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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

For the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th February 2018, starting at approximately 7.30 p.m, in the Jubilee Rooms, Lazonby Village Hall.

Present: Chair Councillor John Nicol.

Councillors John Judson, Chris Hill, Gordon Nicolson, Tim Wright and Gill Sharples.

Also in attendance: County Councillor Hilary Carrick, the Parish Council Treasurer Chris Hoy, the Clerk to the Council Rebecca Wyatt, Brian Smythe - Broadband Hub Coordinator and one parishioner.

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
18/01	Apologies for absence.	RESOLVED that it be noted that apologies for absence were received from Councillors Virginia Minihan, Peter Minihan and Chris West.
18/02	The filling of Council Member Vacancies.	<p>The Council considered nominations to fill the Council Member vacancies by co-option following recent Councillor resignations from the Council. Parishioner Jeffrey Bellas expressed interest in becoming a Parish Councillor.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Jeffrey Bellas be co-opted onto the Parish Council proposed by Councillor John Judson, and seconded by Councillor Chris Hill, with all Councillors present in agreement.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk ensure the correct forms are filled out for Councillor Jeffrey Bellas and submitted to Eden District Council.</p>
18/03	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.
18/04	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>
18/05	Transfer of Assets and Services to the Parish.	<p>The Council received an update on issues from the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee regarding the, Transfer of Assets and Services to the Parish.</p> <p>The Council also received the draft Minutes and associated paperwork with RECCOMENDATIONS from the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee Meeting in January 2018.</p> <p>1. Footway Lights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the Environment and Neighbourhood Sub Committee be authorised to continue discussions with CALC, Eden District Council and, if appropriate, Electricity North West on matters relating to the acquisition of footway lights in Lazonby by Lazonby Parish Council.

- Lazonby Parish Council makes a decision on whether to adopt footway lighting at its meeting on 7th March 2018. This meeting will be furnished with a detailed report covering the relevant issues and costs. An interim report will be provided at the meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on 7th February 2018.
- Lazonby Parish Council should determine whether the costs for footway lighting in 2018/19, presently estimated at up to £1800 for upgrading “unapproved” lights, be met from Council reserves or an increase in the 2018/19 Parish precept. Due consideration is given to the timetables for budget and precept setting and reaching a decision on the adoption of the footway lights.
- The discussions with CALC, Eden District Council and Electricity North West will cover all the areas outlined in the attached Information Note. It is considered that:
 - a) Approved lights for consideration transfer are numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31 32, 33, 35, 37, 40, 41, 42. (27 in total.)
 - b) Unapproved lights for consideration for transfer are numbers 7, 14, 24, 26, 29, 43, (6 in total) and
 - c) Further consideration is given to lighting in Scaur Lane when details of lighting to be provided in the prospective housing development are known. This affects lights numbers 36, 37, 38, and 39.
 - d) The estimated running costs of taking over the lights are:

	(1) Total Cost (maximum)	Eden District Council Grant	(2) Net Cost	(3) Estimated cost per property
2018/19	4030	100% £4030	nil	nil
2019/20	4030	75% £3021	£1009	£2.02
2020/21	4030	50% £2014	£2016	£4.03
2021/22	4030	25% £1007	£3023	£6.05
2022/23	4030	nil	£4030	£8.06

- (1) Based on Eden District Council’s estimate of £120.96 per light per annum for 33 lights plus management fee of 1%
- (2) Estimated cost less Eden District Council Grant
- (3) Estimate of cost per property within the Parish based on an estimated 500 properties paying Council Tax and Parish precept.
- (4) All costs are indicative and at current prices – Eden District Council costs for electricity and maintenance reflect current costs. Electricity costs for new LED lighting heads should be less than for existing sodium heads. This is to be discussed.
- (5) Eden District Council draft policy on “unapproved” lights is that they will be maintained by Eden District Council until they are beyond repair. LPC seeks to acquire the “unapproved” lights at no cost and upgrade the heads to LED Fittings. This will incur capital costs of approximately

£300.00 per light (Total £1800) Discussion with Eden District Council required.

