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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

**For the Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on
Wednesday 5th July 2023, in Lazonby Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Chair Councillor Chris West

Councillors Andrew Miller, Peter Foley 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
23/130	Apologies for absence.	RESOLVED that the apologies received from Parish Councillor Angie Miller and Westmorland and Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick be accepted and noted.
23/131	The filling of a Council Member Vacancies.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no nominations to co-opt any new members onto the Council but Councillor Chris West is currently still talking to several parishioners who maybe interested in the future.
23/132	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.
23/133	Declaration of Interest.	RESOLVED that Councillor Phillip Whitehead declared a prejudicial interest in matters concerning the Egg Packing Station Housing Development.
23/134	Matters of Urgency.	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: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Two events have been sent via email since the agenda was issued:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pot Hole Emergency - Parish Council Highways Briefing EventCode of Conduct Training for Parish Members
		<ol style="list-style-type: none">RESOLVED that the Pot Hole Emergency - Parish Council Highways Briefing Event and the Code of Conduct Training for Parish Members will be brought up at agenda item 21 which is Minute no. 23/150 – Invitations to Participate.
23/135	Public Participation.	As there was no parishioners present the Parish Council discussed issues that parishioners had been in contact about. <ol style="list-style-type: none">The Lorries delivering etc. to the new housing development have been turning down Scaur Lane past the village hall from the Main Street but they have been told that they should enter Scaur Lane via the Great Salkeld road end. All the Hauliers have been told of this but from now on the instructions will be put on the delivery notes to remind the drivers. However, parishioners have to remember there

		<p>will still be some Lorries entering from the Village Hall end of Scaur Lane who deliver goods to houses on Meadow Close, Scaur Close, Scaur Lane and Barton Dale who have nothing to do with the new housing development.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The existing rubbish bin at the swimming pool has been filling up to over flowing on a regular basis, so much so Councillors Chris West has had to empty it on one occasion. 3. A parishioner has asked if Swift bird boxes can be put up around the village.
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED that the information about the Lorries delivering etc to the new housing development in Scaur Lane be noted. 2. RESOLVED that the Clerk ask Westmorland and Furness Council if the parish could have an additional bin next to the existing bin at the swimming pool because the existing bin is constantly overflowing especially in the summer with the added campsite users. 3. RESOLVED that the request for Swift boxes will be looked at as part of the parish conservation issues which is being looked at by the Parish Council.
23/136	Broadband in the Parish.	<p>The Council received an update about broadband issues in the parish. Councillor Tim Wright said he has heard nothing further from FACTCO. However, B4RN have now said that there have been developments regarding funding for the area so they are having a meeting in on 13th July 2023 to discuss this further.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Tim Wright will attend the B4RN meeting on the 13th July 2023.</p>
23/137	Report from the local Community Police.	<p>The Council received a report from the local Community Police for June 2023.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suspicious incident- At 00:30hrs on 12/06 a Silver Suzuki Vitara was parked on the side of the road on the Kirkoswald side of the bridge, torches could be seen and voices heard in the river by the swimming pool. There was a 'clatter' up, ducks disturbed and men could be seen running in the river. 2. 04/06- Youths in the river by Eden Lacy (Lacy Caves side), one got into trouble in the water, police attended and male casualty was lying on the floor on the opposite side, Police officer swam across the river and walked casualty to nearest ambulance where the youth was taken to hospital as they needed stitches to a tear caused by high pressure rapids. 3. Shoplifting- At 17:40hrs on 07/06, a male has entered Lazonby Co-Op and stolen £400 worth of medication from the shelves.
		<p>RESOLVED that the June 2023 report for Lazonby from the local community police be noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council received the Eden Focus Police Newsletter for Eden Rural and Penrith & Alston Police Newsletter for May and June 2023</p>

