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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

**For the Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on Wednesday 6th July 2022,
in Lazonby Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Chair Councillor Chris West

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

Also in attendance: Treasurer to the Council Chris Hoy and the Clerk to the Council Rebecca Wyatt.

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
22/138	Apologies for absence.	RESOLVED that the apologies received from County Councillor Hilary Carrick (Illness) and Councillor Angie Miller be accepted and noted.
22/139	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.
22/140	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.
22/141	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).
22/142	Matters of Urgency.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no matters of urgency to consider.
22/143	Public Participation.	There were no parishioners present to make any contributions relating to any items on the agenda, or any other parish-related matter which they may have wished to raise. The Parish Council however discussed issues that parishioners had been in contact about. 1. A parishioner has complained about the Eden Bridge to Lazonby Swimming Pool footway official opening being on a Friday as they were not able to attend. However, this was done so that the school children could attend and local business sponsors. 2. The Council also received information that the issue of dogs running loose and fouling a field near Salkeld road and the gate being left open resulted in sheep getting into a field of turnips and eating the whole crop.

		<p>1. RESOLVED that it be noted that the parishioner was given an explanation about why the Eden Bridge to Lazonby Swimming Pool footway official opening had been on Friday to include the school children and local business sponsors.</p> <p>2. RESOLVED that the about dogs running loose and fouling a field near Salkeld road and the gate being left open resulting in sheep getting into a field of turnips and eating the whole crop is now in the hands of the Community Wardens who are talking directly to the parishioners making the complaints.</p>
22/144	Report from the local Community Police.	<p>RESOLVED that the following Reports from Erica Norman PCSO 5397 be noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A report was received that a door-to-door salesman was in Lamb Lea on 9th June 2022 in the evening, unfortunately, the Police had no free patrols to come to the area. This was the only report they had. 2. A resident rang the police at midnight between 23rd and 24th June to report seeing lights coming from the auction mart because they were concerned that someone was breaking in. The Police attended and did not locate anyone, as the mart is empty and quite damaged as it is, no thefts or new damage was recorded. <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council received the Eden Focus Police Newsletter for Penrith & Alston for May to June 2022.</p>
22/145	Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 8th June 2022.	<p>It was recommended that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 8th June 2022 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 8th June 2022 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
22/146	Progress Reports on Recent Actions.	The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 8 th June 2022.
	a. Donations at Eden Bridge Car Park (Last minute 22/121).	<p>The Council received an update about the donations for Eden Bridge Car Park. There is a delay in the Just Donate application process. They have asked for a company number which the Parish Council do not have so Treasurer Chris Hoy has sent them the most recent approved Minutes which are still to be accepted as proof of the Parish Council's status.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Steve Craig and Treasurer Chris Hoy will continue to liaise over the progressing of the Just Donate funding application.</p>
	b. Repair of the door on the Grass Cutting equipment storage shed (Last minute 22/121).	<p>The Council received an update about the rendering of the grass-cutting equipment storage shed. The cost of the rendering will be approximately £200.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to the cost of the rendering being approximately £200.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that it is hoped that the work will now be carried out this month (July 2022).</p>
	c. State of footpaths in the Village (Last minute 22/121).	RESOLVED that it be noted that there was no report given.

d. Parking Issues (Last minute 22/121).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the parking issues in Scaur Lane have now been resolved.
e. Highways Issues Updates (Last minute 22/121).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the work on the sunken tarmac in Fiddlers Lane is scheduled to be done at the end of August 2022.
f. Parish Notice Board Maintenance (Last minute 22/121).	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the repair of the felt inside the cabinets of the Parish Council side of the notice boards, the loose beading and the legs of the Town Head notice board are all now repaired.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the welding repair on the notice board legs still needs to be painted.</p>
g. Parish Fishing (Last minute 22/121).	<p>The Council received an update about the fishing rights and bailifing in the parish. The Council need to find out if there is a covenant regarding the Parish Council's Fishing rights on the River Eden. This will mean speaking to previous landowners as it is believed the rights to fish were given before the present landowners.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Chris West will speak to the previous owner of the land regarding the Parish Council's fishing rights to see if there was a covenant.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Treasurer Chris Hoy will present the figures for the current fishing permits at the September 2022 Parish Council meeting.</p>
h. Sign at River Eden (Last minute 22/121).	<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.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillors Chris West and John Judson are still waiting to 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 22/121).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the damaged step and broken rail near the Old School are to be repaired in the next few weeks.
J. Dangerous Gap on the Steps at the bottom of Scaur Close (Last minute 22/121).	RESOLVED that it be noted that there was nothing further to report on the dangerous gap on the steps at the bottom of Scaur Close at present.
k. Scales hill footpath from Townhead to Great Salkeld Road (Last minute 22/133).	<p>The Council received an update about the overgrown state and the unrepaired signpost on the Scales hill footpath from Townhead to Great Salkeld Road.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Chris West spoke to the parishioner and told them about the maintenance to be done and asked if they could keep an eye out on how many other people used it so it can hopefully be put on County Council's maintenance schedule.</p>
l. North Cumbria Orchard Group (NCOG) Event (Last minute 22/134).	The Council received an update on the possibility of hosting a North Cumbria Orchard Group (NCOG) event in the Parish. Councillor Tim Wright reported that the School are happy to be part of the event. The Swimming Pool Committee are also happy to be a part of the event. The date for the event is Saturday 8 th October 2022. There will be lots of apple-related activities. If it is successful this could be an annual Autumn event.

