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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

**For the Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on Wednesday 7th December 2022,
in Lazonby Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Chair Councillor Gordon Nicolson
Councillors Peter Foley, Angie Miller, Tim Wright John Judson and Andrew Miller.

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

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
22/234	Appointment of Chair of the Council for the Meeting.	<p>Due to the absence of the elected Parish Council Chair, the Council considered nominations for the position of Chair of the Council for this meeting from the Council Members present.</p> <p>RESOLVED (all in favour) that Councillor Gordon Nicolson be appointed as Chair of the Council for this meeting.</p>
22/235	Apologies for absence.	RESOLVED that the apologies received from Parish Councillor Chris West and County Councillor Hilary Carrick be accepted and noted.
22//236	The filling of a Council Member Vacancy.	<p>The Council have not received any nominations as yet to co-opt new Council Members. Eden District Council has informed the Clerk that there were no requests received for election so the Council can now move to co-option for the vacancy following the resignation of Councillor Steve Craig.</p> <p>Councillor Phillip Whitehouse has said that he would like to now return to Parish Council duties in February 2023 following his initial leave of absence from the Parish Council.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council agreed to give Councillor Phillip Whitehouse an extension of his leave of absence from the Parish Council until February 2023.</p>
22/237	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.
22/238	Declaration of Interest.	<p>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.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Gordon Nicolson declared a personal interest in matters concerning Eden District Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Tim Wright declared a personal interest in matters concerning the Eden Valley Players grant application.</p>

22/239	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 the stone plinth near the Church had still not been repaired although it had been reported at the November 2022 Parish Council meeting that it had been. 2. Councillor Andrew Miller informed the Parish Council that he now had personal issues that may hinder his full involvement in Council matters at present. <hr/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED that Councillor Hilary Carrick be informed that the stone plinth near the Church had still not been repaired so that Cumbria Highways can be informed. 2. RESOLVED that the present personal issues for Councillor Andrew Miller be noted and a sympathetic understanding given for his current circumstances.
22/240	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 expressed concerns about the Scaur Close steps because a brick has come out from under the steps which go from Scaur Close onto the Salkeld road, and the brick is now at the side of the steps so is potentially a trip hazard, also they are concerned that the step may now be weakened by it coming out. 2. A parishioner expressed their concerns about the road from Lazonby to Plumpton, as you leave the village, because it is often covered with surface water, and they are concerned that this will be a more significant problem when it is icy and so will become a greater risk of causing accidents. Maybe possible warning signage could be erected. 3. It was reported that a car had crashed into the fence at Eden Bridge taking out approximately 30 meters of the fencing. The footway is thankfully undamaged. The incident happened overnight. 4. The 30 mile an hour signs at the top of the village have been changed to 80 with spray paint. 5. The road coming from the quarry onto the A6 to Plumpton has a layer of mud building up on it put there by the vehicles coming out of the quarry. There is also believed to be a blocked gully that is creating water build-up. The road cleaning sweepers have tried to clean the road. 6. The Village Hall Committee has expressed certain concerns about the Egg Packing Station Affordable Housing Development and questioned whether more affordable housing was needed with the new Genesis Housing Development being built. They suggested the area may be better used as either a green space or extra parking for the area. Councillor Gordon Nicolson explained that demand for affordable housing in Lazonby had been established. There were over a thousand people on the waiting list for affordable housing in the Eden District. Any affordable houses in Lazonby becoming available were quickly relet. The project in

