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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

**For the Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on
Wednesday 2nd October 2024, in Lazonby Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Chair Councillor Maralyn Wade.

Councillors Andrew Miller, Tim Wright and Phillip Whitehead.

Also in attendance: Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick, two parishioners, Treasurer to the Council Chris Hoy and Clerk to the Council Rebecca Wyatt.

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
24/197	Apologies for absence.	RESOLVED that the apologies receive from Councillor Craig Wilkinson be accepted and noted.
24/198	The Filling of Council Member Vacancies.	<p>The Council considered any nominations to co-opt new Council Members as the Parish Council currently have five Councillor seats to fill. There were no nominations at present. The Clerk also put up a Notice of Vacancy for the position left vacant by the resignation of Councillor Ruth Hookway which is still running.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no new nominations at present but the Parish Council would continue to seek new Parish Councillors to fill the remaining five seats.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk continue to advertise for new Councillors.</p>
24/199	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.
24/200	Declaration of Interest.	RESOLVED that Councillor Phillip Whitehead declared a personal interest in matters concerning the Egg Packing Housing Project.
24/201	Matters of Urgency.	RESOLVED that it be noted that Gordon Nicolson will not be attending tonight's meeting regarding the Egg Packing Station Housing Development as it was not deemed necessary at present which will be explained and discussed later in the confidential part of the meeting.
24/202	Public Participation.	<p>The Chair asked those 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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A parishioner reported to the Parish Council that the current 5% service charge at the Meadows is expected to go up at least another 2% following the flooding issues. The residents wanted the Parish Council to know this. The Parish Council said that they weren't able to get involved but suggested they took advice from someone like the Citizen Advice Bureau, and that the residents should get

		<p>together and approach the Management about the proposed increases.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A parishioner has concerns about several HGV's using Scarrows Lane to get to Kirkoswald, 3. A parishioner has asked about what was happening with the Fishing rights in the parish. 4. A regular visitor to Lazonby contacted the Council to explain that they enjoy the lovely walks, and as a responsible dog owner they would like to see an increase in dog waste bins, so would it be possible to install at least an extra two bins at the area as you approach the bridge (leaving Lazonby towards KO) by the recycling area for people as they leave the village and/or at the entry to the fields on the other side of the bridge? They believed that improved bins at the recycling area in particular would be great and help encourage dog owners to be responsible.
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED that the information about the expected increase in the service charge following the flooding issues be noted. 2. RESOLVED that Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick will look more into the use of Scarrows Lane by HGVs. 3. RESOLVED that the parishioner's enquiry about the fishing rights in the parish be noted and that an update will be given later on the agenda. 4. RESOLVED that the Council could not increase the amount of dog waste bins in the Eden Bridge area or near the River Eden because of the risk of flooding from the river.
24/203	History Society Archives.	<p>The Council considered and discussed the future of the History Society archives. The History Society in Lazonby ran from 1989 to 2019, after which it closed due to lack of membership. The archives have been stored in the Village Hall since then and the village hall committee are happy for them to remain. However, the archives are slowly being made into electronic versions by the parishioner who used to be a part of the society. The Clerk has asked the County archives if they can be stored there and they have said that would be fine as another option if needed. The History Society still has funding which is being held by the Federation of History until 2026, and so it was asked if the Parish Council could hold the money and ring fence it to give back if the History Society should ever start up again. Also it was asked if the Parish Council could put the archives on their website. However, the Clerk explained that they could definitely put a link to them but it would have to be a separate website due to having to be uploaded to the Parish Council website which was not feasible. The Parishioner discussed with the parishioner ways that the money could be used instead like make a website for the archives.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Parish Council gave the parishioner who was dealing with the History Society archives various ideas on how to make the archives available for the community to see, such as setting up a website, speaking to the local library for ideas, talking to County archives, talking to a web designer, and if needed come back to the Council if the parishioner needs anymore help.</p>