2. The Swings in Coronation Gardens.

Members of the Committee recommend that discussions with CALC and Eden District Council include consideration of adopting the swings and bench in Coronation Gardens.

The Council also received the following Email from Neil Buck Contracts Manager at Eden District Council

“At the recent Eden District Council Full Council meeting the Resolved Minutes note the extended date for signing up is now 31st March 2019, however it is also stated that to be added to the list for Capital funding in 2018/19 the Town (TCs), Parish Council’s (PCs) or Meetings (PMs) need to have a signed legal agreement in place. Specific legal agreements are being sent to the 18 number TCs, PCs or PMs who have already confirmed that they wish to take on the responsibility for their “Agreed” footway lights. Please, as soon as possible, if not already confirmed, confirm if your TC, PC or PM also wish to take on the responsibility for your “Agreed” footway lights and a specific legal agreement will be prepared and sent out for signature. Eden District Council can manage the service in 2018/19 for all TCs, PCs or PMs, details will be sent of the charge for those who will have received the 100% funding. However the funding will start at 75% in 2019/20 for those who do not sign up before the 1st April 2018 as they still need time to decide how they wish to continue with the provision of the service. Also, for 2019/20 confirmation will be needed on how your TC, PC or PM wish to continue with provision of basic maintenance and electricity supply. Should your TC, PC or PM wish be to continue with EDC this would still require reviewed by both parties before the 1st April 2022.” For additional information - With regard to the “Not Approved” lights, the policy at this time is to remove them as they become unmaintainable. From 1st April 2022, any footway lights that TCs, PCs or PMs do not wish to take over responsibility will be removed as they stop working (this will even be should they only require a replacement bulb).

ALSO TO RECEIVE the following Email from CALC:

*“A number of parish councils have contacted me to ask that the legal team at NALC review the contract drafted by Eden District Council for you to sign in order to take on the agreed footway lights in your parish. I sent the contract to NALC as a result of these requests. The advice I have received today from NALC is that you should **not** sign the contract yet. NALC’s legal opinion is that the contract will need revision before being ready to be signed. Please inform your council of the advice from NALC and we will get back to you with further guidance when we have it.”*

CALC representatives were going to attend this meeting tonight with Eden District Council representatives however they decided not to meet with Parish Councils until they had received further advice from the NALC Legal team regarding the contracts for transferring assets. Therefore, the Council decided to also cancel Eden District Council’s attending the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Council received and noted the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee draft Minutes and associated paperwork.

ALSO RESOLVED that the Council agreed and approved the above recommendations made by the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee regarding the transfer of assets and services to the parish; which were to allow the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee to take this issue forward; to

make a decision at the March 2018 meeting on whether or not to adopt the assets, with an initial expression of interest give to Eden District Council; to take on the 'additional' lights along with the 'agreed' lights; and to adopt the swings in Coronation Garden.

ALSO RESOLVED that the Council noted the Email from Neil Buck, Contracts Manager at Eden District Council, regarding the request for confirmation that Parish Council's wish to take on the responsibility for the "Agreed" footway lights and that a specific legal agreement will be prepared and sent out for signature transfer of Assets and Services.

ALSO RESOLVED that the Parish Council write to Eden District Council to make an 'expression of interest' regarding acquiring the footway lights and the swings and bench at Coronation Gardens. This expression of interest covers the following:

- Approved footway lights numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31 32, 33, 35, 37, 40, 4;42 (27 in total).
- The swings and bench at Coronation Gardens, Lazonby.

In addition, Lazonby Parish Council seeks to acquire unapproved lights numbers 7, 14, 24, 26, 29, 43 (6 in total).

