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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

For the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd March 2016, starting at approximately 7.30 p.m, in the Jubilee Rooms, Lazonby Village Hall.

Present: Chair Councillor Virginia Minihan.

Councillors Christine Chamberlain, John Judson, Gordon Nicolson, Chris Hill and Tim Wright.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Peter Minihan and Chris West, and Broadband Champion Brian Smythe.

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
16/27	The filling of Council Member Vacancies by Co-option.	<p>The Council considered nominations to fill the Council Member vacancies left unfilled at the election by reason of insufficient nominations.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Parish Council will continue to look to co-opt new Council Members to fill the remaining two positions.</p>
16/28	Requests for Dispensations.	<p>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.</p>
16/29	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 and prejudicial interest in matters concerning Eden District Council.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Virginia Minihan declared a personal interest in matters concerning Tarmac at Low Plains Quarry.</p>
16/30	Matters of Urgency.	<p>The Council received two matters which were not considered urgent but 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. Mrs Rachel Lytollis, the Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council, has included the Clerk in an Email to the Environment Agency regarding a large build up of gravel under Eden Bridge causing the water to flow through a limited number of arches. The water is also flowing at an angle to the pillars. Kirkoswald Parish Councillors are concerned that in the light of recent events such a build up will cause damage to the bridge and exacerbate future flooding. It was asked if the Environment Agency could look at the situation and let Kirkoswald Parish Council know their conclusions.2. An example of the Queen's 90th birthday commemorative medal has been sent to the Parish Council as a possible purchase to give out to the community.

		<p>RESOLVED that the report about the build up of debris under Eden Bridge and the involvement of the Environmental Agency be noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council are not interested in pursuing the purchase of the Queen's 90th Birthday commemorative medals due to the cost.</p>
16/31	Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 3rd February 2016.	<p>The Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 3rd February 2016 were considered.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes to include 'near the station' on minute 16/07 - Public participation of the February 2016 Minutes of the Parish Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes to include 'at Half Way Well' on minute 16/10 - Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick of the February 2016 Minutes of the Parish Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes to include 'need for' on minute 16/20 - LPC Cumbria Highways Link Person Report of the February 2016 Minutes of the Parish Council.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that subject to the above changes the Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 3rd February 2016 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
16/32	Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 3rd February 2016.	<p>The Council considered any matters arising from the Minutes of the 3rd February 2016.</p>
	15/152 - Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick.	<p>The Council received an update about the drainage system for the Story Homes housing development, and the resurfacing of Scaur Lane.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that County Councillor Hilary Carrick has contacted Cumbria Highways to ask them to ask Story Homes to now resurface Scaur Lane.</p>
	15/170 - Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal under section 78 for Planning Application 14/0919.	<p>The Council received an update about the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal under section 78 for Planning Application 14/0919 (behind the Lilacs). The Appeal has been allowed by the Planning Inspector and consent granted. However, no one giving representation has been notified of this decision.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk write again to the Planning Inspectorate and complain about the absence of notification about the results of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal under section 78 for Planning Application 14/0919 (behind the Lilacs).</p>
	15/190 - Overgrown pavement, Seat and damaged Bus Stop Sign - Armathwaite Rd End.	<p>The Council received an update about the damaged Bus Stop Sign at Armathwaite Road End of the A6.</p> <p>RESOLVED that County Councillor Hilary Carrick has spoken to Christian Moss of Cumbria County Council who has advised that the original wooden bus stop is definitely being replaced.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk notify Hesket Parish Council about the removed broken seat and the replacement of the bus stop.</p>
	15/244 - Wall at Bank Foot.	<p>The Council received an update on the collapsed Wall at Bank Foot. The Clerk has asked Allan Park, the Principal Building Control Surveyor (North) Building Control Team at Eden District Council, if a notice can be served regarding the repair of the collapsed wall at Bankfoot due to it being a risk to public safety, and even more so since the recent stormy weather. Allan Park explained that this has been an ongoing matter now for a few years</p>