24/204	Broadband in the Parish.	<p>The Council received a report about broadband in the parish. B4RN have reported that the Government grants via the voucher scheme are expected to contribute an amount just shy of £500,000. They have enough sign ups to achieve this figure (capped number). They are working on getting permission (Wayleaves) to cross land but they are having some issues with that and so are having to re-route in a number of places. This will unfortunately affect the total build cost which obviously affects the project. Once they are closer to having all the costs lined up they will be seeking investment from the local community to fill the gap such as selling shares with a 5% interest return. They plan to have a link from Kirkoswald via Great Salkeld, up to a link with a Fibre ring around the North of England, at Thiefside. This will give resilience to the network in Lazonby and other villages. They are happy to be asked any questions about this.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the progress report from B4RN regarding the funding and laying the fibre optic cables be noted.</p>
24/205	Report from the local Community Police.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that there was still no information about a replacement policeman or woman for the parish.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED Eden Focus Police Newsletter for Eden Rural and the Penrith & Alston Police Newsletter for August to September 2024 be noted.</p>
24/206	Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 4th September 2024.	<p>It was recommended that the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 4th September 2024 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Council's Meeting Minutes of the 4th September 2024 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
24/207	<p>Progress Reports on Recent Actions.</p> <p>a. Donations at Eden Bridge Car Park (Last minute 24/179).</p> <p>b. Parish Fishing (Last minute 24/179).</p> <p>c. Social Media Presence for the Parish Council (Last minute 24/179).</p>	<p>The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 4th September 2024.</p> <p>The Council received an update about the donations at Eden Bridge car park. An onsite meeting resulted in proposing the location of the donation box which was thought needed to be by the canoe steps in the corner of the car park. The costings have also been done with £5 - £7 for bags of cement and £15.20 for two bags of sand. The aluminium donation box will cost about £11 which means a total of approximately £35. However, this is subject to increases in costs and possible need for more materials. However the stone for the cairn will hopefully be donated. The donation box will have drainage hole in the base, and mounted onto an angled iron into the stone cairn which will surround the box.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agree to the proposals and a budget of £100 to make sure all expenses are covered.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the work to install the donation box at Eden Bridge car park will start in the spring when the weather is better.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Treasurer Chris Hoy is still currently looking to set up an online meeting with a fisherman from Cockermouth Angling Club who uses the river regarding possible improvements to the parish fishing. However a date has not been agreed on as yet.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the social media account (Facebook) has now been set up and being finalised at the moment.</p>

	<p>d. The Unadopted Footpath at the Meadows (Last minute 24/179).</p>	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that there was nothing further to report regarding the unadopted gravel footpath at the Meadows.</p>
<p>24/208</p>	<p>Report from the Westmorland & Furness Councillor.</p>	<p>The Council received a report from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick, in her absence, about Westmorland & Furness matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Devolution - Expression of Interest Following the general election in July 2024, local authorities in Cumbria received a letter from the Deputy Prime Minister asking each local authority to consider submitting an 'expression of interest' to work with the Government on the next wave of devolution, the transfer of powers and funding from national to local government. Expressions of Interest had to be submitted by 30th September 2024 and the Leaders of both Westmorland & Furness and Cumberland have both confirmed their commitment to exploring devolution for their areas. Within the councils' joint submission, they said: <i>"We recognise the opportunity presented by the Government's devolution agenda to help drive forward inclusive and sustainable economic growth and are agreed that this expression of interest seeks to build on the existing working relationship on the Cumbria geographic footprint. This reflects our shared history and areas of strategic interest, as well as the reality of current devolution arrangements in our neighbouring geographies."</i> They have also indicated that they are interested in exploring the opportunities provided by all the different devolution governance arrangements. 2. Electoral Review of Westmorland and Furness. Work continues on the electoral review with a view to Council submitting an authority wide view following debate at Full Council on 4 November as to the proposed new ward boundaries that would be effective from May 2027. A few areas are proving challenging to achieve consensus: mostly to the south of the authority: High and Low Furness, Dalton and Ulverston. Penrith is also proving challenging with the new housing projections, but there should be no changes to the current representation arrangements for Lazonby Parish Council. 3. Highways and Local Councils Last month councillors received a briefing on the stated aim of Parish and Town Councils to work more closely with Highways to carry out those local activities that would make a positive difference to their communities. This would be similar to the former County Council's 'Working Together' initiative. A session with representatives of town and Parish councils in Eden took place on 30 September on Teams and there will be a drop-in session in Penrith Library on 10th October. Further sessions with representatives in South Lakeland and Barrow will also take place and the results will be analysed to determine the best way forward and which activities may lend themselves to delegation. 4. Information on Nature recovery Strategy workshops, which was on the agenda. 5. Information about funding for defibrillators.