		<p>conjunction with Genesis homes had not been approved by Eden District Council so it could not proceed. Other sources in the village had suggested that the site could be developed for community use however enquiries about grant funding were unsuccessful. The only grant available is for affordable housing. The Village Hall Committee said that they would be prepared to help with fundraising for an alternative project at the old egg packing station. Members expressed thanks for this offer.</p> <p>7. A parishioner has reported that a manhole cover has been dislodged by the new house's drainage works and every time a car goes over it, it bangs. The manhole cover is near Chapel House on Main Street.</p>
		<p>1. RESOLVED that it be noted that the brick tripping hazard has been removed but the hole still needs filling which is to be done this week.</p> <p>2. RESOLVED that it be noted that surface water on the road from Lazonby to Plumpton, as you leave the village will be reported to Cumbria Highways.</p> <p>3. RESOLVED that it be noted that the broken fence next to the Eden Bridge to Lazonby swimming pool footway will be reported to Cumbria Highways.</p> <p>4. RESOLVED that it be noted that the defacing of the 30 mile an hour signs at the top of the village will be reported to Cumbria Highways if the spray paint is not able to be cleaned off.</p> <p>5. RESOLVED that it be noted that the muddy state of the quarry road and the blocked gully will be reported to Cumbria Highways.</p> <p>6. RESOLVED that the Village Hall Committees' comments and concerns regarding the Egg Packing Station Affordable Housing Project be noted.</p> <p>7. RESOLVED that it be noted that the loose manhole cover has been reported to Cumbria Highways.</p>
22/241	Report from the local Community Police.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that there was no report from the local community Police.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council received the Penrith & Alston Police Newsletter for September – October 2022, and October – November 2022.</p>
22/242	Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 2nd November 2022.	<p>It was recommended that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 2nd November 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 2nd November 2022 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
22/243	Progress Reports on Recent Actions.	The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 2 nd November 2022

	a. Donations at Eden Bridge Car Park (Last minute 22/218).	RESOLVED that Councillor Angie Miller will contact other Parish Councils to ask about how they manage their car parks. ALSO RESOLVED that Treasurer Chris Hoy will assist Councillor Angie Miller in progressing the donations at Eden Bridge Car Park.
	b. Repair of the door on the Grass Cutting equipment storage shed (Last minute 22/218).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the rendering work on the grass-cutting equipment storage shed has now been completed however the invoice has still to be received.
	c. State of footpaths in the Village (Last minute 22/218).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the County Council's program for the maintenance of footpaths, including drop kerbs is still ongoing. ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor John Judson would look at the visibility issues on the footpath on exiting the gate from the school hall as it has been reported as being unlit, uneven and therefore a possible trip hazard.
	d. Parish Fishing (Last minute 22/218).	RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Peter Foley has contacted the representatives from the Angling Club about having a meeting to discuss the report given to them by the Parish Council and any proposals but has not received a reply as yet.
	e. Sign at River Eden (Last minute 22/218).	RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Chris West gave a letter by hand to Lazonby Estates regarding the 'no access ISSS site on our stream by Lazonby Estates' sign on the gates at the River Eden but has not received a reply as yet.
	f. Broken Rail near the Old School (Last minute 22/218).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the broken flagstone still needs to be replaced.
	g. Request from Lazonby Village Hall Committee to review electricity use (Last minute 22/218).	The Council received an update about the request from Lazonby Village Hall Committee to review the footway light on the Village Hall's electricity use. The Parish Council have asked for further information about the cost of electricity for the external public lighting. The Village Hall Committee sent a bill from 2016 and their most recent bill from 2022. The 2016 bill is for 3 months and the 2022 bill is for just one month. The original agreement was that the Parish Council would meet the electric costs for the public lighting in 2015 and the Sum of £100 per annum was agreed upon. The bills show the increase in the rate per kiwi used (the nighttime and weekend rate) from 13.41p per KW to 17.46p per KW. This is a 30% increase over the 6 years. They looked at annual costs overall over the past few years, but this was unhelpful as electric use by the hall has varied hugely due in 2018 to electric heaters being used whilst there was no central heating, and then due to Covid where much less was used. RESOLVED that the Council agreed to pay £125 per annum and to review it on an annual basis. (5 Members agreed and 1 Member abstained).
22/244	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. Preparations for the new local authority are still ongoing. The staff are working flat out while keeping the wheels in motion. There are staff being allocated at the moment, and contracts and staff are being transferred from the old authority to the new authority, such as planning, the refuse contract etc. It is hoped it will be a seamless handover. Senior posts have been filled by internal and