	<p>and appreciates the Parish Council's concern and will arrange a further meeting with the owners and their structural engineer to reassess the condition of the wall in question, agree whether any remedial action is required, appraise whether the wall is in a dangerous condition, consult with Eden District Council's legal department and if necessary, serve notice under section 77 of the Building Act 1984. Allan will arrange the initial site meeting as soon as he can.</p>
	<p>RESOLVED that the report about the collapsed wall at Bankfoot be noted and that there was nothing more to report to the Parish Council regarding the wall until the Council is told the results of the pending site meeting.</p>
15/257 – Public Participation - Advertisement Banner at Lazonby Train Station.	<p>The Council received an update about the Advertisement Banner at Lazonby Train Station. The Clerk has contacted Northern Rail for an explanation about the advertising banner and to ask whether they are happy about its presence but has had no reply as yet. An explanation was also received from Gwyn Clarke, Head of Planning Services at Eden District Council, who has said that under Class A, Schedule 1 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 2007 - a railway station and its yards and forecourt is deemed to have planning consent, subject to the agreement of the landowner. As the size of the banner exceeded planning consent size it had been deemed unlawful. However, Eden District Council, Story Homes and Northern Rail have been in talks which resulted in the conclusion that the station was out of jurisdiction so Eden District Council ceased pursuing planning consent.</p>
	<p>RESOLVED that Councillor Tim Wright will ask Chris Cutts the Station Manager about an update on the advertising banner.</p>
16/21 - Fishing Sign Replacement.	<p>The Council received an update about the Fishing Sign Replacement after the previous one was lost in the floods.</p>
	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor John Judson arranged the manufacture of a new Fishing Sign replacement with Eden Graphics and will be putting it up with help from Councillor Gordon Nicolson.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillors John Judson and Gordon Nicolson will also re-attach the canoeing sign that came off during the flooding.</p>
16/22 - Copper Beech Tree at Croglan Designs.	<p>The Council received an update about the Copper Beech Tree at Croglan Designs. Councillor Peter Minihan has sought three quotes for the tree surgery on the Copper Beech tree. Only PS Tree has returned with an answer that he believed the tree did not need a crown lift but that he will look at it and offer advice if we wish him to do so. As there is a concern amongst Councillors that the tree is still fowling the BT telephone lines it was felt by the Council that this needed to be looked into further.</p>
	<p>RESOLVED that the Clerk ask Rob Sim if he could assess the tree and advise the Parish Council what needed to be done; and if work on the tree was needed could he give a quote for the work required.</p>
16/23 - Low Plains Quarry Update.	<p>There were no further updates regarding the Low Plains Quarry at present.</p>
	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council will however be dealing with a Section 73 application to vary Condition 19 of planning permissions 3/11/9009 and 3/11/9010, at Low Plains Quarry at Agenda item 15 - Planning Applications – New (or Appeal); which is Minute 16/40 - Planning Applications – New (or Appeal) of the March 2016 Minutes of the Parish Council.</p>

16/24 – Invitation to participate.	<p>The Council considered again the Eden-- Scrutiny Work Programme Consultation 2016-17, following the February 2016 meeting of the Parish Council when it was agreed that Council Members would bring any comments or suggestions to the March 2016 meeting of the Parish Council. As in previous years they are looking for topics for inclusion on the Scrutiny Work Programme and welcome input from Parish and Town Councils. The consultation will be running until 31st March 2016.</p>
	<p>RESOLVED that the Clerk respond to the Eden-- Scrutiny Work Programme Consultation 2016-17 with the following points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the Parish Council would like to suggest that planning conditions should be followed up, and planning application communications and feedback improved by Eden District Council. The Council has been led to understand that it is the Parish Council's responsibility to ensure that Conditions attached to Planning Consent are adhered to. However, Parish Councillors lack the skills, expertise and knowledge to ensure that Planning Conditions have been followed and adhered to. Lazonby Parish has had several planning developments in recent years that have been given conditions that the Parish Council have been expected to follow up. One such is the Story Homes development and its drainage issues. Another is the collapsed wall at Bankfoot which has still not been resolved. 2) Furthermore, the lack of communication in relation to some planning applications and appeals, such as the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal under section 78 for Planning Application 14/0919 - Outline application for proposed development of no. 5 houses including consideration for access, layout and scale, on land to the rear of the Lilacs, Lazonby - Appeal reference APP/H0928/W/15/3124765, where neither the Parish Council nor the parishioners making representation were notified of the appeal decision. 3) The Parish Council would appreciate that 'more help, advice and support in relation to planning issues based on the above facts' is added to the Eden District Council Scrutiny Work Programme Consultation 2016-17.
16/33	<p>Public Participation. RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no parishioners present to make any comments, and no written communications from parishioners received prior to the meeting.</p>
16/34	<p>Fibre Optic Broadband. The Council received a report regarding Fibre Optic Broadband from Brian Smythe. An opportunity exists for communities to work with BT in a Community Broadband Partnership. The aim of the Partnership is to deliver a Superfast Broadband Service to areas beyond the reach of the BT commercial network and the extension funded via Connecting Cumbria. BT will meet 50% of the costs leaving communities to find the other 50%. The process comprises a mapping exercise to establish areas and properties in scope, levels of existing services and indicative costs. This stage requires commitment from the community. The question is whether Lazonby Parish Council wishes to facilitate a community group to work with BT on the early stages of a project.</p>
	<p>RESOLVED that the Clerk put an article about the opportunity for communities to work with BT in a Community Broadband Partnership in the Parish Council newsletter.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Brian Smythe to ask Hesket Parish Council whether they would be interested in taking part in a cross community</p>

