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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

**For the Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on
Wednesday 7th February 2024, in Lazonby Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Chair Councillor Tim Wright

Councillors Andrew Miller, Phillip Whitehead, Ruth Hookway, Maralyn Wade,
Craig Wilkinson and Colin Bryce.

Also in attendance: 12 Parishioners, 3 representatives from Bells of Lazonby, Julia Aglionby (Liberal Democrat's parliamentary candidate for the Penrith & Solway constituency), Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick, Treasurer to the Council Chris Hoy and Clerk to the Council Rebecca Wyatt.

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
24/01	Appointment of Temporary Chair.	<p>The Council considered the appointment of an acting Chair for the purpose of this meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council present agreed that Vice-Chair Councillor Tim Wright be nominated to be the acting Chair for this meeting.</p>
24/02	Apologies for absence.	RESOLVED that the apologies received from Parish Councillor Peter Foley be accepted and noted.
24/03	Appointment of Chairman of the Council for 2023 - 2024.	<p>It was recommended that proposals were invited from the floor for a permanent Chair to be appointed for the year 2023 – 2024 from the Council Members.</p> <p>Due to the resignation of the Chair the Parish Council, Members need to elect a new Chair; or if no one comes forward for the position the Parish Council needs to make sure there is an acting Chair at each meeting that can support the Clerk and Treasurer over that month.</p> <p>RESOLVED that there were no nominations for a Chair to be appointed for the year 2023 – 2024 from the Council Members present.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that this appointment of permanent Chair agenda item will be brought back to the next meeting of the Parish Council in March 2024.</p>
24/04	The Filling of Council Member Vacancies.	<p>The Council considered any nominations to co-opt new Council Members as the Parish Council have two Councillor seats to fill.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no new nominations at present but the Parish Council would continue to seek new Parish Councillors to fill the two remaining seats.</p>
24/05	Requests for Dispensations.	RESOLVED that it be noted that no requests were received by the Clerk since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

24/06	Declaration of Interest.	<p>RESOLVED that Councillor Phillip Whitehead declared a personal interest in matters concerning the Egg Packing Housing Project.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Ruth Hookway declared a prejudicial interest in matters concerning the Bells of Lazonby Planning Application Ref: 2023/1069/FPA and Planning Application Ref: 2023/1105/FPA.</p>
24/07	Matters of Urgency.	<p>RESOLVED that there were no matters of urgency to consider.</p>
24/08	Public Participation.	<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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parishioners attended the meeting to express their concerns regarding the two planning applications for Bells of Lazonby. Parishioner's spoke to express their concerns to say that they believed there would be significant risks and impact on the area from increased noise, disturbance, emission pollution, and light pollution which would all have an impact on the local wildlife too. They were concerned about the site being increased in size and scale and that the materials being used were not in keeping with the village. The parishioners were concerned that there were no indications of any traffic or travel plan for the site and no agreement or restrictions in writing to limit Heavy Goods Vehicles to working hours only. Also the suitability of Seat Hill for Heavy Goods Vehicles, and the coming and going of these vehicles in and out of the village. They were also concerned that there was no indication of future proofing, control or monitoring of operations at the site. There were concerns about the drainage and water run-off, and the visual affect of the earth bund with the suggestion that landscaping would be better. There were also comments that maybe Bells of Lazonby were out growing the village. It was also thought by parishioners that the planning applications had a lack of compliance with the Lazonby Neighbourhood Plan and the Eden Local Plan. <p>The parishioners have submitted objection letters covering the above points. The parishioners are concerned that not all the relevant plans have been produced in order for planning to make an informed decision, especially in order to place the right conditions on the planning application if it is approved. Parishioners have asked for their written objections, views and comments be considered carefully by the Planning Committee, and would like the Parish Council to support them in that.</p> <p>However, another parishioner in attendance said that they believed that the planning process would be vigorously checked by the relevant authorities and Bells of Lazonby would do the right thing by the local community.</p> <p>The representatives from Bells of Lazonby, planning consultant Daniel Addis, Managing Director Tim Conder and Engineering Manager Richard Rigg (Michael Bell sent his apologies as he was not able to attend), responded to the parishioners concerns. They explained that the first Planning application is to demolish the temporary building and flour silo the second application is to replace it with a bigger and better contained building to hold more supplies, which will be at the same floor level but will use more land. Regarding water run-off and drainage, the original area is already on hard standing and any increase in size means ensuring that there is</p>