		<p>external applicants.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Eden District Council has approved an additional £1.47 million towards March 2023.funding Voreda House which is scheduled to be finished and be occupied by 31st March. 3. Eden Distinct Council’s Chairman’s Carol Service is taking place on 12th December 2022 at St. Andrews Church in Penrith. <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>
22/245	Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there was no report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick due to her absence however District Councillor Gordon Nicolson covered County Council issues on Councillor Carrick’s behalf.
22/246	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 the Addington Trust are currently in talks with a Housing Association in North Yorkshire to see if they wished to partner in the affordable housing project.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Gordon Nicolson be thanked for the report about the Egg Packing Station Affordable Housing Project which was noted.</p>
	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. The final report regarding the £7500 grant has now been submitted and the funding is awaited from Eden District Council’s Community Fund. Cumbria County Council has invoiced the Parish Council for the final funding towards the cost of the footway. There was an outstanding query on the invoice which is being resolved. The footway project was reported about in the Scotmid Community Magazine.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council wished to thank again everyone involved in the footway between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool project.</p>
22/247	Annual Lazonby Parish Council Grant Applications for 2023 – 2024.	<p>The Council considered the recommendations from the Finance & Budget Committee for the funding applications for 2022/2023.</p> <p>The Finance and Budget Committee met in November 2022, to discuss grant awards, as well as the budget and precept for 2023/2024. The following grant applications were considered and recommendations of awards were given to the Council Members for them to make their final decisions. The following organisations/groups asked for funding and their requests were discussed by the Finance and Budget Committee and put before the full Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Eden Valley Players. 2. The Lazonby Festive Donation Club. <p>Councillor Tim Wright left the room while the Parish Council discussed the</p>

		<p>Eden Valley Players grant application because he declared an interest in the application, and returned for the discussion about the Lazonby Festive Donation Club grant application.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to give the following grant application awards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> RESOLVED that Eden Valley Players be awarded financial assistance of £1200 towards the purchase of wireless microphone headsets and 1 handheld microphone for productions. RESOLVED that Lazonby Festive Donation Tree Club be awarded financial assistance of £50 towards the cost of purchasing a Christmas tree to place outside the Midland, decorations and additional lights to raise money by donating to Jigsaw Charity.
<p>22/248</p>	<p>Financial Report by the Treasurer.</p>	<p>The following financial issues were considered by the Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Council received a report from the Treasurer for November 2022 (please see attached Treasurer's Report). The Council also received the draft minutes of the Finance and Budget Committee meeting held in November 2022 for approval. The Council also received the recommendations from the Finance and Budget Committee regarding the budget and precept for 2023 - 2024, after their recent meeting in November 2022 for approval. The Treasurer presented a report on the Budget, Grants and Precept for 2023/2024. The Finance & Budget Committee agreed that the Treasurer's projected Reserve Balance for year end 31/03/23 of £14,392 as a starting point to project the future Reserves of the Parish Council. The Budget was presented which had been derived from historical data, an assumption of a 100% grant allocation, an unchanged precept and influencing costs. And finally, as in the previous agenda item, the two requests for financial assistance were considered. The Finance & Budget Committee recommended that the Precept stay unchanged at £14350 based on the fact that the Reserves are still adequate and above the contingency basis of £10,000. This will support parishioners facing rising costs impacting their disposable incomes and pensions. If future precepts increase then this should be a direct response to unknown costs like higher grant applications, inflated costs and any reductions in rental income. Finally, with the business of the grants and Precept being finalised, the Budget projects a Reserve Balance for year end 31/03/24 of £13102. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his monthly report, the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted. RESOLVED that Minutes of the Finance and Budget Committee regarding the budget and precept for 2023 – 2024 be approved as a true record of those proceedings. ALSO RESOLVED that the approved Minutes of the Finance and Budget Committee regarding the budget and precept for 2023 – 2024 be signed at the February 2023 meeting of the Parish Council due to the absence of a hard copy at this meeting. RESOLVED that the Council agreed to keep the precept unchanged at £14.350.