group to work with BT in a Community Broadband Partnership.

ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk ask Brian Smythe to give a written report prior to the meetings of the Parish Council in order to add it to the agenda.

ALSO RESOLVED that Brian Smythe be thanked for his report, the contents of which were noted.

16/35	Report from the District Councillor Gordon Nicolson.	<p>The Council received a report from the District Councillor Gordon Nicolson about Eden District Council matters affecting the Parish.</p> <p>Councillor Gordon Nicolson gave apologies for not providing a written report by the given deadline; however, as this report is about the Eden District Council Budget and the Council Tax rates for 2016/17, the decisions on these matters were only ratified on Monday 29th February 2016.</p> <p>Eden DC has approved its budget for 2016/17. There are no cuts in services. Council Tax will increase by 1%. The overall Council Tax Bill in Eden includes Council Tax for Cumbria County Council and Eden District Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner Precept and Town and Parish Council Precepts. The figures for a Band D property in Eden are:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="541 781 1298 1028"> <thead> <tr> <th></th><th>£</th><th>% of bill</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Eden District Council</td><td>187.03</td><td>11.2</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cumbria County Council</td><td>1231.87</td><td>73.6</td></tr> <tr> <td>Police and Crime Commissioner</td><td>216.63</td><td>12.9</td></tr> <tr> <td>Town and Parish Councils</td><td>38.24</td><td>2.3</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>1673.87</td><td>100</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The billed amounts for individual Parishes reflect changes to the tax base, [more or fewer properties, incidence of Council tax Discounts, results of appeals] and changes to special expenses. The figures for Lazonby are:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="541 1170 1319 1563"> <thead> <tr> <th>Council Tax Band</th><th>EDC CCC PCC</th><th>Parish Precept</th><th>Special Expenses</th><th>Total</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td><td>1086.71</td><td>18.90</td><td>0.35</td><td>1105.96</td></tr> <tr> <td>B</td><td>1267.82</td><td>22.05</td><td>0.40</td><td>1290.27</td></tr> <tr> <td>C</td><td>1448.94</td><td>25.20</td><td>0.46</td><td>1476.60</td></tr> <tr> <td>D</td><td>1630.06</td><td>28.35</td><td>0.52</td><td>1658.93</td></tr> <tr> <td>E</td><td>1992.30</td><td>34.65</td><td>0.64</td><td>2027.59</td></tr> <tr> <td>F</td><td>2354.53</td><td>40.95</td><td>0.75</td><td>2396.23</td></tr> <tr> <td>G</td><td>2716.77</td><td>47.25</td><td>0.87</td><td>2764.89</td></tr> <tr> <td>H</td><td>3260.12</td><td>56.70</td><td>1.04</td><td>3317.86</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that District Councillor Gordon Nicolson reserved the right to speak on other issues on the agenda.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that District Councillor Gordon Nicolson be thanked for his report, the contents of which were noted.</p>		£	% of bill	Eden District Council	187.03	11.2	Cumbria County Council	1231.87	73.6	Police and Crime Commissioner	216.63	12.9	Town and Parish Councils	38.24	2.3		1673.87	100	Council Tax Band	EDC CCC PCC	Parish Precept	Special Expenses	Total	A	1086.71	18.90	0.35	1105.96	B	1267.82	22.05	0.40	1290.27	C	1448.94	25.20	0.46	1476.60	D	1630.06	28.35	0.52	1658.93	E	1992.30	34.65	0.64	2027.59	F	2354.53	40.95	0.75	2396.23	G	2716.77	47.25	0.87	2764.89	H	3260.12	56.70	1.04	3317.86
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16/36	Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick.	<p>The Council received a written report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick about County Council matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lazonby Fire Station - County Councillor Hilary Carrick is delighted to report that at the County Council's Cabinet meeting on 4 February it was agreed that the proposal to close five of the county's on-call fire stations, including Lazonby, should NOT be progressed as a budget proposal. Although the decision was taken as a block, it was heavily influenced by the skilful and
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professional campaign organised by our local fire fighters, the weight of support demonstrated by all the local communities and the support of local politicians including our MP.