		<p>adequate drainage.</p> <p>The work hours will continue at the same level, with the same level of staffing, who currently already work on a shift basis. Transport is laid on for staff as well as use of their own domestic transport. They will continue to try to keep the noise and disruption to a minimum. Deliveries are usually between the time of 7 am and 5 pm, with the occasional outside hours delivery if customers need their products, and therefore they did not want to put a restriction on out of hours deliveries. They are improving their facilities not expanding the business and want to keep it in keeping with the village. The facility is to increase on-site storage of materials and finished products, in order to reduce the need for off-site third party facilities, which will mean less traffic from Heavy goods vehicles. These are long-term plans to being carried out over several years. They have no intention of moving away from the village as this has been a local family run business for many decades, and they wish to secure the businesses future where they are sited now.</p> <p>The representatives from Bells of Lazonby were asked questions from Council Members and concerned parishioners relating to the above information. Parish Councillors also asked questions about the movement of heavy plant and construction vehicles during construction too, as well as on the issues above.</p>
		<p>1. RESOLVED that the Council noted all concerns and points from both parishioners and the representatives from Bells of Lazonby, so that they could take them into consideration when discussing the two planning applications submitted by Bells of Lazonby, later in the meeting, in order to give their response to the Westmorland & Furness planning department.</p>
24/09	Broadband in the Parish.	<p>The Council received an update on broadband in the parish. B4RN are continuing to progress their broadband services in the parish and are currently seeking rights of way for their fibre optic cables. Also, Fibrus has won the Cumbria wide contract to install fibre optic cables.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that the report on the progression of fibre optic broadband in the parish be noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Hyperfast GB Newsletter - December 2023 and Connecting Cumbria Newsletter December 2023 given out to Councillors be noted.</p>
24/10	Report from the local Community Police.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that there was no local police report and no news about a replacement police woman or man as yet.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED the Eden Focus Police Newsletter for Eden Rural and the Penrith & Alston Police Newsletter for November & December 2023, and December 2023 – January 2024 be noted.</p>
24/11	Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 6th December 2023.	<p>It was recommended that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 6th December 2023 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
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24/12	<p>Progress Reports on Recent Actions.</p> <p>a. Donations at Eden Bridge Car Park (Last minute 23/216).</p> <p>b. State of footpaths in the Village (Last minute 23/216).</p> <p>c. Parish Fishing (Last minute 23/216).</p> <p>d. Social Media Presence for the Parish Council (Last minute 23/216).</p> <p>e. Speed Limit Signs Coming into the Village (Last minute 23/216).</p> <p>f. Steps up to the Railway Station (Last minute 23/216).</p>	<p>The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 6th December 2023.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the issue of donations for using Eden Bridge car park is still ongoing.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that a canoe group, White Water Rafting, who were approached by a Councillor (Chris West) last year to see if they would give a donation towards the up keep of the Eden Bridge car park, will be donating £300 for its uses for their business, with the possibility of future donations being made if the business continues to be on sound financial footing.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the issue of camper vans using the Eden Bridge car park will continue to be monitored after more recent reports of camper vans using the area.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Parish Council wished to thank Councillors Maralyn Wade, Ruth Hookway, Craig Wilkinson and their partners for clearing the debris at Eden Bridge car park following the recent floods.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the report on the state of the footpaths in the parish is still on-going and that Councillors Ruth Hookway and Maralyn Wade will now be carrying out the survey.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the discussions with the Angling Club are on-going.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed to give delegated authority to Councillors Tim Wright and Phillip Whitehead to manage the social media page on behalf of the Parish Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED that although Highways agrees that the speed limit signs need attention they have yet to decide their exact course of action.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Midland Hotel have been told by the Brewery that owns the land that they will have the steps cleared in the Spring and Autumn and will make sure next time the contractors do a better job of clearing them.</p>
24/13	<p>Report from the Westmorland & Furness Councillor.</p>	<p>The Council received a report from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick about Westmorland & Furness matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Home Upgrade Grant (HUG2) - aims to provide energy efficiency upgrades and low-carbon heating solutions for low-income households living in the least energy efficient homes. This is a scheme to provide energy efficiency upgrades and low-carbon heating for low income household. Homes that can receive support must be off the gas grid, and have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) between D and G. This will be going on until 2025. More information can be found on the Westmorland & Furness Council website. Planting for Pollinators – Eden is a prime location for this and areas need to be identified. Nominations for likely sites in the parish