		<p>4. RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his report on the budget and precept for 2023 – 2024 which was approved, accepted and noted.</p>
22/249	<p>To Approve the Minutes of the Finance & Budget Committee – November 2021.</p>	<p>It was recommended that the Minutes of the Parish Council’s Finance & Budget Committee Meeting on the 17th of November 2021 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that the following amendments to the Minutes of the Parish Council’s Finance & Budget Committee Meeting on the 17th of November 2021 some of which were decided at the full meeting of the Parish Council in December 2021.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Item 7 - grant applications should read “Therefore the Committee has recommended that a grant be allocated to the Village Hall of £4000 provided that a minimum of up to two up-to-date quotes are presented to the Committee for consideration. Total Applications £7766 Total Recommendations £5066.” 2. In the summise section point 5 which reads “increase the Precept by £1000 to £14450 to reflect the above recommendations” should read “increase the Precept by £1000 to £14350 to reflect the above recommendations.” 3. On page 3 which reads “Therefore the Committee agreed to recommend a small increase in the Precept of £1000 to £14450” should read “Therefore the Committee agreed to recommend a small increase in the Precept of £1000 to £14350”. <p>ALSO RESOLVED that subject to the above amendments the Minutes of the Parish Council’s Finance & Budget Committee Meeting on the 17th of November 2021 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
22/250	<p>Request for the Parish Council to buy a Christmas Tree for the Village.</p>	<p>The Council considered a request for the Parish Council to buy a Christmas Tree for the Village again this year, which is usually placed at the War Memorial.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed to buy the Christmas Tree for the Parish and that a refund of the cost of the tree would be given on receipt of an invoice up to the amount of £50.00.</p>
<p>At this point in the meeting, the Chair addressed the Parish Council present to ask if they wished to carry on business beyond the two-hour time limit for Parish Council meetings. It was RESOLVED to continue to complete all business on the agenda.</p>		
22/251	<p>Staff Pay Rises 2022 – 2023.</p>	<p>The Council received and considered the Staff Pay Rise from 2022 – 2023. The Treasurer to the Council reported that the Local Government Association has agreed on a pay rise for staff which is back valued from 1st April 2022. NALC has confirmed this increase and instructed all Councils to implement it as swiftly as possible. Currently, all LPC staff are in Grade 7 and the hourly rate will be increased from £10.63 to £11.63.</p> <p>CLERK - The Clerk will receive a back valued award from 1st April 2022 of £429.28. This equates to an increase of £53.66 per month over 8 months (1/4/22 – 1/12/22). As of 1st Jan 2023, the Clerk’s monthly pay will increase from £570.48 to £624.14. The Clerk’s Annual pay will rise from £6845.72 to £7489.72.</p> <p>TREASURER - During the financial year 2021 - 22 both the Clerk and Treasurer were not awarded any pay rise due to a pay dispute. This was</p>