23/138	Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 7th June 2023.	It was recommended that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 7 th June 2023 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.
		<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Phillip Whitehead's name has still been misspelt and was therefore corrected.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Peter Foley's name had also been misspelt due to a typing error, and was therefore corrected.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the report in the draft minutes regarding the Egg Packing Station Housing development concerned the grant application and not the planning application, this was changed on the draft minutes prior to the approved Minutes being signed at the July meeting of the Parish Council.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that subject to the above changes the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 7th June 2023 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
23/139	Progress Reports on Recent Actions.	The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 7 th June 2023.
	a. Donations at Eden Bridge Car Park (Last minute 23/117).	RESOLVED that there was nothing further to report at present on the donations at Eden Bridge car park.
	b. State of footpaths in the Village (Last minute 23/117).	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that there was nothing further to report on the program for the maintenance of footpaths, including drop kerbs.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillors Andrew Miller and Tim Wright will redo the original survey on the state of the footpath due to their worsening state.</p>
	c. Parish Fishing (Last minute 23/117).	<p>The Council received an update about the Fishing Rights and Bailifing in the parish. At the last meeting of the Parish Council in June 2023, the following concerns were raised which were discussed again because of some confusion over the points being raised.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How did the Anglers Club derive the sum of £1750. Also has the free fishing for under 16's and the discounted fees for OAP's been taken into consideration. 2. Educating the local parishioners to apply for an annual free permit will need time and may not be received well for being onerous. 3. It would be difficult to enforce a daily limit to the tickets sold because the volunteers working at both the Kirkoswald shop and the Swimming Pool may not remember to relay the information to each other. 4. A review would be needed to calculate, daytime, evening and OAP rates, and would the commission be kept by the agents for the three daily permits? 5. This needs time to investigate, and to consult local parishioners who fish the river. So maybe signing up this year is too soon? 6. Are parishioners who casually fish without permits going to have issues with the fishing bailiffs? <p>Councillor Peter Foley did not understand why the proposals were not OK and having been absent from the last Parish Council meeting in June was surprised about the decision to have a meeting between himself, Tim Wright, the Treasurer to the Council Chris Hoy and a local Angler from the parish to brainstorm all the issues that need to be resolved about the fishing rights</p>

		<p>because he felt that the report and work he had already carried out covered most issues. The Council discussed the above points including speaking to local fisherman, levelling out the budget and looking at a review date.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Peter Foley be given delegated authority to continue to progress the project with the Angling Club to iron out any concerns and issues, and liaise with the Council via email during the summer break.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillors Chris West and Peter Foley will speak to a local Angler to gauge their views on the proposals that will affect at local level.</p>
	d. Mud on Road from Quarry Vehicles and Blocked Gully (Last minute 23/117).	RESOLVED that the repairs on the blocked gully are still ongoing.
	e. Lazonby Parish Council Grants for 2023 – 2024 Update (Last minute 23/112).	<p>The Council received an update on the Lazonby Festive Tree Club grant. At the last meeting the Treasurer reported that the grant that was awarded to Lazonby Festive Tree Club had not been given to the applicants because although they were written to twice requesting their bank details to pay the grant, they did not reply so the Treasurer was not able to pay them. At the June 2023 meeting of the Parish Council it was agreed that Councillor Tim Wright would speak to the Lazonby Festive Tree Club and ask them to submit a letter refusing the grant for the parish Council records, as it was deemed that it was not needed by them now due to a change of circumstances for the project. Councillor Tim Wright has spoken to them and they apologise for not being in touch sooner. Furthermore, the pub is now under new management so the project could go ahead.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Treasurer Chris Hoy write to the Lazonby Festive Tree Club to accept their apologies for not being in touch sooner, to inform they would need to reapply again on the next round of Parish Council grants, that it could only be funded as a one off project and that they need to provide their bank details if they want to receive a grant in the future.</p>
23/140	Report from the Westmorland & Furness Councillor.	<p>The Council received a written report from Westmoreland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick about Westmorland & Furness matters affecting the Parish.</p> <p>General Issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Westmorland and Furness Council have now been in existence for 3 months and are starting to gain traction. The Eden Locality Board has only met once formally but has held three seminars to discuss the physical, social and economic aspects of each ward and identify the top priority issues. As a consequence it is proposed that the main priorities for the Eden Locality Board are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1. To ensure that Eden is a great area to grow up where children are happy, healthy and have opportunities to reach their full potential. • Priority 2. To better connect our places by maintaining and developing our networks, infrastructure links and modes of travel. • Priority 3. To empower our communities to thrive by supporting a strength and asset based approach to healthy