		<p>RESOLVED that Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick reserved the right to request to give a report on other issues on the agenda.</p>
24/209	Lazonby Parish Projects:	
	<p>a. Eden Bridge Car Park Surface.</p>	<p>The Council received an update on the possibility of making a more permanent surface to deal with the pot holes and erosion from the river flooding at Eden Bridge car park. Councillor Phillip Whitehead explained that if the Parish Council hired a contractor to lay concrete grass/gravel mats it would be very expensive, so maybe the Parish Council could lay them instead. The Council discussed bringing this back to the agenda in February 2025 to discuss a plan to do this.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to bring this back to the agenda in February 2025 for further discussion.</p>
24/210	Parish Maintenance:	
	<p>a. Flooding Issues in the Parish.</p>	<p>The Council received an update about the flooding issues in the parish. Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick apologised that the final version of the flood investigation report had not yet been issued and thanked everyone who had contributed by providing additional information for consideration. Westmorland & Furness Council are working to complete the report as soon as possible but have been focusing on how to deliver on the actions identified in the draft report. The most significant area of progress has been in the discussion with the developers of The Meadows who are considering options for improvements to the culvert. Westmorland & Furness Council will continue to work with the developer to understand the best way for forward to implement the proposals and to ensure that they will not have a detrimental impact on residents downstream.</p> <p>Resident of the Meadows gave an update on their personal circumstance since the flooding of their property twice in 6 months. They are now having flood doors put on their front and back doors by the Housing Association to help stop any future water entering their property. They also mentioned that they recently saw people measuring and taking photos of the culvert.</p> <p>The Clerk spoke to Lazonby Fire Station to see if they could assist with the bank of volunteers that the Parish Council are hoping to establish to help parishioners threatened by flooding in emergency situations night or day. They kindly discussed it but said they were more than likely to be at the scene of any flooding anyway, but they would be happy to be kept in touch about any future flood volunteer scheme. The Clerk has advertised in the Parish Council Newsletter about it but there have been no volunteers coming forward as yet but the newsletter has only just gone out.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick regarding the draft Flood Investigation Report be noted.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report from the Meadows resident be noted with thanks to the parishioner.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the report about the Clerk contacting Lazonby Fire Station and keeping them updated about any flood volunteer scheme be noted.</p>

		ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk will continue to advertise for volunteers in the Parish Council Newsletter.
	b. Footpaths in the Village.	<p>The Council received an update about any issues with footpaths in the parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The grate on the pavement near the pub has still not been repaired even though it has been reported. 2. There is a water leak outside Pinegrove needs to be reported to United Utilities. 3. A report of the fly-tipping of hedge clipping on the footpath opposite the Chapel up to Meadow Croft.
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED that it be noted that the broken grate on the pavement near the pub has still not been repaired but has been reported. 2. ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the water leak outside Pinegrove needs to be reported to United Utilities. 3. ALSO RESOLVED that the fly-tipping of hedge clipping on the footpath opposite the Chapel up to Meadow Croft needs to be reported to Westmorland & Furnace Council.
	c. Parish Tree Survey.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the parish tree survey is still ongoing.
	d. Recycling Centre.	<p>The Council received the following update about the recycling centre. It was reported that the skips still needed to be replaced. It was also reported that not only had a large amount of polystyrene been dumped in the cardboard skip but also waste food. A volunteer kindly cleared the waste food out so that the Parish Council could still get their recycling credits. This is a regular occurrence at the recycling centre.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council thanked the volunteer who cleared the food waste out of the skip.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Westmorland & Furness again to ask about when the new recycling skips would arrive.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk put an article in the Parish Council Newsletter asking people not to contaminate the recycling bins.</p>
	e. Other Maintenance Issues in the Parish.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no other maintenance issues that need to be looked at in the parish at present.
24/211	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	<p>The Council received a report from the Treasurer for September 2024 (please see attached Treasurer's Report).</p>
		RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his monthly report for September 2024 (see attached report), the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.
24/212	Authority for Payments.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no authority for payments to consider.
24/213	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no new planning applications issued for consultation by Westmorland and Furness Council to consider.

