on the Steps at the bottom of Scaur Close (Last minute no. 22/91).	<p>The Council received an update about the dangerous gap on the steps at the bottom of Scaur Close. The Clerk received a reply from Eden District Council's Commercial Protection Manager for Principal Environmental Health Officer Food and Safety, who said that they were not clear if the area in question is owned as part of a domestic property or is part of the highway/footpath area owned by Cumbria County Council. However, they did say although they do cover health and safety within their team, domestic premises and non-work settings such as external footpaths/highways areas would not fall within their remit, therefore they were unable to provide any assistance in relation to the details given. They did suggest that the Parish Council could write to the landowner and express their concerns or bring the matter to their attention.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Peter Foley will pursue the issue of the dangerous gap on the steps at the bottom of Scaur Close.</p>
	I. Woodland Management Plan Consultation at Bowscar Estate (Last minute 22/91).	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Philip Whitehouse having looked at the Woodland Management Plan Consultation at Bowscar Estate and the additional information received saw nothing untoward with the proposals.</p>

	m. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Funding, Events and Information (Last minute no. 22/101).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the Queen's Platinum Jubilee events were very well attended, with the Eden Valley Players and the WI decorating the hall; both the WI Jubilee celebratory coffee morning. and the Play went very well.
22/122	Report from District Councillor Gordon Nicolson.	<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. At the Eden District Council Annual Meeting in May 2022 Councillor Douglas Banks was elected as the new the Chairman of Eden District Council. 2. The refurbishment of Voreda House is still going ahead. The location of staff is still to be finalised for the New Authority. The present administration believes staff will be there. The amount of staff has been reduced. <p>RESOLVED that District Councillor Gordon Nicolson be thanked for his report, the contents of which were noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that District Councillor Gordon Nicolson reserved the right to request to speak on other issues on the agenda.</p>
22/123	Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick.	<p>The Council received a report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick about County Council matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Until 1st April 20223 Councillor Gordon Nicolson will be the District Councillor and County Councillor Hilary Carrick the County Councillor. Councillor Colin Atkinson will be part of the Shadow Authority for Westmorland and Furness Council. <p>RESOLVED that County Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Hilary Carrick reserved the right to request to speak on other issues on the agenda.</p>
22/124	Lazonby Parish Projects:	
	a. Proposed Development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station.	<p>The Council received a report about the proposed development of the Lazonby Egg Packing Station. Councillor Gordon Nicolson reported that they are waiting for Eden District Council to come back on proposals from Lazonby Parish Council and the Housing Developers. There is a meeting with Eden District Council's Senior Planning officers in the next fortnight. If it is a positive outcome then the next stage will be to submit a full planning application and purchase the site.</p> <p>As a confidential part of the meeting was not needed for the proposed development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station at this meeting it was recommended that the confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 4th May 2022 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Gordon Nicolson be thanked for the report about the Egg Packing Station Affordable Housing Project which was noted.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on</p>

		the 4 th May 2022 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.
	b. Footway between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool.	<p>The Council received an update on the footway between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool project. Councillor Chris West reported that the tarmac has been laid for the new footway but the plaques are still waiting to be put in. The plaques will be going along the back of the path so they can be read from both sides as you walk the path.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Chris West be thanked for her report on Footway between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool.</p>
	c. New Lazonby Signs.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the 'Lazonby signs on the main roads into the village' project is to be kept on the agenda to be considered once the Footway has been completed.
22/125	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	<p>The Council received a report from the Treasurer for May 2022 (please see attached Treasurer's Report).</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the accounts have been signed off by the Chair and recorded in the minutes in preparation for sending to external audit before 30th June 2022, with all details will be posted onto Parish Website under audit guidelines for the period 1st July to 11th August 2022 for public scrutiny.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his report, the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.</p>
22/126	Funding Agreement for Lazonby & District Swimming Pool.	<p>The Council received an update about the new Funding Agreement for Lazonby & District Swimming Pool. The Clerk has updated the funding agreement between the Parish Council and Lazonby & District Swimming Pool by adding the cost of repairs and renewals to play equipment, to point 5 of the agreement so that is included as part of the maximum payment of £2500.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Parish Council are now waiting to hear from the Swimming Pool Committee to take the new funding agreement forward.</p>
22/127	Authority for Payments.	<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 £9.75 to the Geoff Wilson for the Parish mower fuel. 2. The sum of £32.00 to John Judson for new keys for the new door replacement for the grass cutting equipment storage shed. 3. The sum of £2000.00 to Garage Door Services Cumbria Ltd for the new door for the grass cutting equipment storage shed (includes VAT of £333.33).
22/128	Parish Council Staff Appraisals.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the Parish Council Chair Councillor Chris West will be giving the staff their appraisals in the near future.
22/129	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	<p>The Council considered the new planning applications which were issued for consultation by Eden District Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Application No. 22/0386 - Variation of condition 2 (plans compliance) for the insertion of steps from the street to dwelling, attached to approval 21/0583, at Land South of West Bank Top, Lazonby Penrith.

