



# LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

September & October 2023

## ***YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR HELP***

### **Saying a Sad Goodbye to three Parish Councillors!!**

Sadly, Parish Councillor and Chair Chris West, and Councillors Angie Miller and Andrew Bates resigned from the Parish Council over the summer due to other commitments. The Parish Council would like to thank Councillor Chris West for her long standing dedication to serving the Parish having served as a Parish Councillor for many years, and a very active and supportive Chair for the last 5 of those. Also a big thank you to Councillor Angie Miller, who served as a Councillor for nearly four years, and to Councillor Andrew Bates. The Parish Council would like to wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

### **Egg Packing Station Affordable Housing News...**

It was reported at the September 2023 meeting of the Parish Council that the development of the old Egg Packing Station has come to a stand still due to no decision being made on the grant that needs to be awarded before the project can progress. This is because they are revising the policy for awarding these grants, and this may take a couple of months to complete. Unfortunately, this is holding up proceedings and with the rise in cost of living the fear is that the cost of building it out and other associated costs will rise too. However, the Parish Council will continue to do all they can to progress the project.

### **The Future of the Parish Council...**

Unfortunately, due to recent resignations from the Parish Council the future of the Parish Council could be in jeopardy, as it is now in a vulnerable position regarding their meetings being quorate, and therefore the ability to make decisions on important matters affecting the Parish. The Members now stand at five out of the ten that should be in office. So the Parish Council are appealing to parishioners to step forward and volunteer to be Parish Councillors because losing this important decision making body of people, who are making decisions at grass roots level, would be a huge blow to the community. Please contact the Clerk for more details if you would like to become a Parish Councillor.

# **WARNING**

## **YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU**

### **Your Parish Council has vacancies for new Council Members following the recent Resignations of Parish Councillors**

*The Parish Council are desperately seeking new Council Members. There are concerns that due to the recent loss of three Councillors, which has left a low Council membership, that the future of the Parish Council is in jeopardy. Losing the Parish Council would have a detrimental effect on grassroots decision making and local representation. Please help your local community and consider becoming a Parish Councillor.*

**So if you wish to be co-opted on to the Parish Council then please contact the Clerk Rebecca Wyatt on 08432894416 (calls charged at local rate) or Email on:  
[Lazonbypc@googlemail.com](mailto:Lazonbypc@googlemail.com) for more details.**

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## **Your Parish Council Continues to Work for the Local Community ...**

- *The Parish Council continues to deal with Highways issues and report any problems.*
- The Parish Council continues to work hard to ensure the Parish is represented at all levels.
- *The Parish Council continues to meet regularly in order to discuss issues in the parish and the wider county.*
- The Parish Council continues to be the first point of contact regarding issues and concerns raised by parishioners, giving a voice to the community and working hard to ensure these concerns are dealt with.
- *Parish Council Members continue to represent the community at external and events, and take part in public consultations on behalf of the parish.*
- The Parish Council continues to support local community groups and not for profit organisations that benefit the parish through their annual grant-giving.
- *The Parish Council continues to develop and progress beneficial projects in the parish.*
- The Parish Council endeavours to put the needs of the community first.

## **Issues Being Currently Resolved in the Parish...**

- *The Parish Council are still working on the possibility of collecting donations for the use of Eden Bridge Car Park.*
- The Parish Council have requested that the steps down from the Railway Station are cleared of weeds by the owners.
- *The Parish Council are looking into the different fibre optic broadband proposals in the parish.*
- The Parish Council are looking at different Conservation projects that could be carried out in the parish.
- *The Parish Council are negotiating with an Angling Club to regarding the possibilities of taking over the membership of angling in the parish and also be responsible for ballifing the river too.*
- The Parish Council requested an additional rubbish bin near the swimming pool which has now been installed.
- *The Parish Council are working on creating a social media presence.*
- The Parish Council are updating their report regarding footway issues that need to be dealt with within the parish.

## Keeping Dogs Under Control in the Parish...

The Parish Council have had complaints regarding dogs not being in control while in public areas. There are laws to say that your dog is considered dangerously out of control if they injure someone, or make someone worried that they may injure them; and a court could decide that your dog is dangerously out of control if you dog attacks someone's animal or if an owner of an animal thinks they could be injured if they tried to stop you dog attacking their animal. If prosecuted this could result in a fine and even imprisonment. Dog Control Orders were also introduced locally in 2008 in accordance with section 55 of the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005. They enable Westmorland & Furness Council to react quickly to problems resulting from irresponsible dog ownership. These cover dog fouling, dog control and dog exclusion areas. Please be mindful of other parishioners and please keep your dogs under control and pick up after them. And a big thank you to those that continue to do this.

## Contact your Councillors....

**Councillor Tim Wright - Vice-Chair**

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**Councillor Peter Foley**

Tel: 01768 897143



**Councillor Phillip Whitehead**

Tel: 07989077857

**Councillor Andrew Miller**

Tel: 01768 897140

**Councillor Ruth Hookway**

Tel: 07910489204

## Date of the Next Meeting...

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th October 2023, in the Village Hall, at 7.30 pm. The following meeting will be Wednesday 1st November 2023. *Please see the Parish Council notice boards for meeting information & the Agenda which is usually posted up no later than the Friday before the Meeting date, or visit [www.lazonbyparishcouncil.org](http://www.lazonbyparishcouncil.org) for more information.* Copies of the Agenda or the Minutes of the Council are available by Email on request. Please contact the Clerk on 0843 2894416 (Calls at local rate); or Email: [Lazonby PC@googlemail.com](mailto:Lazonby PC@googlemail.com)

**Please visit the Parish Council Website for Agendas, Minutes and other information: [www.lazonbyparishcouncil.org](http://www.lazonbyparishcouncil.org)**