24/214	Planning Applications – Decisions.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no planning application decisions received.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that no planning decisions had been received recently although it is known that there have been several planning applications that have received a decision, so the Clerk with ask Planning services for the decision notices.</p>
24/215	Report from the Highways Link Person.	<p>The Council received any reports on other issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting concerning Cumbria Highways.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was reported that the recent resurfacing of the road known as Station Road (up to the train station) had only been taken to the bend in the road before the Station. However, it was felt that the rest of the road beyond the Station, to the bottom of Seat Hill up to Bells of Lazonby should have also been resurfaced too. 2. It was also reported that the resurfacing on the B6413 road, Kirkoswald had not been done very well.. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED that Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick will enquire with Highways about the length of the resurfacing that had been done on Station Road. 2. RESOLVED that Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick will enquire with Highways about the poor resurfacing on the B6413 road, Kirkoswald. 3. RESOLVED that it be noted that a passed notice that a revision of a temporary Road Closure was put in place - B6413 Kirkoswald - originally 14th September 2024 for one week but was revised to the 21st September 2024 for 10 days. . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: B6413 Kirkoswald, from its junction with the C3008 extending in a predominately south westerly direction for a distance approx. 1.4km. • Alternative Route: via the unrestricted sections of the B6413 (Plumpton), A6 (High Hesket), C3027(Armathwaite), C1038 and Potters Bank and a way for pedestrians and dismounted cyclists will be maintained at all times.
24/216	Code of Conduct Complaint.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there was nothing further to report on the possible Councillor breach of Code of Conduct complaint as yet.
24/217	Consultation on 40 mph Speed Limit Signs on the Road to Carlisle.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the proposed 40 mph Speed Limit Signs on the Road to Carlisle is going to the Locality Board meeting on 16 th October 2024 for approval.
24/218	Annual Request for a Christmas Tree for the Parish.	<p>The Council considered a request for the Parish Council to buy a Christmas tree for the village again this year. The Christmas tree is usually placed at the War Memorial. The tree was £45 last year with £5 allowance for batteries. The Parishioners who usually put the tree up would look to put it up on the 1st December 2024 or soon after.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed to pay up to £50 for the purchase of the Christmas tree for the village.</p>
24/219	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.