Also to ask clarification of a number of points and hope to agree to a meeting with Parish Council representatives to do so. The points are:

1. The precise terms for acquiring the approved lights; we believe that the price quoted for electricity relates to sodium lights and we believe that given the reduced consumption of LED lights, this price could be lower.
2. The precise terms for acquiring unapproved lights; as above and, in addition, the costs of upgrading these lights with LED heads.
3. Precise details of the services to be provided under the proposed management agreement between participating Parish Councils and Eden District Council.
4. The position regarding footway lights in Scaur Lane Lazonby: [numbers 36, 37, 38, and 39.] The future of these lights was placed on hold pending information about provision within new housing developments.
5. To agree and summarise all costs and liabilities that Lazonby Parish Council will assume after the transfer.

ALSO RESOLVED to now ask Neil Buck of Eden District Council for a meeting regarding the 'transfer of assets and services' before the next meeting of the Parish Council in March 2018.

ALSO RESOLVED that the Council noted the Email from CALC regarding the NALC review of the 'transfer of assets and services' contract and the advice not to sign the contract yet until their legal team as given their opinion.

ALSO RESOLVED that the Council wish to thank the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee Chaired by Councillor Gordon Nicolson for the preparation work they have done regarding the 'transfer of assets and services' to the parish.

18/06

Matters of Urgency.

RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no matters of urgency raised for consideration.

18/07	Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 6th December 2017.	<p>The Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 6th December 2017 were considered.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council meeting of the 6th December 2017 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
18/08	<p>Progress Reports on Recent Actions.</p> <p>a. Lease with Croglin Designs Ltd (Last minute no. 17/153).</p> <p>b. Parish Council Website (Last minute no. 17/190)</p> <p>c. Footpaths at 'The Meadows' Development (Last minute no. 17/177).</p>	<p>The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the 6th December 2017.</p> <p>The Council received an update about the lease with Croglins Designs Ltd. The Clerk contacted Chris Lofthouse of Lofthouse Consulting (Commercial Property Consultant) to inform him that Lazonby Parish Council Members agreed to him drafting a letter, on behalf of Croglin Designs Ltd. However, the Clerk also request on behalf of the Parish Council a tripartite letter, where the Parish Council agrees to the assignment, the outgoing tenant agrees to the incoming tenant becoming the tenant and the incoming tenant agrees to take on the obligations in the lease and undertakes to the Parish Council directly to comply with all of the obligations of the tenant, including the payment of rent. Chris replied asking if the Council Members had made any comment regarding the 'Schedule of Condition' by way mainly of photographs.</p> <p>Chris then contacted the Clerk just before the meeting, about going to the Old School to take some photos and make notes ready for 'Schedule of Condition' that he wanted to do but wanted to know what the Parish Council had said first. The Clerk told him that this issue was on the agenda for the meeting that evening so would let him know by the morning if the Parish Council had agreed to him taking the photographs and notes at the Old School, so he could then take the trip over to Lazonby.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk inform Chris Lofthouse that the Council had agreed to the photos being taken but that they wanted a surveyor contracted by the Parish Council to accompany him when he was taking the photos and making notes.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk look for a Surveyor to carry out the work at the Old School, and to accompany Chris Lofthouse, with a budget of not more than £500 plus VAT to pay for the work to be carried out.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the new parish website is almost ready to be launched in the next few weeks, so the Clerk will be sending out a link for the Councillors to review by the end of the week.</p> <p>The Council received an update about the footpaths at 'The Meadows' Development. Story Homes have agreed to appoint a contractor to finish off the permanent hand rails to the steps and landscaping to help prevent children falling through under the hand rail. Story Homes will also finish off the crescent seating area including rails and benches at this location. Enquiries have been made with the adjacent landowner about removing fences to enable a new pedestrian connection to existing PROW, of a new circa 5m connecting path, which has now been agreed too. Also a review of s37 Highway Act and alternative means of County Council adoption through Magistrates.</p> <p>Parishioner Geoff Wilson has also offered his services to Story Homes to have the path adopted by Cumbria County Council but there has been no response on this as yet.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the progress report about the footpaths at 'The Meadows' Development be noted with thanks to Geoff Wilson and Councillor Gordon Nicolson for their work on this.</p>