		RESOLVED that Councillors Tim Wright and Andrew Miller are meeting with the North Cumbria Orchard Group (NCOG) to discuss the event further, and they will also talk to the School children about the event too.
22/147	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. Local Government Organisation – there is a lot of work behind the scenes with several project groups looking at several work streams. It is hoped to be a seamless transfer from old to new Councils with services still being delivered as normal. Service contracts have been extended for the transitional period beyond April 2023. The conclusions from all working groups will be given to the Shadow Authority for approval. It is more challenging for the new Councils to determine the way ahead for current services such as Adult Social care, Children’s Services and Education. Options are being considered. However, the Fire and Rescue Service will be maintained as a single Cumbria wide service. The Police and Crime Commissioner have submitted a bid to Government to make the Fire and Rescue Service his responsibility. A response is awaited but some Councillors and the Fire Brigade Union oppose this proposal. 2. Eden District Council’s Review Group for the Transfer of Assets has now reached its final decisions which were stated on the July 2022 agenda and consequently on these minutes at minute 22/157. 3. A task and finish group is considering the extent to which Section 106 Agreement obligations have been met by developers and others. These are legally binding agreements attached to planning approval and typically cover the provision of affordable housing issues, contributions to education services and health care. <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>
22/148	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. The County Council is very busy with the transitional arrangements for the transfer of their current responsibilities to the new authority as well as trying to maintain business as usual. 2. Recruitment to the key officer posts has started with the recruitment of the Chief Executive for the Westmorland and Furness Council. The closing date for applications was Monday 4th July 2022 and the council received 17 applications. Once a Chief Executive has been appointed, recruitment will start for the other statutory posts of the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Finance Officer. 3. Discussions are ongoing about the way services could be delivered in future with blueprints being produced. The final decisions on these, however, will lie with the new Council from Vesting day, 1st April 2023. <p>RESOLVED that County Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.</p>

22/149	Lazonby Parish Projects:	
	a. Proposed Development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station.	The Council received a report about the proposed development of the Lazonby Egg Packing Station. Councillor Gordon Nicolson reported that the proposal to link the Egg Packing Station and Scaur Lane building sites do not meet current policy requirements. As a result, the project is on hold. Further options for the site are being explored.
		RESOLVED that Councillor Gordon Nicolson be thanked for the report about the Egg Packing Station Affordable Housing Project which was noted.
	b. Footway between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool.	The Council received an update on the footway between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool project. Councillor Chris West reported that the footway is complete with plaques now in place. The building costs have increased and the final bill is still to come in. The official opening will be on Friday 15 th July 2022 so to include the school children, local businesses etc.
		RESOLVED that the Parish Council wished to thank Councillor Hilary Carrick, Councillor Chris West, Councillor Angie Miller and the Footway Working Group for all of the hard work they have done to have the footway between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool installed. ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Chris West be thanked for her report on Footway between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool.
	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.
22/150	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	The Council received a report from the Treasurer for June 2022 (please see attached Treasurer's Report).
		RESOLVED that it be noted that in compliance with audit guidelines the unaudited accounts have been published on the Parish Council's website until 11 th August 2022, awaiting the external auditor's report. ALSO RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his report, the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.
22/151	Funding Agreement for Lazonby & District Swimming Pool.	The Council received an update about the new funding agreement for Lazonby & District Swimming Pool. The committee are going to provide the Council with the costs of the upkeep of the community playground.
		RESOLVED that it be noted that the funding agreement will now be given to the Swimming Pool Committee so that they can view it ready to be finalised in September 2022.
22/152	Authority for Payments.	RESOLVED that the Council considered requests for payment received by the Treasurer, Clerk or Council Members, and agreed to pay the following: 1. The sum of £27.24 to Geoff Wilson for the Parish mower fuel and a new fuel container. 2. The sum of £122.12 to the Clerk for office and travel expenses from May to July 2022.