		<p>and volunteers to help with the project are needed.</p> <p>3. Climate Action Acton Plan – The vision of the new Council comprises of key steps to be taken by 2037. It will mean working with local communities on a ward basis. The Hesket and Lazonby ward are establishing action groups with a representative from each parish.</p> <p>4. Westmorland & Furness Budget meeting - will be held on 22nd February 2024.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that Councillor Phillip Whitehead will start looking at possible sites for a Planting for Pollinator’s project and ask the school if they are interested in taking part.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Westmoreland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that Westmoreland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick reserved the right to request to speak on other issues on the agenda.</p>
24/14	<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.</p> <p>Gordon Nicolson gave a brief history of the Egg Packing Station Housing Projects progress so far including information about the planning application, the grant funding received so far, the work done so far and where the project currently stands. Gordon, prior to his retirement from the Parish Council, had an integral role in progressing the housing project. If Gordon is to continue to be involved he will need to have authority from the Parish Council. This could either be to co-opt him back on the Parish Council or appoint him to work solely on the Egg Packing Station. Gordon’s preference is the latter. He would not make any decisions or give commitments on behalf of the Council who would reserve the right to approve any grant offers and agreements between Lazonby Parish Council and Westmorland and Furness Council. The Parish Council has discussed this via email during the Christmas/New Year break and has said they are happy for Gordon to be appointed to work solely on the Egg Packing Station Housing Project.</p> <p>Westmorland and Furness have approved a new Affordable Housing grants policy and Castles and Coasts Housing Association have confirmed their ongoing interest. So the work on the Lazonby Egg Packing Station Housing development can recommence, and the detailed arrangements and costs will now have to be reassessed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report about the Egg Packing Station Housing Development be noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council agreed that Gordon Nicolson should continue to work on progressing the Egg Packing Station Housing Development project on behalf of the Parish Council, even though he is no longer a Parish Councillor, though he would not make any decisions or give commitments on behalf of the Council who would reserve the right to approve any grant offers and agreements between Lazonby Parish Council and Westmorland and Furness Council.</p>

24/15	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	<p>The Council received a report from the Treasurer for December 2023 and January 2024 (please see attached Treasurer's Report).</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his monthly report (see attached report), the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.</p>
24/16	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 £364 to be paid back to Croglin Ltd. Croglin Ltd leased the Old School until September 2023 when the Director decided to set up another company within Croglin Ltd. Bud Designs Ltd was born and has taken on the rental of the property. Unfortunately the administration process between the two business failed to prevent Croglin Ltd from paying the quarterly rent due on 6th November 2023 of £364 in error. Thus two amounts of £364 were paid on the same day. Bud Designs have asked if the Parish Council would kindly return the £364 to Croglin Ltd as a special request to keep the business dealings apart. They apologize for their mistake. On the 6th February another payment of £364 is due from Bud Designs Ltd for the next quarter. Therefore upon receipt of the next rental payment tomorrow (as collateral that their administration issues have been rectified) the Treasurer would like authority to pay £364 to Croglin Ltd as a Bank Transfer (No 124). 2. The sum of £47.50 to Lazonby Village Hall for the hire of the Jubilee Room for the December 2023 Parish Council meeting (£19) and for January 2024 for the retirement event for Councillor Chris West (£28.50) (Bank Transfer 126) 3. The sum of £201.50 to the catering for the retirement event for Councillor Chris West.
24/17	Parish Web Site Hosts Price Increase.	<p>The Council considered the UK Host 4u (the Parish Council's Web Site Hosts) increase in price and alternative offer. UK Host 4u have just announced a price increase for 2024 for the basic Web Hosting paid in December from £49.99 to £59.99 plus VAT. An offer is available for a 3 for 2 whereby if we pay for 2 years hosting upfront the third would be free and they are willing to keep the price at the previous pre – price increase of £49.99. Therefore before VAT this would equate to £99.98, nothing to be paid in year 2 and 3 would be free. However to stress that this is for the Web Hosting only, the Domain Renewal is separate and would be paid annually currently at £12.45 before VAT and subject to possible increases.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to the offer of 3 for 2 whereby where the Council pay for 2 years hosting upfront and receive the third free, with this kept at the previous pre – price increase of £49.99. so before VAT this would equate to £99.98, nothing to be paid in year 2 and then year 3 would be free.</p>
24/18	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	<p>The Council considered any new applications which have been issued for consultation by Westmorland and Furness Council.</p> <p>Councillor Ruth Hookway left the room while the following planning applications were being considered due to her prejudicial interest:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Application Ref: 2023/1069/FPA - (Full Application) - Demolition of existing buildings and flour silo and the erection of replacement extension and new extensions, at Bells Of Lazonby Ltd Edenholme Bakery Lazonby Penrith CA10 1BG.