2. **County Council Budget 2016-17** - At the Council meeting on 19 February it was agreed that the County Council's component of our council tax bills should be increased by 3.99%, comprising a general council tax increase of 1.99% and an adult social care precept of 2.0%. Further, the Medium Term Financial Plan assumes that this 2% precept is agreed every year for the next three years. The County Council has already made £152.983m of savings between 2011/12 and 2015/16 and has to find a further £75.295m of savings from 2016/17 to 2018/19 including £45.46m in 2016/17. The continued reduction in funding presents challenges in a rural, sparsely populated county and the shape of the council and the way it does business in the future will need to change.
3. **Highways** - The County Council will be carrying out a programme of surface dressing and pre-surface dressing starting on 4 April 2016 and lasting for a period of approximately 3 months. A number of local roads will be affected by temporary closures:

- C3002 Golf Course Road (Salkeld Road)
- B6413 Plumpton to Eden Bridge via Lazonby (to be completed in 4 separate phases)
- C3015 Coombe Eden to Lazonby
- C3015 Baronwood to Armathwaite

The exact dates for the work are not known yet but the Council will ensure that local residents and the general public are informed which roads will be closed and when. Access for pedestrians and cyclists will be maintained at all times and vehicular access to properties will need to be discussed with the contractors but every effort will be made to minimise the disruption to all road users.

The main road through the village of Lazonby has not been included for a new road surface dressing in this programme because Highways want to asphalt the road instead and this will be done later in financial year 2016 - 2017. However, the process of how this is to be done needs to be resolved, whether the whole stretch should be done at once or in two parts, to make it easier for residents and road users? Cumbria Highways will notify residents about the works to be carried out a few weeks to a month before the work is carried out. The pavement near the fire station will also be resurfaced because of deterioration. The gullies also need attention.

RESOLVED that the Council agreed that Councillor Hilary Carrick should ask Cumbria Highways to do the new road surfacing on the main road through the village in two parts.

ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Hilary Carrick will also ask for the gullies to be cleared out to alleviate any future flooding problems.

ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that County Councillor Hilary Carrick reserved the right to speak on other issues on the agenda.

ALSO RESOLVED that County Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.

Lazonby Parish Projects:

a. Registration of Parish Land.	<p>The Council received an update regarding the registration of Parish land. Councillor John Judson checked the boundary shown on the Land Registry map for the sports field/playing field and confirmed it was correct. The Clerk has informed Bethan Griffiths of Cartmell Shepherd Solicitors.</p> <p>Also the registration of the path to the Methodist Chapel Reading Rooms will need to be amended, with the Methodist Church paying for the land to be transferred to them, in light of the Chapel closing. The Methodist Circuit's Solicitor will need to get in touch with the Parish Council about this.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the update report about the boundary shown on the Land Registry map for the parish sports/playing field being correct be noted.</p>
b. Neighbourhood Plan.	<p>The Council received an update regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. The next meeting for the Neighbourhood Steering Group will be 10th March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Consultation responses will need to be processed. The remains of the grant of £1854 from Locality may need to be returned. However, the group will look to apply for a further grant in April 2016.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Gordon Nicolson will ask the funders whether the remaining grant can be rolled over into the next financial year, in light of the recent loss of a key member of the steering group and work on the Neighbourhood Plan being halted for a while.</p>
c. Street lighting in the Parish.	<p>The Council received an update regarding the Street lighting in the Parish. Councillor Gordon Nicolson has asked Eden District Council to consider making an ex gratia payment to the Parish Council to cover the costs of installing two new lights at the Village Hall. Eden District Council have said that a report is being prepared for Council on footway lighting to update members on progress with the current programme of replacements and implementation of current policies. There has been discussion on amending the policy where a body takes on responsibility for lights or where a different provision has been made. Their understanding is that Lazonby's request will be considered in the context of changes to existing policies considered to be appropriate and expect the report to go to Council. The Parish Council's ex gratia payment application is still to be considered and more will be known by April/May.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report from Councillor Gordon Nicolson about an ex gratia payment being made to the Parish Council to cover the costs of installing two new lights at the Village Hall be noted.</p>
d. Scaur Close Green.	<p>The Council received an update regarding the Scaur Close Green project. Local parishioners Geoff Wilson and Rob Sim reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Sat 6th and Sunday 7th February 2016 - 1 x Pine and 1 x Silver-birch trees were felled and limbed, and logging was partly completed. • On Monday 8th February 2016 - the Brash was burnt on site. • Between 13th and 22nd February 2016 - the Stone wall restoration was done to approx 85% complete. • On Saturday 20th February 2016 - Rob Sim attended the North Cumbria Orchard Group seminar to have the soil tested and to learn the best options for the new 'orchard' type trees. The soil tends to acid which is good for apples and pears. <p><i>"Full advantage has been taken of improving weather and two of the five trees have been felled. It's hoped that the remaining trees will be felled in</i></p>