		<p>lifestyles and wellbeing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 4. To consider the challenge of climate change and biodiversity in everything the Board does. <p>These will be discussed and agreed at the Eden Locality Board meeting on Monday 10 July 2023. There were a number of common themes throughout the district including access to services, training and jobs, highways, young people's mental health and rural isolation, but also pride in our local environment.</p> <p>2. At the beginning of August Councillor Hilary Carrick will be 'Walking the Ward' with the Highways Network Manager to give him a flavour of local highways concerns. Councillor Carrick will raise the issue of the potholes on our roads and the state of our footways on your behalf but if there are any other issues you would like Councillor Hilary Carrick to highlight, could you please let her know before the end of the month, preferably in a co-ordinated way via Councillor Chris West and the Clerk to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Local Issues</p> <p>1. Councillor Hilary Carrick has reported the damage surrounding the manhole outside the Co-op to highways as a trip hazard. Responsibility for the repair to this manhole lies with United Utilities but Highways have contacted them on our behalf.</p> <p>2. As the Parish Council will remember that the issue of heavy construction vehicles accessing or departing the Genesis site has been raised before, particularly in respect of damage being done to the pavement and drain cover at the corner by the Village Hall. The background is that unfortunately Eden District Council did not apply any conditions to the outline planning application 17/0740 relating to the routing plans for the construction traffic and so in the later discharge of conditions for application 22/0088 no details have been provided for the routes for the construction traffic. Highways have since contacted Genesis directly to request that large construction vehicles avoid using the junction by the Village Hall. Councillor Hilary Carrick would be grateful if those of you who live nearer the site can monitor this on her behalf so that she can report back any difficulties.</p> <p>3. Councillor Hilary Carrick is currently in pursuit of some facts regarding the funding for the egg packing station project. The decision regarding the approval of grant funding for the project does not need to be approved by Cabinet and can be approved by officers from Westmorland and Furness Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Westmoreland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.</p>
23/141	<p>Lazonby Parish Projects:</p>	
	<p>a. Proposed Development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station.</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 soon. As reported earlier in the meeting by Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick the decision regarding the approval of grant funding for the project does not need to be approved by the Cabinet and can be approved by Officers from</p>

		Westmorland and Furness Council. There will still be a lot of work to do once the grant has been awarded.
		RESOLVED that the report about the Egg Packing Station Housing Development be noted.
	b. Conservation in the Parish.	<p>The Council considered any conservation issues in the Parish. Councillors Phillip Whitehead and Andrew Bates want to start putting project proposals forward regarding conservation issues in the parish. The projects that will be looked at will be bird boxes for swifts and swallows, tree and hedge planting, wildflower seeds at Will Pool, and any other project which they think would benefit the parish.. Also to revisit the Parish Council's tree survey; get the school involved in projects; and look into the pollinator pledge.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to give Councillors Phillip Whitehead and Andrew Bates dedicated authority to look into projects for the parish and liaise with the Parish Council when needed.</p>
23/142	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	The Council received a report from the Treasurer for June 2023 (please see attached Treasurer's Report). The Council also received the budget information for 2023/2024.
		Moore UK have confirmed receipt of the Parish Council's Accounts and in compliance with audit guidelines the Accounts have been published on the Parish Council website as unaudited until 18 th August awaiting their report.
		RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his monthly report and the budget information for 2023/2024, the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.
23/143	Banking Signatory.	The Council considered a new Parish Council bank signatory. Now that John Judson has retired who was the second signature on the Council's Bank Account, the Council now requires a new second signatory.
		RESOLVED that Councillor Ruth Hookway agreed to be the new bank signatory for the Parish Council.
23/144	Authority for Payments.	<p>RESOLVED that the Council considered requests for payment received by the Treasurer, Clerk or Council Members, and agreed to pay the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The sum of £70.00 to Mr John Kidd for the completed Internal Audit for the Parish Accounts 2022 – 2023, as the usual agreed sum.
23/145	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	RESOLVED that there were no planning applications to consider.
23/146	Planning Applications – Decisions.	<p>RESOLVED that there were no planning application decisions to be noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Eden Planning Committee application decision list for 17th June 2023 planning was received, although there were no planning application decisions for the parish of Lazonby.</p>
23/147	LPC Cumbria Highways Link Person Report.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no further highways issues to report.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council received notification that there was a temporary road closure put in place to allow Network Rail to carry out railway works which was expected to commence 4th July 2023 and anticipated to take 1 day to complete. Location: B6413 Lazonby, from its junction with the B6412, extending in a north easterly direction for a</p>