		<p>2. Planning Application Ref: 2023/1105/FPA – (Full application) - Extension of main bakery building, extension of gluten free bakery building, erection of a storage building, and reconfiguration of internal access road and car parking area, including associated operations, at Bells Of Lazonby Ltd, Edenholme Bakery, Lazonby, Penrith CA10 1BG.</p> <p>Councillor Ruth Hookway returned to the room to consider the following planning application:</p> <p>3. Planning Application Ref: 2024/0026/FPA – (Full Application) - Variation of condition 6 (agricultural occupancy restriction) to also allow occupation by staff of adjacent Low Plains water plant, attached to approval 08/0803, at Low Plains Farm Armathwaite CA4 9TR.</p>
		<p>1. RESOLVED that the Council had NO OBJECTIONS to Application Ref: 2023/1069/FPA - (Full Application) - Demolition of existing buildings and flour silo and the erection of replacement extension and new extensions, at Bells Of Lazonby Ltd Edenholme Bakery Lazonby Penrith CA10 1BG.</p> <p>2. RESOLVED that the Council had the following COMMENTS to make regarding Planning Application Ref: 2023/1105/FPA – (Full application) - Extension of main bakery building, extension of gluten free bakery building, erection of a storage building, and reconfiguration of internal access road and car parking area, including associated operations, at Bells Of Lazonby Ltd, Edenholme Bakery, Lazonby, Penrith CA10 1BG. Lazonby Parish Council endorses the request by parishioners that the application be determined by the Planning Committee.</p> <p>The views expressed by parishioners and the Parish Council at the February 2024 Parish Council meeting were carefully considered against the Lazonby Neighbourhood Plan and the Eden Local Plan. Lazonby Parish Council request that the objections, views and comments made by parishioners at the meeting, and via objection letters, be considered carefully by the Planning Committee. The following concerns were raised as significant risks and impact on the local area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about an increase in noise, disturbance and emission pollution. • Concerns about an increase in light pollution, especially regarding the impact on local wildlife. • Concerns regarding the size and scale of the proposed site. • Concerns regarding materials being used for the new buildings. • Concerns about the impact on the local environment regarding fauna and flora. • Concerns that there is no indication of any traffic or travel plan for the site. • Concerns regarding Heavy Goods Vehicles travelling in and out of the village, especially as all routes in and out of Lazonby are on B roads and most are not suitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles. • Concerns that there is no agreement or restrictions in writing to limit Heavy Goods Vehicles to working hours only.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about the suitability of Seat Hill for Heavy Goods Vehicles. • Concerns that there is no indication of future proofing, control or monitoring of operations at the site. • It is strongly felt that there is the need for long term control and documentation of the planning process to ensure future proofing. • Concerns regarding drainage and water run-off. • Concerns that there is a lack of compliance with the Lazonby Neighbourhood Plan and the Eden Local Plan. • Concerns that the proposed site is Greenfield land. <p>Lazonby Parish Council also requested that there be a more transparent consultation between Lazonby parishioners, Bells of Lazonby and the Planning Committee.</p> <p>2. RESOLVED that the Council had NO OBJECTIONS to Planning Application Ref: 2024/0026/FPA – (Full Application) - Variation of condition 6 (agricultural occupany restriction) to also allow occupation by staff of adjacent Low Plains water plant, attached to approval 08/0803, at Low Plains Farm Armathwaite CA4 9TR.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council received the following report for approval:</p> <p>1. Planning Application Ref: 2023/1019/FPA - Erection of a 3 bay broadband cabinet, on Land south of junction of B6412 and Scaur Lane, Lazonby, Penrith CA10 1BX. The planning applications were considered by the Planning Committee and Members of the Parish Council by Email. Written notifications were given to parishioners via the parish notice boards, during the month of December into January. No objections or comments were received from parishioners for the planning applications. The Parish Council gave NO OBJECTIONS response to this planning application.</p>
24/19	Planning Applications – Decisions.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no planning application decisions received,
24/20	New Parish Highways Link Person, and any current Reports to be made.	<p>The Council considered the appointment of a new Parish Highways Link Person.</p> <p>The Council also considered any reports on other issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting concerning Cumbria Highways. It was reported that the worn out road markings on Scarrows Lane on to Fiddlers Lane have caused a near accident and need repainting.</p> <p>The Council also received notice that there are planned roadworks on the M6 which will impact residents of Lazonby parish, on the A6 between Stoney Beck roundabout and the Golden Fleece. National Highways are carrying out repair works to Intack a Bridge on the southbound carriageway of the M6, that has been struck by an over height vehicle. To safely carry out the works they will be installing lane closures and temporary barrier on the M6. To safely install and remove the traffic management they need to close the motorway and divert the southbound traffic onto the A6. The closures will be overnight between the hours of 20:00 and 06:00 and are planned to take place on the nights of Saturday & Sunday 2nd & 3rd of March and again on Saturday & Sunday 23rd & 24th March.</p>

