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## LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes

**For the Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023, in Lazonby Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Chair Councillor Chris West

Councillors Andrew Miller, Tim Wright, Phillip Whitehead, Andrew Bates and Ruth Hookway.

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

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
23/108	<b>Apologies for absence.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the apologies received from Parish Councillors Angie Miller and Peter Foley be accepted and noted.
23/109	<b>The filling of a Council Member Vacancies.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there were no nominations to co-opt any new members onto the Council but Councillor Chris West is currently talking to several parishioners who maybe interested in the future.
23/110	<b>Requests for Dispensations.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> 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.
23/111	<b>Declaration of Interest.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillor Philip Whitehouse declared a prejudicial interest in matters concerning the Egg Packing Station Housing Development.
23/112	<b>Matters of Urgency.</b>	<p>The Council received the following matters which arrived too late to be otherwise placed on the agenda or were excluded by mistake, so were introduced in this part of the agenda. These are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Treasurer to the Council Chris Hoy has an update about the Parish Council grant applications for this financial year.</li> <li>2. Councillor Chris West has written to the parishioners with the overhanging hedge explaining why it was important to trim back their hedge, which has resulted in them now cutting back the hedge.</li> </ol> <hr/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Treasurer to the Council Chris Hoy will give an update on the Parish Council grant applications for this financial year as part of his treasurers Report later on the agenda.</li> <li>2. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the report about the overhanging hedge being cut back be noted with thanks to the hedge owners for their co-operation.</li> </ol>
23/113	<b>Public Participation.</b>	<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"> <li>1. There were concerns that someone strimming a grassy bank on</li> </ol>

		<p>Fiddlers Lane was not wearing any protective clothing.</p> <p>2. The gates are now locked at the Auction Mart which may be due to reports of dog fouling.</p>
		<p>1. <b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the person strimming a grassy bank on Fiddlers Lane who was not wearing any protective clothing was not a parish volunteer and none knew who they worked for.</p> <p>2. <b>RESOLVED</b> that gates now being locked at the Auction Mart be noted.</p>
23/114	<b>Report from the local Community Police.</b>	<p>The Council received a report from the local Community Police for May 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports of cars racing round Lazonby in the morning of 13/05/23, some registrations were passed however all vehicles were registered out of county.</li> <li>• Burglary at the CO-OP, in the early hours on the 13/05/23, three offenders gained entry via the front of the store and stole cash from within.</li> <li>• On 27/05/23 - a report of youths playing with a BB gun on Meadow Close, police attended and spoke with those involved.</li> <li>• At 00:30hrs on 30/05/23, there were reports of a suspicious vehicle driving down Lamb Lea, which was a white pick-up/ transit with no registration plate.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the May 2023 report for Lazonby from the local community police be noted.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the Council received the Eden Focus Police Newsletter for Eden Rural and Penrith &amp; Alston Police Newsletter for April and May 2023.</p>
23/115	<b>Broadband in the Parish.</b>	<p>The Council received an update about broadband issues in the parish. Councillor Tim Wright has spoken to FACTCO about their proposals, and they have told him that they were looking to piggy back on BT lines and use existing infrastructure. FACTCO said they are hoping to have a presentation meeting for the local community in the future. Councillor Hilary Carrick informed the Parish Council that FACTCO had not yet applied or received any licenses as yet to carry out the work they were proposing.</p> <p>The Council also considered a request to use Parish Council land at Eden Bridge car park to store a welfare set up for Rural Fibre 4U/FACTCO while they put fibre broadband in the village. The Clerk received a phone call followed by an email asking if the Parish Council would allow the Eden Bridge car park be a welfare set up for Rural Fibre 4U/FACTCO build at Lazonby. Although they do not have a confirmed start date or duration, the Parish Council will be the first to receive this information.</p> <p>Welfare set up will be contained within Heras fencing and will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12ft container</li> <li>• 2 x 20ft containers for storage</li> <li>• Large Skip</li> <li>• 2 Van Parking Spaces</li> <li>• Haulage Lorry delivery Access/Parking Away from residents / areas of business/local community leisure</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Tim Wright also spoke to B4RN who have said it is unlikely that they will get the funding for the parish now so they will not be pursuing their</p>