		distance of approx. 50 metres. Alternative Route: Via the unrestricted section of the B6413, A6, C3027 (Armathwaite) and the C1038 and a way for pedestrians and dismounted cyclists will be maintained at all times.
23/148	Delegated Authority to the Chair and Clerk to deal with any issues over the Summer break.	It was recommended that the Parish Council give the Chair to the Council, Councillor Chris West, and the Clerk to the Parish Council, Rebecca Wyatt, the delegated authority to deal with any issues that arise during the summer 2023 break. They will be expected to keep the Council informed of any issues and ask for support where needed.
		RESOLVED that the Council agreed that Chair to the Council, Councillor Chris West, and the Clerk to the Parish Council be given delegated authority to deal with any issues that arise during the summer 2023 break, and to keep the Council informed of any issues and ask for support where needed.
23/149	Social Media Presence for the Parish Council.	The Council considered having a social media presence for the Parish Council. Councillor Andrew Bates gave a report on using social media to increase community engagement for the Parish Council, especially getting across information to a younger audience. The Clerk also gave some points which would also need to be considered like General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), creating a Social Media Policy, having a dedicated Councillor role which would be responsibility for keeping Parish Council's Social Media accounts running. The Chair Councillor Chris West also pointed out that any Parish Council Social Media accounts would not be the responsibility of the Clerk due to the already full schedule of tasks the Clerk has to carry out.
		RESOLVED that Councillor Andrew Bates would draft a Social Media Policy and liaise with Councillor Chris West and the Clerk to the Parish Council before bringing it back to the September 2023 Meeting of the Parish Council for consideration.
23/150	Invitations to Participate.	<p>The Council considered if Council Members would like to comment, take part in, attend, or send a representative to any invitations to participate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> CALC Special General Meeting 22nd July, at 10.00 am, on Microsoft teams - this will be a very important meeting for one of your councillors to attend as it will include an agenda item on the transitional arrangements for moving to a limited company and the CALC structure. Consultation: Tell us about your experiences of homecare - Westmorland and Furness Council would like opinions in regard to experiences of homecare. Responses to this consultation would be greatly appreciated. The deadline for responses is the 14th of July 2023. Link to the survey - https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q3X3WBM Natural England: Virtual launch of the Cumbria People and Nature network – “Natural England would like to invite you to a Virtual launch of the Cumbria People and Nature network, to take place online, 6 - 7.30pm on Thursday 13th July 2023. The aim of the network is to create a forum for everyone in Cumbria that brings people of all backgrounds and cultures together; to build relationships and partnerships, share learning and work collaboratively to help more people connect with, benefit from and take action for nature across Cumbria. We would be delighted if you would give consideration to coming along to the launch to find