		<p>RESOLVED that Councillor Craig Wilkinson kindly volunteered to be the new parish Highways Link person.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the worn out road markings on Scarrows Lane on to Fiddlers Lane will be reported to Highways.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the planned roadworks on the M6 taking place on the nights of Saturday & Sunday 2nd & 3rd of March and again on Saturday & Sunday 23rd & 24th March 2024 be noted.</p>
24/21	Flooding Action Group.	<p>The Council received an update about the flooding issues in the parish. Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick, organised an onsite meeting with Members of the Parish Council, local parishioners, Highways and local Flood Authorities to discuss the recent flooding issues in the parish, after the Meadows was hit with severe flooding at the end of last year. They looked from the top of the hill, including the water course, all the way down to the school, which included The Meadows, the grid structure in Scaur Lane and the Beck. The actual containment of the water is the main problem, with pinch points down through the village. It is now important to get all parties involved to work cooperatively to sort out the culverts, the run-off, and improving the management of the Beck. It was a positive meeting and now solutions to the flooding problems will now be investigated into.</p> <p>Parishioners in the flood risk areas have also set up a what's up action group as an early emergency warning alert.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that an incident report has been logged listing all issues.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that further research is needed to come up with a recommendation on how to resolve the flooding issues although it was said that not all will be viable.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that partnership working will be needed to help resolve the flooding issues.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Hilary Carrick will enquire about more sand bags being available in the meantime.</p>
24/22	Reduction in Donations Request for Catering Van.	<p>The Council considered if they were happy to reduce the weekly donation for Baraugh Food Produce to use the Eden Bridge car park because they are barely making a profit, especially as the foot fall is less this time of year. Also Smoke and Steel who also use Eden Bridge car park on Wednesdays have informed the Treasurer that they did not use the site in January 2024. At present they would like to withdraw their service due to other engagements in the short term. However, they have indicated that is not permanent and will contact the Treasurer if they wish to resume.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to Baraugh Food Produce not giving any donation until May 2024, then to ask for a donation of £15 per visit following that.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the information about Smoke and Steel withdrawing their services for the time being be noted.</p>
24/23	Westmorland & Furness Council's Community Asset Transfer	<p>The Council considered the Westmorland & Furness Council's Community Asset Transfer Scheme and if it would benefit the parish. Local groups and organisations can now apply for long term leases on Westmorland and Furness Council buildings and land for sustainable projects and initiatives. Councillor Carrick has asked for a breakdown of land owned by</p>