	<p><i>the next few weeks. It is hoped that after felling we will be able to have the stumps ground in anticipation of ground preparation during the summer months. Advice on wild-flower meadow planting has been received from Cumbria Wildflowers. Further advice is being sought on ground preparation for seed sowing / plug planting. Good progress has been made with the 'restoration' of the south-west boundary stone wall. Over about 70% of the length of the wall's foundation was relatively sound and only the upper half of the wall has needed stones resetting and new top-stones (cams) sourcing and placing. Almost all topstones were absent. Over about 30% of the length of the wall there had been considerable collapse and it was necessary to take-down the whole wall and rebuild it from foundation. The work done so far has attracted attention of many parishioners walking by and of occupants of Scaur Close and Bartondale, and opportunity has been taken to remind neighbours and tell other parishioners about the proposals. Further to Rob's attendance at the North Cumbria Orchard Group seminar he will be attending a further seminar in March at Newon Rigg to learn about grafting to root-stock and may have the opportunity to purchase some of the replacement trees that are required.”</i></p> <p>RESOLVED that Geoff Wilson and Rob Sim be thanked for their work so far and their report about the Scaur Close Green Project.</p>
e. Recycling Centre and Eden Bridge Car Park.	<p>The Council considered the issue of plastic collection. It was reported by Geoff Wilson, who kindly volunteers to keep the Eden Bridge Recycling Centre tidy, that plastic recycling is now being put in with other recycling materials. Councillor Gordon Nicolson contacted Neil Buck, Contracts Manager at Eden District Council who said that the collection of plastics from the Lazonby site was a private arrangement and that a plastic collection was not now being provided at the site (along with other sites) due to the annual costs involved in providing this additional service. The whole district is now served by a kerbside collection of plastics. The plastic contamination of cardboard/paper reported as an issue has not been raised by our contractor and so they must be dealing with it at no cost to the Council. However, should the Parish Council feel so strongly that they wish to have a plastic collection at the Lazonby site then they may wish to consider a private arrangement with Cumbria Waste Management. It would be necessary to obtain a formal estimate of costs from them which would likely cover transport and labour costs. However, from initial enquiries it is understood this would work out to be very costly. Also there is little value in the plastics material collected at bring sites. How this affects the recycling credits that the Eden Bridge Car park receives will become apparent in the near future.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed not to pursue a private contract between Cumbria Waste Management and themselves because it is going to be too expensive to implement.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk advertise through the Parish Council Newsletter the need for parishioners to continue to use the recycling centre at Eden Bridge Car park to help raise funds for the community, and let the community know the amount of £900 the Parish Council received over the last financial year from recycling credits. The sale of the plastic recycling cage is still to be arranged and can be pursued further now that a decision has been made about plastic recycling.</p>
f. Community Playground.	<p>The Council received an update about the Community Playground. A boon day was held at the community playground organised by the Lazonby & District Swimming Pool Committee, and was well attended by volunteers. The path was repaired using materials provided by the Parish Council. The gate was mended and the maze was tidied up. Wicksteed has now done all</p>