		<p>eventually resolved at an agreed increased rate of 19 pence per hour. The Clerk was paid £122.40 in April 2022 back valued from April 2021 and the Treasurer was owed £25.44. The Treasurer deferred his payment until claiming his annual expenses as financial internal regulations only permit the Treasurer to be paid by cheque, each cheque written/cashed is now a cost under HSBC's new banking T and C's. Moving forward with the most recent pay rises to need implementation the Treasurer will also receive back valued from 1st April 2022 £89.36. This equates to an increase of £11.17 per month over 8 months (1/4/22 – 1/12/22). As of 1st Jan 2023, the Treasurer's monthly pay will increase from £118.70 to £129.87. Annual pay will rise from £1424.42 to £1558.42. The Treasurer will receive a cheque for £143.26 which includes a deferred pay rise of £25.44, a recent pay rise of £89.36 and annual expenses claim of £28.46.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to the recommended staff pay rise for 2022 – 2023 from £10.63 to £11.63 per hour.</p>
22/252	<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 £55.80 to Geoff Wilson for expenses occurred from replacing the blades of the two Parish Mowers. 2. The sum of £55.00 to Lazonby Lines for advertising and Sponsorship of the Parish Council Newsletter. 3. The sum of £137.10 to the Clerk for office and travel expenses between October and December 2022. 4. The sum of £4000.00 is a transfer from the Deposit account to the current account to cover the remaining expenditure until the financial year end. <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council also received notification that the annual insurance premium of £1309.26 paid to Zurich Municipal was paid by cheque before the renewal date of 16th October 2022; however, last week the Treasurer received a call from Zurich that no payment had been received so the Treasurer immediately stopped the cheque as it was assumed lost in the post; then the Treasurer subsequently arranged to pay the insurers by BACS in two instalments as the Parish Council's daily limit is £1000. Bank Transfer No 75 £1000 and Bank Transfer No 76 £309.26</p>
22/253	<p>Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).</p>	<p>The Council considered the following Planning Applications.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Application No. 22/0812 – Proposed alterations and extension, at Springbank, Lazonby, Penrith. 2. Planning Application No. 22/0887 – Two storey rear extension and alterations to front elevation, at Weldun, Lazonby, Penrith. <hr/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED that the Council had NO OBJECTIONS to make regarding Planning Application No. 22/0812 – Proposed alterations and extension, at Springbank, Lazonby, Penrith. 2. RESOLVED that the Council had NO OBJECTIONS to make regarding Planning Application No. 22/0887 – Two storey rear extension and alterations to front elevation, at Weldun, Lazonby, Penrith.

22/254	Planning Applications – Decisions.	<p>RESOLVED that the following planning application decisions be noted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Application No: 22/0655 - Retrospective application for the erection of a polytunnel, at Eden Field, Armathwaite, Carlisle CA4 9PQ – GRANTED. 2. Planning Application No: 22/0671 - Prior notification for the addition of solar panels, at Bells Of Lazonby Ltd, Edenholme, Bakery, Lazonby, Penrith CA10 1BG - THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE AUTHORITY WAS NOT REQUIRED.
22/255	LPC Cumbria Highways Link Person Report.	<p>The Council received reports on other issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting concerning Cumbria Highways.</p> <p>The road was closed at the bottom of Main Street due to a leaking water main. This has now been repaired.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report about the road being closed due to a leaking water main which is now repaired be noted.</p>
22/256	Local Government Reorganisation.	<p>The Council received updates on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Bulletins – updates and newsletters on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) - 3rd November, 11th November, 18th November, 25th November and 1st December 2022. Also to receive notification that Westmorland and Furness Council announces the appointment of a new Director of Thriving Places; Recruitment of Chief Officer Roles - Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the information and updates about the Local Government Reorganisation be noted.</p>
22/257	Diversion of path No. 339025 in the Parish of Lazonby.	<p>The Council received notification about the diversion of path No. 339025 in the Parish of Lazonby.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL (FOOTPATH NO 339025 PARISH OF LAZONBY) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2021. The above-named Order confirmed by this Council and will come into effect on 26th November 2022 when a notice will appear in the Cumberland and Westmorland Herald. <p>RESOLVED that the notification about the diversion of path No. 339025 in the Parish of Lazonby be noted.</p>
22/258	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. The Greening Campaign - an exciting opportunity for Parishes in the Eden District to get involved in. The Greening Campaign is designed for use by Parish and Town Councils or Community Action Teams. It is a fun and cost-effective way for communities to tackle the climate crisis. It follows a tried and tested four-phased programme. The four phases help develop each community's vision for a sustainable future. Looking at themes like the home, biodiversity, low carbon economy, and community energy. The Greening Campaign helps councils support their communities. It also allows communities to support each other. It shares the experiences of over 200 communities currently working through the toolkit. Each of the four phases costs £50. Eden District Council are subsidising phase 1 so it will only cost £25 for town and parish councils in Eden. For more information, please visit: The Greening Campaign (eden.gov.uk) or please don't hesitate to get in touch