	<p>d. Community Speed Watch Scheme which Cumbria Police.</p>	<p>The Council received an update on recruiting volunteers for the Community Speed Watch scheme promoted by Cumbria Police and supported by the Parish Council. Seven volunteers have been trained. Speed Watch goes live between the dates 7th to 19th February 2018, which is being co-ordinated by PC493 Bailie, with Councillor Gill Sharples and other parishioners volunteering to carry out the work involved. Speed watch signs will be at every entrance road into the village to warn people that the campaign is going on.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Community Speed Watch Campaign will be running between the dates 7th to 19th February 2018.</p>
<p>18/09</p>	<p>Public Participation.</p>	<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. A parishioner asked about the removal of the goal post from the Parish playing fields. He wanted to know if they would be stored and made available to anyone who might want to use them, especially as he believed the parish field should be there for the community to use. The Parish Council explained that the removal had come about due to the high insurance costs for something that was not used, and that the public had been consulted through the July/August 2017 Parish Council Newsletter and told that the goal posts would be stored for future use. 2. A parishioner asked if there were ways to slow down traffic in the main street of Lazonby and ask how the parking issues could be dealt with, especially in front of drop kerbs designed for people with mobility problems and the visually impaired. The Parish Council spoke about the current Speed Watch Campaign, as well as past traffic calming exercises in the parish. Councillor Gordon Nicolson and County Councillor Hilary Carrick talked about the possibilities of a consultation exercise in the parish regarding traffic calming measures and parking issues. 3. It was reported that a ticket vending machines may be put on Lazonby train station platform, which will mean that it will be a driver only operation, with no support staff to help the elderly or disabled onto the train. Vandalism of these ticket machines has been reported in the past. Concerns that these machines will not be in keeping with the station of surrounding area. Lazonby Station is a conversation area so there would have to be consent to put these ticket machines in. 4. Parishioners have asked about certain properties/possible developments in the village, one of them being the egg packing station and surrounding area and have asked about any possible development. They have also remarked on the Carlyle shed being sold and speculation about what it could be developed into. The Carlyle shed is not on the Neighbourhood Plan as an allocated development site. The site has no recent planning history. The owners are entitled to seek confidential planning advice on the site's development potential. The Parish Council can only comment on the planning applications they have received from Eden District Council or County Council Planning Departments. 5. Parishioners have raised concerns about the proposals regarding the Post Office moving to a smaller area on the main counter, near the food, which raises issues of privacy, cross contamination and inevitably reduced services. Also because the Post Office handles banking and parcel services as well as mail, there are also concerns about any loss of facilities currently offered. There is a need for the current level of

service as the Post Office services have such a huge impact on rural communities with an aging population, and little or no public transport to major post offices. Furthermore, security guard vans picking up cash would mean that the Post Office would have to be closed down at the time they are present, which would impact on the general service till if it is near to it. Also there is a concern for loss of jobs.