		<p>1. REMINDER - CALC Annual General Meeting will take place on 12th October at 10.30am at Newbiggin Village Hall, Holly House, Newbiggin CA11 OHT. The Agenda and supporting papers will follow.</p> <p>2. Invite to Workshops for Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy Mapping - The Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy team along with Supporting Authorities, Cumbria Local Nature Partnership and Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre have been working hard to develop an opportunity maps for the strategy to show where nature recovery could take place in the future. The first draft of these maps has been produced and they would like to remind you that they are hosting a series of workshops to allow you to explore these maps in more detail. Each session is identical and they will allow the team to gather your feedback on the presentation, functionality and accuracy of the maps to allow us to make any amendments before going to consultation early next year. A newsletter went out earlier this month which you may wish to share within your networks, and they have also included the sign-up information should you be interested in joining them. They encourage you to sign up using the booking links to allow us to track numbers, and more importantly, to determine how much cake they need to bring! They look forward to seeing you there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 8th October, 10:00 – 13:00. Kendal Rugby Club, Shap Road, Kendal. • Thursday 10th October, 10:00 – 13:00. Sunbeams Music Centre, Redhills, Penrith. • Monday 14th October, 10:00 – 13:00. Cumbria LEP Conference Centre, Redhills, Penrith. <i>This session is dedicated to land agents, surveyors and foresters but you are welcome to join if you are struggling to attend any of the other workshops.</i> • Wednesday 16th October, 10:00 – 13:00. Harraby Community Centre, Edgehill Road, Carlisle.
		<p>RESOLVED that invitations to participate be noted.</p>
<p>24/220</p>	<p>INFORMATION given for reference only.</p>	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the following information was given to the Council for reference only:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Westmorland and Furness Local Plan – Public Consultations - On 8th July 2024 Westmorland & Furness Council’s Planning Policy Team notified everyone on their Local Plan consultation database of their launch of several public consultations to inform the early stage of a new Local Plan for Westmorland and Furness (excluding National Parks) to replace all the existing local plans adopted by the former Councils. Deadline for responses to our ‘Call for Sites’ is 30th September 2024. 2. Westmorland & Furness Local Plan Information. 3. NALC Community Safety Case Study Forms Survey – the deadline was Friday 20th September 2024. 4. CALC News July & August 2024. 5. CALC Training Bulletins. 6. NALC Legal Bulletin Update – August 2024. 7. Follow Up Information: Electoral Review of Westmorland & Furness - Briefing for parishes & community groups CALC has thanked all those representing Parish Councils for attending the briefing. They were delighted with the turnout and constructive

		<p>feedback. They have given out a copy of the slides from the event which Parish Councils are welcome to use for information and sharing with interested parties. CALC would like to remind Parish Councils that the consultation is now live and this is your opportunity to have your say if you have any concerns about the proposed changes to parish wards as the closing date for the consultation is 4th November 2024. More information and the opportunity to provide your views can be accessed on the Boundary Commission website.</p> <p>8. Information on the Launch of New Cumbria People and Nature Network Website The network brings people together who are involved in delivering or supporting people and nature activity in Cumbria. The network is currently chaired by NE, who have been instrumental in its establishment. It is part of the <u>Cumbria Local Nature Partnership</u> and its work is directed by a steering group of diverse organisations from across Cumbria, all with an interest in activity connecting people and nature. It aims to:- Connect people working in the nature sector in Cumbria with other those working in sectors delivering and supporting activity that connects people with nature; sharing knowledge, best practice, information and resources; and help those who want to develop initiatives and activity to access organisations and connect with those who can support and empower that change.</p> <p>9. Westmorland & Furness Branch Forum: Highways & Local Councils - Eden Briefing which was held on Monday 30th September 2024 - Time: 6.45pm for 7.00pm start.</p> <p>10. Information on the outcome of the election for Directors for the CALC Board in the Eden Area - Jonathan Davies and Sue Castle-Clarke have been appointed to the CALC Board.</p> <p>11. Healthwatch Community Forum – Eden Information.</p> <p>12. Pension Credit Information.</p> <p>13. Dock Museum Celebrates 30th Anniversary Information.</p> <p>14. Information on Remembrance Day Events.</p> <p>15. Charge my Street Webinars Information.</p> <p>16. Westmorland & Furnace Council News Release about supporting an Multi-agency plan to reduce suicides across Westmorland & Furnace.</p> <p>17. Planning Policy Consultation notification information.</p> <p>18. Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan information.</p> <p>19. NALC Community Safety Case Study Forms Survey information.</p>
24/221	Date of the Next Meeting.	RESOLVED that the next scheduled Lazonby Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 6 th November 2024, at 7.30 pm, in the Jubilee Room, in the Village Hall.

At this point in the meeting, the Chair asked that any members of the public and press who were in attendance withdraw from the meeting at this point due to the confidentiality of the matter to be discussed.

RESOLVED that the Council agreed that members of the public and press who were in attendance withdraw from the meeting at this point due to the confidentiality of the matter to be discussed.

Towards the end of the confidential part of the Parish Council 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.

24/222	Confidential information on the Proposed Development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the Clerk gave the Council a confidential report about the proposed development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station. ALSO RESOLVED that Council's Confidential Meeting Minutes of the 4 th September 2024 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.
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The meeting finished at 9.35 pm.