		<p>2. Planning Application No. 22/0343 - Removal of domestic ground floor kitchen and lounge area, in lieu of community kitchen and store, maintaining the existing round floor access up to first-floor domestic accommodation, at the Village Hall, Lazonby, Penrith.</p>
		<p>1. RESOLVED that the Council had NO OBJECTIONS to Planning Application No. 22/0386 - Variation of condition 2 (plans compliance) for the insertion of steps from the street to dwelling, attached to approval 21/0583, at Land South of West Bank Top, Lazonby Penrith.</p> <p>2. RESOLVED that the Council had NO OBJECTIONS to Planning Application No. 22/0343 - Removal of domestic ground floor kitchen and lounge area, in lieu of community kitchen and store, maintaining the existing round floor access up to first-floor domestic accommodation, at the Village Hall, Lazonby, Penrith.</p>
22/130	Planning Applications – Decisions.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the following Planning Application Decisions were received:</p> <p>1. Planning Application No.22/0233 - Replace the existing rear conservatory with a single-storey rear extension, at 4 Tallows Whins, Lazonby, Penrith, CA10 1AR – GRANTED.</p>
22/131	LPC Cumbria Highways Link Person Report.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the lines down Rectory Lane are being reinstated by the Linning Contractor who is currently working around the county so it is hoped it will be completed soon.</p>
22/132	Local Government Reorganisation.	<p>The Council received updates on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Bulletins – updates and newsletters on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) - Newsletters – 5th May 2022 and 13th May 2022.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that the information and updates about the Local Government Reorganisation be noted.</p>
22/133	Scale hill footpath from Townhead to Great Salkeld Road.	<p>The Council considered again the overgrown state and the unrepaired signpost on the Scale hill footpath from Townhead to Great Salkeld Road. Last September a parishioner reported to Countryside Access the state of the Scales hill footpath from Townhead to Great Salkeld Road, because it was overgrown with vegetation making it impassable. Also, the broken, fingerpost was on the ground. The parishioner received a reply that a Cumbria County Council contractor would clear the vegetation and the sign erected. To the parishioner's knowledge, the footpath was never trimmed and is now yet again becoming impassable due to overgrowth, and in addition, the footpath sign is still waiting to be put back up. When the Parish Council checked it out the vegetation looked as if it had been cut but the signpost was still waiting to be put up and it was hoped it would be done soon. County Councillor Hilary Carrick reported that the path had been trimmed last year, and will be trimmed again imminently by Cumbria County Council contractors. The post is still scheduled to be erected. Also that it would be useful to find out how many parishioners use the footpath so that it could be put on an annual schedule of maintenance.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that Councillor Chris West inform the parishioner about the path being trimmed again and the post being put back up.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the parishioner be asked if they knew how many parishioners used the path regularly to see if the footpath can be put on an annual schedule of maintenance with Cumbria County Council.</p>

22/134	North Cumbria Orchard Group (NCOG) Event.	<p>Councillor Andrew Miller, a member of NCOG, reported that they are looking for venues to set up their apple pressing equipment this coming Autumn 2022 for a free public juicing event. The idea is to bring your own apples and some containers and they will juice them with their professional equipment. This will be free of charge but donations will always be gratefully accepted by NCOG. A possible venue could be the Eden Bridge picnic area but they would need access to a tap for running water as the equipment works by water pressure to squeeze the apple pulp, so that will need a bit of thought first. Maybe it can be a village event and maybe invite other organisations and appropriate businesses to take part. Councillor Andrew Miller has spoken to Lazonby Swimming Pool Committee and asked them about using their site, especially as they would need water and electricity. It could help to raise funds for the swimming pool. Also, see if the school would like to be involved. There would be no financial assistance needed from the Parish Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council would be happy in principle to support the North Cumbria Orchard Group (NCOG) apple pressing event.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillors Andrew Miller and Tim Wright will look into the possibilities of having the North Cumbria Orchard Group (NCOG) apple pressing event in the parish.</p>
22/135	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. Together with Refugees (Countywide) Forum, 8th June 2022, 7 pm-8.15 pm via Teams – registration will need to be completed online.</p> <p>RESOLVED that invitations to participate be noted.</p>
22/136	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. Regular NALC Updates and Bulletins, including the Chief Executives Bulletin. 2. CALC News March & April 2022. 3. CALC Grant Funding Guidance for Town and Parish Councils. 4. A letter regarding the Queen's Award for Enterprise from Joely Ewbank, the Lieutenancy Officer. 5. Eden Economic Development and Tourism newsletter: Issue 59. 6. Grant Funding Opportunities for Town or Parish Councils- updated 26/05/22
22/137	Date of the Next Meeting.	<p>RESOLVED that the date of the next scheduled meeting be Wednesday 6th July 2022, at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.</p>

The meeting finished at 9.05 pm.