22/153	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	The Council considered the new planning applications which were issued for consultation by Eden District Council. 1. Planning Application No. 22/0378 - Listed Building Consent for the insertion of 2 no windows to the rear of the property, at Nord View Farm, Armathwaite, Carlisle.
		1. RESOLVED that the Council had NO OBJECTIONS to Planning Application No. 22/0378 - Listed Building Consent for the insertion of 2 no windows to the rear of the property, at Nord View Farm, Armathwaite, Carlisle.
22/154	Planning Applications – Decisions.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the following Planning Application Decisions were received: 1. Planning Application No: 22/0088 - Discharge of conditions 5 (surface water drainage scheme) 6 (surface water management plan) and 7 (construction method statement), attached to approval 17/0016, at Land at Scaur Lane, Lazonby – DISCHARGE GRANTED.
22/155	LPC Cumbria Highways Link Person Report.	The Council received the following reports on other issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting concerning Cumbria Highways. 1. Councillor John Judson has reported a sunken hole in Scaur lane to Cumbria Highways. 2. A parishioner has requested having speed bumps on the Meadows to slow traffic because of children on the estate. There are no kerbs on one side and drop kerbs on the other side. However, the road has not been adopted yet, although the final work is being done at present for it to be adopted.
		RESOLVED that it be noted that the resident has been told to speak to the Story Homes Management Committee, County Councillor Hilary Carrick and Cumbria Highways once the road has been adopted by Cumbria County Council.
22/156	Local Government Reorganisation.	The Council received updates on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Bulletins – updates and newsletters on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) - Newsletters – 10 th June 2022, 17 th June 2022 and 23 rd June 2022.
		RESOLVED that the information and updates about the Local Government Reorganisation be noted.
22/157	Information on the Transfer of Assets from Eden District Council to Town and Parish Councils.	The Council received information on the Transfer of Assets from Eden District Council to Town and Parish Councils. The following extract from the Minutes of the May 2022 Eden Cabinet meeting. This statement now represents the Council's policy position on the transfer of assets. <i>“CAB/138/05/22 Devolution of Assets The Portfolio Holder for Resources gave background to the work of the Devolution of Assets Task and Finish Group of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Members then considered the report DCE16/22 of the Assistant Director Delivery, which sought to update Members how to proceed with the review into the devolution of assets to Parish Councils. Proposed by Cllr Greenwood Seconded by Cllr Sharp 6 and RESOLVED that:</i> 1. <i>that pending Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), the recommendations in this report will replace any previous decisions made in relation to the devolution of assets;</i> 2. <i>further 2. that no recharges in relation to the provision of footway lighting are levied in 2022/2023 as a goodwill gesture for those</i>

		<p><i>Councils who have adopted their footway lighting;</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. <i>further 3. that provision is made to sustain the footway lighting contract until the end of its current term in 2027 giving Parish Councils the option to complete on those already engaged in the transfer process;</i> 4. <i>further 4. that a program is established to remove sodium lights without replacements as they cease to function;</i> 5. <i>further, that as amended and agreed 5. that existing policies in relation to any future transfer and existing maintenance for remaining play areas and toilets remain unchanged;</i> 6. <i>and 6. that £500 be paid in 2022/2023 to the adopting Councils of public conveniences as an ex gratia payment towards running costs.</i> <p><i>Reasons for the Decision/Recommendation: The intended purpose of the transfer of assets review is no longer valid and that considerations should be made for those parishes to have taken on assets."</i></p> <p>RESOLVED that the information on the Transfer of Assets from Eden District Council to Town and Parish Councils be noted and noted as completed.</p>
22/158	Lazonby Street Names.	<p>The Council considered the information about the street names for the Genesis Homes housing development.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that Daffodil has been put forward for the street name but the Parish Council have put forward sheep names as an alternative.</p>
22/159	Invitations to Participate.	<p>The Council considered if Council Members would like to comment, take part in, attend, or send a representative to any invitations to participate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LDNPA press release: National Park Authority is looking for hidden gems to celebrate local heritage - The National Park Authority is inviting residents and visitors to highlight the special buildings, sites and features that make the Lake District special and should be celebrated. A new campaign, designed to help protect the 'commonplace or everyday' heritage assets that are valued by people locally, but don't have any existing protection in their own right under planning law is now living in the Lake District. As part of this, a new Local Heritage List is being compiled and anyone can help protect and celebrate a wide range of heritage features by nominating them for inclusion. All nominations will be considered by a panel made up of council and voluntary heritage group representatives from across Cumbria and all successful sites will be added to the Local Heritage List which will be available to search online. 2. Levelling Up Bill - Tim Farron MP has written to all Parish Councils in the new Westmorland and Furness area to ask them to get involved. As a member of the House of Commons committee, he will be going through every single line of the government's 'Levelling Up Bill'. He believes the Bill gives me the chance to change Cumbria for the better if they can force the government to listen. He explained that although our local communities are wonderful places to live and work they are at risk due to a lack of affordable homes, unreliable public transport and a lack of well-paid jobs. Being on this committee gives him the best opportunity to do something about this. In the Levelling Up Bill, the government is not currently going to properly address those