		<p>installation project.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council agreed that they would refuse FACTCO's request to use the Eden Bridge car park as a welfare set up as the Council believed it was not big enough a space for the usual patrons to use alongside the large welfare setup proposed.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that Councillor Tim Wright would inform FACTCO of the Parish Councils decision to refuse their request to use Eden Bridge car park for their welfare set up, and inform them about the alternative Council site on the edge of the village and that they would have to contact the Council about using it, as there was no other site in the village deemed suitable.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that Councillor Tim Wright would continue to liaise with the FACTCO Fibre optic broadband company on the Parish Council's behalf, and ask them how long would their installation project last and what local disruption would there be to traffic etc.</p>
23/116	<b>Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023.</b>	<p>It was recommended that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that Councillor Phillip Whitehead's name had been misspelt several times on the May 2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes, which has now been corrected.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that subject to the above changes the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
23/117	<b>Progress Reports on Recent Actions.</b>	The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 10 <sup>th</sup> of May 2023.
	<b>a. Donations at Eden Bridge Car Park (Last minute 23/92).</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it there was nothing further to report at present on the donations at Eden Bridge car park.
	<b>b. State of footpaths in the Village (Last minute 23/92).</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there was nothing further to report on the program for the maintenance of footpaths, including drop kerbs.
	<b>c. Parish Fishing (Last minute 23/92).</b>	<p>The Council received an update about the Fishing Rights and Bailifing in the parish. Councillors Peter Foley and Tim Wright have been working on this issue. They believe it would still be extremely helpful if members could consider the Agenda item relating to the Council's fishing rights and particularly the discussions that Councillors Tim Wright and Peter Folet have had with the Prince Albert Angling Society. Councillor Peter Foley also provided notes of a "Teams" meeting we held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 which were emailed out to Council Members. The included notes are largely self-explanatory but Councillor Foley's comments are as follows:</p> <p><i>"The annual upfront payment of £1750.00 offered by the Angling Society compares quite favourably with the income we have achieved by other means over recent years. The Treasurer has previously circulated figures outlining our annual income since 2006/07. This was highest when permits were being sold by the post office. Income reached £1667 in 2009/10 but fell steadily after that to £1172 in 2017/18. Income was then severely hampered by Covid lockdowns and failed to recover last year.</i></p> <p><i>(The Treasurers report on Fishing Permits is also attached for</i></p>

reference).

*The proposed arrangements mean that residents living within the Parish of Lazonby would still be able to fish without charge by applying for an annual permit from the Angling Society but, would be asked to provide proof of residence by way of submitting a copy of a utility bill or driving license with their name and address on, when first applying.*

*In our previous discussions the Parish Council has been keen to ensure that other local anglers and/or tourists are able to fish by purchasing a day ticket or annual permit. The Angling Society are not averse to this, but from their side need to make sure that on no day the river becomes so busy with anglers that there is insufficient space for their members to fish. This is understandable because although they have members who live fairly close by, some of their members may travel considerable distances to get here.*

*To resolve this, they have proposed using a combination of a limited number of annual permits and/or day tickets to allow no more than 10 anglers (other than members of their Society or residents of Lazonby) a day to fish. This would be a mix of either:*

- a) Day passes issued by the KO shop or the Swimming Pool, or*
- b) Annual permits issued by the Angling Society which allow fishing on Lazonby waters only.*

*It would be up to the Parish Council to decide how this mix could best suit our needs, but for example, 10 anglers a day could perhaps be achieved by allowing:*

- A maximum limit of three day tickets, to be sold daily by both the KO Shop and the Swimming Pool respectively. It was suggested the charge for these be consolidated into one rather than having the current daytime and evening tickets, and by doing away with the current concessionary rate. This would be pitched around £10.00 per day and as a goodwill gesture for recording sales, the Angling Society would allow any money generated by their sales to be kept by the KO shop and the swimming pool.*
- Four annual permits would then be available to be purchased from the Angling Society. The cost of this would be pitched around £60.00 per year.*

*Although the above example may well be sufficient to cater for all of our existing anglers who presently buy day tickets/permits, the actual balance needed from each of the different sources is something that may best be established by review throughout the first year of operation.*

*The Angling Society are of the view it would be better to be reviewed after a full fishing season (March – September), but if the agreement was to start in July this year, then there would also be an opportunity to review and make changes before the next season starts in March 2024.*

*Important also, is that the Angling Society would provide a Bailiff service which should help to discourage anyone fishing without proper authorisation.*