		<p>out more, learn about the benefits the network may bring for you or your organisation and how you can get involved. Attached is an outline of the main purpose of the network, together with terms and reference, if you would like more detailed information about the network and what it hopes to achieve. If you would like any more information, please contact claire.green@naturalengland.org.uk, on behalf of the Cumbria People and Nature Network. Please email to reserve your place.”</p> <p>4. Can your Parish Council Pledge to make Positive Change for pollinators? Paul Evans, the Cumbria Local Nature Partnership Manager, has written to say:</p> <p><i>“The Cumbria Local Nature Partnership has recently produced Cumbria’s Plan Bee - A Pollinator Action (see Cumbria Plan Bee Saving our pollinators Cumbria Wildlife Trust). The plan urges everyone in the county – communities, the new local authorities and other councils, farmers, landowners and businesses – to sign a pledge Cumbria Plan Bee Make a pledge Cumbria Wildlife Trust and take action to help Cumbria’s pollinating insects wild bees, butterflies, hoverflies and moths play a vital role in our food production and are a key part of our natural world. However, many species are in trouble due to habitat loss, pesticide exposure, disease and climate change. Cumbria’s Plan Bee sets out how we can start to reverse this trend together. It identifies no fewer than 66 priority actions to help our pollinating insects. These range from small acts (e.g. building a bee hotel in your garden) to larger-scale measures, such as councils making the most of opportunities in new and existing developments to make them pollinator-friendly, everyone reducing pesticide use and farmers creating more wildflower-rich areas. To make a difference we need to get everyone thinking about pollinators, everyone taking some action (however small) and to get every available piece of land working for pollinators. We know that if everyone can do something to help our native pollinators, even if something very small, we will make a big difference and give our bees, hoverflies, butterflies and moths a better future. And of course if we help these ‘small things’ it will have benefits not only to us (by helping to pollinate our vegetable and fruit crops) but also a wide range of birds, mammals and other animals. We hope your Parish or Town Council will discuss what they can do to help and then make a pledge (see above) to make a positive change for pollinators. In addition we would ask that you encourage members of your community, local schools and other organisations/businesses to also make a pledge. Together we can make a real difference.”</i></p> <p>5. Pot Hole Emergency - Parish Council Highways Briefing Event - Eden, South Lakes and Barrow District Associations are delighted to invite you to this free virtual forum with Westmorland and Furness Highways Team on Wednesday the 19th of July 2023 at 6.45pm for a 7.00pm prompt start. Westmorland and Furness Council is responsible for maintaining 2,700 miles of principal and minor roads. A multi-million pound programme to tackle potholes, blocked gullies and other road repair and maintenance issues has recently been agreed by Westmorland and Furness Council. Their crews are currently using three jet patching machines each capable of making up to 150 permanent pothole repairs per day. Join fellow Eden, South Lakes and Barrow members, alongside colleagues from</p>
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		<p>Westmorland and Furness Council's Highways team to understand and explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jet patching' and 'thermal patching' machines - what are they and how is their use better than the convention repair method? • Blocked gullies – what is being done to improve surface water drainage and how often can you expect your local gullies to be cleared? • HIAMS reporting system and 'Highways Hotline' (tel: 0300 373 3306) – how can local councils and their residents report problems from potholes, flooding and traffic lights through to overgrown trees, displaced manhole covers and damaged bridges and be sure of some action? • 'One Network' system – how can local councils monitor repair works and closed roads in their individual areas? <p>6. Code of Conduct Training for Parish Members - the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer, will be providing a virtual Code of Conduct training session for Parish Members which will take place from 6.00 pm-6.45 pm on Tuesday 11 July via MS Teams.</p>
		RESOLVED that invitations to participate be noted.
23/151	INFORMATION given for reference only.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the following information was given to the Council for reference only:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Westmorland and Furness Council Meeting Report on 15th June 2023. 2. Westmorland and Furness Council Lake Administration Committee on 22nd June 2023. 3. Cumbria Community Resilience Group – Summer Safety Information. 4. NALC Legal Update – June 2023.
23/152	Date of the Next Meeting.	RESOLVED that the date of the next scheduled meeting be Wednesday 5 th September 2023, at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.

The meeting finished at 9 pm.