		<p>problems - but by being part of this Committee, Tim Farron MP will have the chance to propose amendments to make sure that they do. He aims to ask the government to help the communities in Cumbria. He would therefore be really grateful to hear any thoughts and ideas Parish Council's may have about how Cumbria can be "levelled up" with the rest of the country. This will greatly help him put forward amendments to the Bill in this committee.</p> <p>3. NALC Dementia Survey - NALCs new survey on dementia-friendly councils. The survey closes on the 22nd of July 2022.</p> <p>4. Emergency Information Sheet for Town and Parish Councils - There are around 50 towns and parishes across Cumbria that have an emergency plan in place, led by a community response group within the area. Some towns and parishes are currently in the process of creating an emergency plan for their area, and CALC can offer support to do this. However, CALC is aware that not every area has the resources to create an emergency response group- to create an emergency plan- and keep it up to date. As a result, they have created a new Emergency Information Sheet for Town and Parish Councils, which when completed, would be very useful in case of an emergency or an event in the absence of an emergency plan. If your area does not currently have an emergency plan in place, and you have no plans to go down this route, please consider completing the attached Emergency Information Sheet and return it to CALC.</p>
		RESOLVED that invitations to participate be noted.
22/160	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 and the Civility and Respect Project. 2. Cost of Living Public Information Leaflet - Cumbria County Council has produced a Cost of Living Public Information Leaflet that provides local information for Cumbrian residents on a range of helpful topics, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Support • Food Support • Domestic Abuse Support • Mental Health Support <p>Please share this information with your communities via your website or social media pages. (Social Toolkit has been attached and some images that could be used). If you require the leaflet in another format (e.g. CD, audio cassette, Braille or large type) or another language, please telephone 0300 303 2992.</p> 3. Funding For Rise in Cost of Living - A number of bits of funding have been announced nationally recently to help with the rise in the cost of living - the national schemes announced by the chancellor are summarised here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-living-support/cost-of-living-support-factsheet-26-may-2022 Locally, Cumbria County Council's Cabinet yesterday approved £2m funding to support a range of measures, including more support linked to free school meals, including increases in school uniform grants: https://news.cumbria.gov.uk/News/2021/schoolclothinggrantsreceiv

		<p>e500kboost.aspx We know there are likely to be people who are eligible for free schools meals who aren't currently claiming them - so it'd be really helpful if people could publicise the information about how to do so, and the additional benefits that are linked to them - all in the press release above.</p> <p>4. Emergency Information Sheet for Town and Parish Councils - There are around 50 towns and parishes across Cumbria that have an emergency plan in place, led by a community response group within the area. Some towns and parishes are currently in the process of creating an emergency plan for their area, and CALC can offer support to do this. However, CALC is aware that not every area has the resources to create an emergency response group- to create an emergency plan- and keep it up to date. As a result, they have created a new Emergency Information Sheet for Town and Parish Councils, which when completed, would be very useful in case of an emergency or an event in the absence of an emergency plan. If your area does not currently have an emergency plan in place, and you have no plans to go down this route, please consider completing the attached Emergency Information Sheet and return it to CALC.</p> <p>5. Twenty-five Year Environment Plan Newsletter – June 2022</p> <p>6. Neighbourliness - How to get involved -This was the insight from the resilience questionnaire about Good Neighbour Group/Initiatives in your area. Many areas already have members of their community or groups who are carrying out neighbourly actions. There is plenty of information relating to setting up such groups, and some other resources and ideas that support Neighbourliness.</p> <p>7. News from Cumbria Community Foundation.</p> <p>8. News Release - Community HealthPathways - Blog by Dr Helen Horton – West Cumbrian GP.</p> <p>9. Census 2021 - first results published.</p>
22/161	Date of the Next Meeting.	RESOLVED that the date of the next scheduled meeting be Wednesday 7 th September 2022, at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.

The meeting finished at 8.42 pm.