		<p><i>The Angling Society have also pointed out that anyone who wishes to fish the river would be open to apply to join their Society which allows fishing on many other waters in the UK and is competitively priced.</i></p> <p><i>If the Parish Council wishes to go ahead, then it will be necessary for written terms of agreement (a Licence) to be prepared and signed by both parties. A copy of the Angling Society's standard terms of agreement is attached which could easily be amended to include the specific matters relevant to this site.</i></p> <p><i>In conclusion, and for all of the reasons outlined above, it is recommended that the Parish Council agree to work with the Prince Albert Angling Society and accept their proposals. Also, it would be helpful if myself (Peter Foley) and Councillor Tim Wright could be given delegated authority to carry out further work on the terms of agreement and for it then to be circulated by email for comments/approval by the other members of the Parish Council."</i></p> <p>The Council discussed the pros and cons of the proposal and what it also meant to the local community and their rights to fish. Also the Council talked about consulting with the local community.</p>
	<p><b>d. Mud on Road from Quarry Vehicles and Blocked Gulley (Last minute 23/92).</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillors Peter Foley and Tim Wright, with the Treasurer to the Council Chris Hoy and a local Angler from the parish will look to have a meeting to brainstorm all the issues that need to be resolved about these fishing rights before the next meeting of the Parish Council.</p>
	<p><b>e. Parish Boon Day (Last minute 23/92).</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the village boon day went ahead on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023 at 11 am meeting at Will Pool, and as not many volunteers turned up, they concentrated on tidying up Will Pool.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Parish Council would like to thank everyone that did turn up to help tidy Will Pool.</p>
<p><b>23/118</b></p>	<p><b>Report from the Westmorland &amp; Furness Councillor.</b></p>	<p>The Council received a report from Westmoreland &amp; Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick about Westmorland &amp; Furness matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Eden Locality Board met at the end of May 2023. There was an exercise carried out regarding place shaping. Many of the new Councillors had different viewpoints to returning Councillors, on issues like sustainable transport, electric vehicles, housing economic development, not enough for local youngsters to do regarding jobs, entertainment etc. Eden had more traditional priorities regarding local services. The top three priorities will go forward for funding.</li> </ol> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Westmoreland &amp; Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that Westmoreland &amp; Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick reserved the right to request to speak on other issues on the agenda.</p>

23/119	<b>Representatives on Outside Bodies 2023 - 2024.</b>	<p><b>TO CONSIDER</b> the appointment of representatives to serve on the following outside bodies for 2023 – 2024. The following were the 2022 – 2023 Parish Council representatives.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Eden Association of Local Councils – ex Councillor Gordon Nicolson;</li> <li>2. Lazonby Village Hall Management Committee – Councillor Tim Wright.</li> </ol> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillor Chris West would be the new representative for Eden Association of Local Councils (EALC).</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that Councillor Tim Wright would continue as the Council representative for Lazonby Village Hall Management Committee.</p>
23/120	<p><b>Lazonby Parish Projects:</b></p> <p><b>a. Proposed Development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station.</b></p>	<p>The Council received a report about the proposed development of the Lazonby Egg Packing Station which is still ongoing. The grant application is still under consideration by Westmorland and Furness Council but it is hoped that a decision will be reached by July 2023. It needs to be signed off rather than have cabinet approval. It is also possible that the estimates for demolition, site clearance, asbestos removal and wall repairs will need to be updated as they were obtained in February 2023 and are only valid for six months.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the report about the Egg Packing Station Housing Development be noted.</p>
23/121	<b>Financial Report by the Treasurer.</b>	<p>The Council received a report from the Treasurer for May 2023 (please see attached Treasurer’s Report).</p> <p>The Treasurer Chris Hoy also gave a report on this financial year’s Parish Council grants that have been awarded to local community groups. The Eden Valley Players have now received their grant. However, the other grant that was awarded to Lazonby Festive Tree Club has not been given to the applicants because although they were written to twice requesting their bank details to pay the grant, once in December 2022 and then again in April 2023, they did not reply so the Treasurer was not able to pay them. Councillor Tim Wright has also approached them and they did say that they would reply to the Treasurer but they still have not done so, so the Treasurer is now not sure what to do. Further points were made that the pub where they hoped to put the tree this Christmas and use their electric for the lights, is currently closed and looking for new management but this may not happen by Christmas, so the funding would be redundant anyway.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Treasurer be thanked for his monthly report, the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Council agreed that Councillor Tim Wright would speak to the Lazonby Festive Tree Club and ask them to submit a letter refusing the grant as it was deemed that it was not needed by them now.</p>
23/122	<b>Accounts, External Audit &amp; Internal Audit.</b>	<p>The Council considered the Accounts, External Audit and Internal Audit. The Treasurer reported that John Kidd acting as Internal Auditor has confirmed that he is satisfied that the Accounts for 2022/23 are a true and accurate record of the financial activities of Lazonby Parish Council. The Parish Council Chair Chris West will at the conclusion of this meeting sign off the Accounts and Annual Governance and Accountability Return in</p>