	Scheme.	Westmorland & Furness Council in the parish to see if the Parish Council can put any of it to use. RESOLVED that there were not any suitable places so the Parish Council will not be pursuing this now.
24/24	Fishing Notice.	The Council considered the replacing of the fishing notice at the end of the Lazonby Fishing Rights which has recently been washed away in the floods. RESOLVED that Treasurer Chris Hoy will check out the missing fishing sign issue and report back to the March 2024 meeting.
24/25	Footway Lighting Repairs	The Council considered the Parish Council doing a maintenance inspection of all the lights in the parish. The Council also received notification of more lights (13 & 14) being out. The Council have reported the following footway lights which were both not working as they should. 1. A footway Light reported to be out near the co-op shop. 2. A footway light reported to be on constantly near the bowling club. RESOLVED that the Council agreed to Councillors Craig Wilkinson and Phillip Whitehead carrying out an inspection of the footway lights for any issues.
24/26	Problem with the Tree between Lazonby Swimming Pool and Eden Bridge.	The Council considered the complete removal of the overhanging tree between Lazonby pool and the Eden Bridge following further complaints, through Highways, regarding high vehicle strikes, even though cutting back work has been carried out on the tree recently. RESOLVED that the Council agreed to Councillor Phillip Whitehead seeking quotes to carry out the work to completely remove the overhanging tree between Lazonby pool and Eden Bridge.
At this point in the meeting, the Chair addressed the Parish Council present to ask if they wished to carry on business beyond the two hour time limit for Parish Council meetings. It was RESOLVED to continue to complete all business on the agenda.		
24/27	Woodland Management Plan – Stakeholder Consultation, at Scratchmill Scar, Lazonby Fell, Plumpton, Penrith.	The Council considered the Woodland Management Plan – Stakeholder Consultation, at Scratchmill Scar, Lazonby Fell, Plumpton, Penrith. A Forestry Management company are currently in the process of revising the Woodland Management Plan (<u>non-funded</u>) on behalf of the new woodland owner. This plan aims to deliver long-term benefits through sustainable forest management which includes a program of work to enhance the lowland heath habitat. The strategic plan outlines their proposals for the next ten- and twenty-year periods together with the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location • Compartment & Species Map • Concept felling and planting plan As a stakeholder in the Woodland Management process, they would be grateful if the Parish Council could let them have the Parish Council's comments regarding their proposals. Please let the Senior Forest Manager have any feedback in writing by the 28 th February 2024.