with Ellie Hill, Sustainability Officer at Eden District Council.

2. **Boundary Commission for England 2023 Boundary Review**The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is redrawing constituency boundaries in order to rebalance the number of electors represented by each MP, and a final consultation on proposed new constituencies is now open. A newly revised map of constituency proposals, which takes into account feedback sent in by the public on the initial proposals, has been published on the consultation website bcereviews.org.uk. BCE would like to hear from local councils in this final consultation, which is open until 5 December, so we would be grateful if you could please share details with your members. To help you do this please see [BCE's Partner Toolkit](#) with a range of resources including sample bulletin and website text, blog post, sample posts for social media, posters and flyers. If you have any questions about either the consultation or the Partner Toolkit, please contact NALC.
3. **Legal Spend Survey** CALC has been asked to help with a survey regarding Legal Spending:
How much do the 10,000 parish and town councils in England spend each year on solicitors? - This is a question that the Legal Services User Group (Anne Bott (Surrey Association of Local Councils), Danny Moody(Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils), and Sally Longmate (Suffolk Association of Local Councils)) have thought about. To the best of their knowledge, there is no existing data on it anywhere. Consequently, they want to ask, and the best way of doing that is via the CALC network. The Legal Services User Group are working with County Association colleagues to build a picture of how much the 10,000 parish and town councils in England spend each year on solicitors for things like land transfers, lease agreements, contracts and procurement, legal disputes, and general legal advice. Please look up the approximate total value of your legal services spend during the financial year ending 31 March 2022 and report the data via <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PC5QJ6P>. Please respond by 31 December 2022 if possible. The data will be used purely for illustration; no personal information is being collected and no contact will be made with individual councils. We will feedback on the overall results in the New Year. It would be greatly appreciated if the Council are able to respond.
4. **Cost Of Living Crisis Questionnaire for Town & Parish Councillors** - Households across the District are facing the triple impact of tax increases (NI), rising interest rates and inflation outpacing rises in income. Lower income households are disproportionately affected as food, fuel, energy and debt make up a higher proportion of their total household expenditure. The government has provided some financial assistance through the Household Support Fund distributed by the County Council and other measures. In largely rural areas of Cumbria, access to services, fuel poverty and low pay in some sectors all contribute to increasing financial hardship. Town and parish councillors are often first to hear about residents' concerns. This short questionnaire is to capture residents' concerns and suggestions so agencies and local authorities can support them where possible. The findings of this questionnaire will be reported back to you directly (if you choose to share your email address on the questionnaire) and via Clerks, once all responses have been collated and analysed, with information on any outcomes/actions

		that will follow.
		RESOLVED that invitations to participate be noted.
22/259	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. Green Space 2 Grow Support Pack for Town and Parish Councils 2. Updates on the current Cost of Living Crisis Information. 3. Cumbria Local Authority Climate Update 29.10.22 to 11.11.22. 4. CALC News - September & October 2022. 5. Cost of Living Crisis, LGR and Coronavirus updates. 6. CALC Training: January - July 2023.
22/260	Date of the Next Meeting.	RESOLVED that the date of the next scheduled meeting be Wednesday 1 st February 2023, at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.

The meeting finished at 9.45 pm.

Please Note:

Amendments to these Minutes have been made in red following approval at the Parish Council Meeting on the 1st February 2023.