		<p>preparation for submission to Moore (External Auditors) by the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Once the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and associated documents have been submitted all these details will be posted to the Parish Council Website and made available to the public on request for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the report about the internal audit, external audit and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and associated documents being submitted and that the details will be posted to the Parish Council Website and made available to the public on request for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023 be noted.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Chair Councillor Chris West signed off the Accounts and Annual Governance and Accountability Return in preparation for submission to Moore (External Auditors) by the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</p>
23/123	<b>Authority for Payments.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> 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"> <li>1. The sum of £47.00 to Lazonby Village Hall for the hire of the Jubilee Room for April and May 2023.</li> <li>2. The sum of £125.00 to Lazonby Village Hall towards the annual cost of electricity for the streetlights on the Village Hall.</li> <li>3. The sum of £317.99 to Councillor Chris West for expenses incurred for the Councillors John Judson and Gordon Nicolson's retirement presentation.</li> <li>4. The sum of £32.00 to Councillor Chris West to give to Lazonby Pool from the Eden Community fund Grant for the King's Coronation event.</li> <li>5. The sum £40.00 to the Clerk for 3.5 hours overtime working on the King's Coronation Event. This was covered by the grant from Westmorland &amp; Furness Council.</li> <li>6. The sum of £170.32 to the Clerk for travel and office expenses from April to June 2023.</li> </ol>
23/124	<b>Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that there were no planning applications to consider.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the Eden Planning Committee 17.5.23 planning application decision list was received by the Parish Council, although there were no planning application decisions for the parish of Lazonby.</p>
23/125	<b>Planning Applications – Decisions.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that there were no planning application decisions to be noted.
23/126	<b>LPC Cumbria Highways Link Person Report.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the following highways issue was reported to Cumbria Highways by Councillor Andrew Miller in his new role of Cumbria Highways Link person:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A pothole near the turning to North Dykes, on Plumpton Road near Lazonby.</li> </ol>
23/127	<b>Invitations to Participate.</b>	<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"> <li>1. <b>Community Renewable Energy Event - Thursday 29th June 2023 at 7pm via Teams organised by CALC and CAfS.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Agenda:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Introduction to Community Renewable Energy:</b> Quentin Merritt, Wingspan Consulting</li> </ol>

		<p>2) <b>What can Local Councils do in relation to Community Renewable Energy:</b> Kate McGibbon, CALC</p> <p>3) <b>Community Renewable Energy initiatives currently taking place in Cumbria:</b> Sally Lansbury, Sustainable Keswick/Keswick Town Council Janet Batty, Greening Levens/Levens Parish Council/Westmorland &amp; Furness Council</p> <p>4) <b>Support available:</b> Molly Hogg, CAfS, Kate McGibbon CALC</p> <p>5) <b>Questions to Panel.</b></p>
		<b>RESOLVED</b> that invitations to participate be noted.
23/128	<b>INFORMATION given for reference only.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the following information was given to the Council for reference only:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>List of Key Contacts for Cumberland Council</b></li> <li>2. <b>Mental Health Awareness Week campaign - ‘Make the first move for your mental health’.</b></li> <li>3. <b>ACT News Update - May 2023.</b></li> <li>4. <b>CCRG: Presentations from Spring and Summer Hazards Event Information.</b></li> <li>5. <b>Community Ownership Fund Available to Local Councils -</b> For the first time the government has extended its £150m Community Ownership Fund to local councils and is now inviting expressions of interest. Aimed at assisting the purchase or renovation of local assets, thereby safeguarding their future, the Fund should be of great interest and value to local communities wishing to apply. Expressions of interest must be submitted at least three weeks before the <b>12 July 2023 deadline:</b> <u><a href="#">Community Ownership Fund Round 3: how to express your interest in applying - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></u></li> <li>6. <b>CALC News - April &amp; March 2023.</b></li> <li>7. <b>CALC Training Information.</b></li> <li>8. <b>Flood Drop in Event</b> to be held in Ambleside on 7<sup>th</sup> June Information.</li> <li>9. <b>Cumbria Local Authority Climate Update May 2023.</b></li> <li>10. <b>Funding opportunities: Community Energy Projects information.</b></li> </ol>
23/129	<b>Date of the Next Meeting.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the date of the next scheduled meeting be Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2023, at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.

The meeting finished at 8.45 pm.