		<p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed that the plans looked fine, and that Councillor Phillip Whitehead would liaise with the management team regarding the Woodland Management Plan – Stakeholder Consultation, at Scratchmill Scar, Lazonby Fell, Plumpton, Penrith, and that Councillor Whitehead will ask for future plans and updates.</p>
<p>24/28</p>	<p>Invitations to Participate.</p>	<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"> 1. Survey asking for examples on how Household Support Fund has supported people - This survey provides an opportunity to provide feedback on how Household Support Fund (HSF) has benefitted people across Cumbria, and what the impacts are likely to be if HSF did not continue beyond March 2024. Household Support Fund is national (DWP) funding that has been distributed by local Councils. In Cumbria, it has funded a number of activities, including the provision of Free School Meal Vouchers to cover the school holiday periods, increased School Clothing Grants, and Hardship Payments to individuals in financial crisis (available via the Council Service Centres, by phone or online form). The information provided in this survey will be available to Cumbria CVS, Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council - and parts of it may be shared with Ipsos-Mori (who are evaluating Household Support Fund effectiveness for DWP) and the Local Government Association. All the questions are optional, so you can complete the survey anonymously if you wish - but it's far more helpful to us if we know which organisation the information has come from. 2. Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan – Public Consultation on Policies 8 and 9 - Westmorland and Furness Council are consulting on Policy 8 (Identifying and Protecting Local Green Spaces) and Policy 9 (Protecting and Enhancing Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities) of the Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan. The consultation is open from 8th January to 18th February 2024. 3. CALC Training Programme January 2024 - July 2024. 4. CALC Event - How can CALC training help you? - Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 7 pm, CALC provide an array of training courses for its members. This event is to give Parish Councils an introduction in to the courses, and give you the chance to see what our current courses are, and see what benefit the courses are to you and your council. CALC also run other courses of interest to councils, such as climate & carbon courses, playground inspection courses, charity webinars etc. CALC's trainers will be present to showcase their courses and to answer any questions you may have on their courses. They will also have Steve Parkinson, of Parkinson Partnership at the session. Steve facilitates finance and VAT related training to Councils. 5. Training Event - Charitable Trusts and Parish/Town Councils - Navigating the Minefield - CALC have arranged for Roger Taylor (Consultant at Wellers Hedleys Solicitors) to run a 2-part webinar which will give you a wider understanding of Trusts, and guidance for the trusteeship of charities, on Tuesday 19 & 26th March - £30 per person for the 2 webinars. 6. Information about nominees for the Royal Garden party – being held on the 8th May 2024.

		<p>RESOLVED that invitations to participate be noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council agreed that they would nominate Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick to attend the Royal Garden Party on the 8th May 2024, for her services to the local community.</p>
24/29	<p>INFORMATION given for reference only.</p>	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the following information was given to the Council for reference only:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Every Life Matters Winter Training Programme. 2. Newsletter from Eden Rivers Trust - autumn/winter 2023. 3. CALC Newsletter – November and December 2023. 4. Charge My Street information. 5. Westmorland & Furness Council Warm spots map information. 6. Winter Readiness for Families with Children - Emergency Infant Formula Milk - Westmorland and Furness information. 7. CCRG: Met Office Community Resilience Training Prospectus Information. 8. NALC December legal bulletin update – December 2023. 9. Civility and Respect Newsletter – December 2023. 10. Westmorland and Furness Council and CALC conversation Information – December 2023. 11. NWS E-bulletin – NWS’ Annual Review 2022-2023, capping at the Repository, development of a GDF in France Information. 12. Penrith Parking Permit Survey Information. 13. Local Council Award Scheme Information. 14. Cumbria Local Nature Partnership update – January 2024. 15. January 2024 edition of the Cumbria CVS Focus on Funding Newsletter. 16. Allithwaite & Cartmel Neighbourhood Plan Information - The Final Allithwaite and Cartmel Neighbourhood Plan (version for referendum) including the Examiner’s recommended changes, along with associated documents including the Examiner’s Report and the Decision Statement is available on our <u>Allithwaite and Cartmel Neighbourhood Plan webpage</u>, with hardcopies available for inspection. 17. Recent Storm updates etc. 18. 2024-2025 S137 Spending Limits - The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has notified the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) that the appropriate sum for section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for local (parish and town) councils in England for 2024/25 is £10.81 per electorate. The amount is a result of increasing the amount of £9.93 for 2023/24 by the percentage increase in the retail index between September 2022 and September 2023 under Schedule 12B to the 1972 Act. 19. UK Shared Prosperity Fund E26 & Rural England Prosperity Fund 2.7 Information. 20. Westmorland and Furness Council Community Grant information.

		<p>21. Love Your Liver Road Show - is coming to the North West to find those 'unaware' they have liver damage. Yu can get your liver checked out at Morrisons, in Kendal, Queen Katherines Avenue, LA9 6DU on Tuesday 6th February 2002410 am – 4 pm.</p>
24/30	Date of the Next Meeting.	<p>RESOLVED that the date of the next scheduled meeting be Wednesday 6th March 2024, at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.</p>

The meeting finished at 9.35 pm.