		<p>the repairs requested. Jill Eastham, Chair of the Lazonby & District Swimming Pool has also asked who owns the land between the River Eden and the swimming pool.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that Councillor John Judson will get in touch with Jill Eastham, Chair of the Lazonby & District Swimming Pool to ask if they would like the path to be wacked flat.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Lazonby & District Swimming Pool Committee be told that the land is no man's land and is not registered as Parish Council land.</p>
16/38	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	<p>The Council received a report from the Treasurer (please see attached Treasurer's Report).</p> <p>The Acting Head of Lazonby School, Mr Andrew Davies, has approached the Treasurer to ask if the school can change the purpose of the original grant offer from a climbing frame to an outdoor sand pit, after it came top of the school children's recent wish list.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Direct Debit issue regarding the photocopier from Midshire is now resolved.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Finance and Budget Committee has been asked to discuss via Email the issue of changing the purpose of the original Parish Council grant offer from a climbing frame to an outdoor sand pit further and bring their recommendations back to the April 2016 meeting of the Parish Council.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his report, the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.</p>
16/39	Authority for Payments.	<p>The Council considered any requests for payment received by the Treasurer, Clerk or Council Members.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to pay Eden Graphics the sum of £48 for the manufacture of the new fishing sign.</p>
16/40	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	<p>The Council considered the following Planning Applications, which were issued for consultation by Eden District Council or County Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Application No: 16/0148 (Full Application) - Loft conversion and three storey rear extension to dwelling, at South Cote, Lazonby, Penrith CA10 1AJ. Consultation on a Mineral County Matter Application for Planning Permission Location: Low Plains Quarry, Armathwaite, Penrith, Cumbria, CA4 9TR Proposal: Section 73 application to vary Condition 19 of planning permissions 3/11/9009 and 3/11/9010 Ref No: 3/16/9002 <p>RESOLVED that the Council has NO COMMENTS to make regarding Planning Application No: 16/0148 (Full Application) - Loft conversion and three storey rear extension to dwelling, at South Cote, Lazonby, Penrith CA10 1AJ.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council had the following OBSERVATIONS and COMMENTS to make on the Consultation on a Mineral County Matter Application for Planning Permission, Section 73 application to vary Condition 19 of planning permissions 3/11/9009 and 3/11/9010 Ref No: 3/16/9002, at Low Plains Quarry, Armathwaite, Penrith, Cumbria, CA4 9TR:</p>

- That the Parish Council feel the Planning Conditions were put in place by the Planning Inspector for a reason and that they would like the Planning Authority making a decision on this application to defer their decision until the applicant can give a specific date by which Condition 19 will be adhered to.

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16/41	Planning Applications – Decisions.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no following Planning Application Decisions received:
16/42	Police up-date.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council received the Penrith Rural Police Newsletter - February 2016.
16/43	Lazonby Fire/Rescue Service.	The Council have already received a report about the Lazonby Fire/Rescue Service from County Councillor Hilary Carrick. However, County Councillor Carrick wished to thank everyone involved in the Save the Lazonby Fire Station Campaign. RESOLVED that the thanks from County Councillor Hilary Carrick regarding the Save the Lazonby Fire Station Campaign be noted.
16/44	Housing Development in the Parish.	RESOLVED that there was no further update regarding the Barton Dale signs.
16/45	Traffic and Parking Issues in the Village.	The Council received an update about the issue of speeding traffic passing the school and possible traffic calming measures. The Clerk has spoken to the school and they have had no further complaints about the speed of traffic past the school. RESOLVED that the issue of speeding traffic passing the school and possible traffic calming measures be removed from the agenda.
16/46	LPC Cumbria Highways Link Person Report.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there was nothing further to report on any other issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting concerning Cumbria Highways.
16/47	Closure of Railway between Carlisle and Appleby.	TO RECEIVE an update about the closure of the Railway between Carlisle and Appleby. The Clerk has received several updates about the closure of the Railway between Carlisle and Appleby. The latest of these is as follows from Edenbrows: <i>'A team of 80 people from Network Rail, including geotechnical and engineering experts, are carrying out extensive preparatory work ahead of repairs to a 500,000 tonne landslip on the Settle to Carlisle railway line. Network Rail is examining all possible long-term solutions to the problem – a challenge made doubly complex by the landslip's size, the fact it's still moving and its inaccessible location. On the ground at Eden Brows, the scene of the slip, 40 of the orange army are building access roads across farmland, setting up a site compound, removing vegetation and taking soil samples to fully understand the underlying ground conditions. The affected section of embankment, two miles north of Armathwaite, is more than 130m long and 70m wide. Some 500,000 tonnes of earth is still moving down one side of the Eden Gorge towards the River Eden.'</i> <i>The much-loved Settle to Carlisle line is likely to remain closed north of Appleby for several months but, once a single engineering solution is finalised, this preparatory work will enable a swift start to repairs. Rhianon Price, Network Rail project manager, said: "Around 500,000 tonnes of earth in the embankment supporting the railway is still on the move downhill towards the River Eden."</i> <i>"Since our monitoring systems detected significant movement on 9 February our geotechnical and engineering experts have been considering</i>

		<p><i>all the possible repair options. We have not yet agreed on the best final engineering solution but we hope to have that soon."</i></p> <p>Councillor Tim Wright reported that there was also a drop-in session for the public to ask questions about the rail works on the Carlisle to Settle line in Appleby on 4th March 2016. Also rail workers are going to be giving information to passersby.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that Councillor Tim Wright ask Northern Rail if they are to carry out anymore drop-ins at other stations regarding the works on the Carlisle to Settle railway line.</p>
16/48	Parish Grass-cutting for 2016.	<p>The Parish Council received a recommendation that the parish grass-cutting volunteers should be mobilised again for 2016 with a letter from the Chair to be sent to the volunteers.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be agreed that the parish grass-cutting volunteers should be mobilised again for 2016 with a letter from the Chair to the volunteers.</p>
16/49	Parish Field and Grazing to Let.	<p>The Council considered the Parish Sports/Playing field and grazing to let for 2016. The Clerk has contacted the Cub Scout Leaders to ask if they would like to continue to use the parish field on a Monday night, so that this can be put on the advertising. The Clerk has now received a reply that the Cub Scouts would very much like to keep using the field on Monday nights and for the occasional weekend. However, because the sheep caused a few problems for them they have been mulling over tendering for sole use, and trying to figure out how much grass cutting would actually be required. They have asked what the council's requirement would be, and would they have to go through the tendering process? The Council discussed the issue of the Cub Scouts using the Parish Sports/Playing field and because the field is supposed to be for recreational purposes it was agreed that they should not have to tender for its sole use. The Council discussed offering the use of the allotment part of the field to the Cub Scouts for a cost. Then the remaining part of the field can be tendered for sheep grazing.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk ask the Cub Scouts if they would like to rent the allotment part of the Parish Sports/Playing field at a cost of £50 including responsibility for the maintenance and grass cutting of that part of the field/</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED to advertise the remaining part of the Parish sports/playing field for sheep grazing if the Cub Scouts want to take up the Council's offer; or advertise the entire field if they do not, and they wish to remain with the original arrangement of Monday nights and occasional weekends.</p>
16/50	Dog fouling in the Village.	<p>The Council considered the course of action to deal with an increase of dog fouling in the village.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk put an article in the Parish Council Newsletter to remind the community to ensure they pick up after their dogs, and report those failing to do so to the Council.</p>
16/51	Invitations to Participate.	<p>The Council considered whether Members would like to take part in, attend, or send a representative to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. War Memorials Workshop – 15th March, at 2 pm, in Cockermouth URC Church, Main Street, Cockermouth. 2. The latest round of public surgery dates for Eden District Council Leader's - Councillor Kevin Beaty said: "<i>The surgeries are an important way for residents, businesses and Parish Councillors</i>

		<p><i>to get in touch with me directly so the Council can help address any areas of concern they may have. I felt it was important that the first few surgery dates are being held in areas that are overcoming the effects of the recent floods, so I hope people take the opportunity to pop along and share any of their concerns with me. I hope to hold more surgeries again later this year".</i> The dates and times and venues for the Leader's Public Surgeries are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pooley Bridge - Parking Memorial Hall, Tuesday 1 March 2016 from 11am-Noon • Askham - Askham and District Community Centre, Tuesday 5 April 2016 from 11am-Noon • Glenridding – Public Hall, Monday 9 May 2016 from 11am-Noon • Lazonby – Village Hall, Tuesday 7 June 2016, from 11am-Noon • Tebay – Methodist Church Hall, Tuesday 5 July 2016, from 11am-Noon More dates and venues for public surgeries until the end of 2016 will be announced in due course.
		RESOLVED that the invitations to participate be noted.
16/52	INFORMATION given for reference only.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there was no information given to the Council for reference only.
16/53	Date of the Next Meeting.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the date of the next scheduled Meeting be confirmed as Wednesday 6 th April 2015, at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Rooms at Lazonby Village Hall.