6. Parishioners had contacted the Parish Council ask about the flail-mowing on the Castlerigg T-junction to the A6. They understand that encroaching trees and shrubs have to be cut back from time to time, but what they saw was as ugly a piece of flail-mowing. They asked if the Parish Council aware of what has happened, and are they in a position to tell the contractor to improve the situation.
7. A parishioner contacted the Parish Council regarding his concerns about the 'Transfer of Assets and Services to the Parish', he said he did not understand what was meant by 'agreed' lighting in the reports which were a part of the appendices on the agenda. On reading other reports he said he understood that 'agreed' lights were the ones that could be transferred, but he did not think he could see any lights in the list for a number of places in the village, such as Scaur Close or Lamb Lea. So does that mean that lights in those roads are not 'agreed'? Or is the listing title not as clear as it should be? He went on to say that he was not in favour of the responsibility for street lighting being transferred to Parish Councils. He believes it's a retrograde step in his view. He said that he cannot see that parishes can do what is necessary at a lower cost than the District Council. What does a body of 'volunteers' in a parish know about street lighting? It's a liability that should not be transferred to a Parish Council. He does not feel that there has been an adequate case presented to justify this move. Isn't this effectively just another way of increasing the Council Tax - remove a service but retain the same charge? If there is to be an £8.00 per house parish precept, should not there be an equivalent reduction on Council Tax? Also what would happen if Lazonby was to not have a Parish Council at some time in the future? Would the responsibility for lighting default to the District Council again? He said he believed that it would make more sense for the collection of material for recycling to be transferred to parishes.

1. **RESOLVED** that it be noted that the Parish Council would continue to store the goal posts for future use.
2. **RESOLVED** that Councillors Gordon Nicolson and Hilary Carrick would liaise regarding a scoping consultation exercise to engage with parishioners to find out what they would like to see regarding traffic calming and parking issues in the village.
ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk put a notice in the Parish Council Newsletter to ask parishioners to be mindful of parking in front of dropped kerbs designed for people with disabilities.
3. **RESOLVED** that Councillor Tim Wright will ask Eden District Council for advice about the installation of a ticket machine on Lazonby Station platform, and will liaise with the rail network to find out more about the installation of these machines.
4. **RESOLVED** that the concerns of the parishioners regarding developments of certain properties in the village be noted.
5. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk speak to someone at the Lakes & Dales Co-

		<p>op's Head Office about the raised concerns about the post office moving position to the front counter, and liaise with Councillor Chris Hill about this issue and give them her contact telephone number.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED to ask a representative from the Lakes & Dales Co-op's Head Office to the March 2018 meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the issue of the moving of the Post Office further.</p> <p>6. RESOLVED that County Councillor Hilary Carrick will ask Cumbria County Council about the Flail-mowing on the Castlerigg T-junction to the A6.</p> <p>7. RESOLVED that the parishioners concerns about the 'Transfer of Assets and Services to the Parish' be noted and that the issue is still under discussion with a decision still to be made by the Parish Council.</p>
18/10	Super fast Broadband.	<p>The Council received a verbal report regarding Fibre Optic Superfast Broadband from Broadband Hub Coordinator Brian Smythe. There was a Digital Inclusion event held in Kirkoswald which did not have a particularly good attendance. However, a positive discussion with a Connecting Cumbria representative was had with those attending. When the programme runs out of funds there are two viable options to take superfast broadband forward, which Brian will look into more regarding costs and high volume downloads. These are 4G and a Community Fibre Project which BT is running. A list of those residents in the local area that do not get superfast Broadband needs to be compiled. Brian will be starting with Kirkoswald and then do Lazonby to see how much it will cost to provide superfast broadband to properties unable to currently receive it. Brian hopes to bring the results for Lazonby to either the March 2018 or the April 2018 meeting of the Parish Council. Brian will also enquire with Lonsdale Net to see if they are able to fill the gaps in service.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that Brian Smythe be thanked for his report about Superfast Broadband, the contents of which were noted.</p>
18/11	Report from the local Community Police.	<p>The Council received a report from the new local Community Policeman PCSO Mark Robson 5398 who informed the Parish Council of recent crimes in the surrounding areas. Thankfully nothing has happened in Lazonby to report this time but he did mention incidents in surrounding areas, and reminded people to lock doors and windows before leaving home, among other safety precautions. PCSO Robson will also be talking to the children at Lazonby School about road safety. The Community Speed Watch Campaign is also being launched in February 2018.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that the report from PCSO Mark Robson be noted with thanks.</p>
18/12	Report from District Councillor Gordon Nicolson.	<p>The Council received a report from District Councillor Gordon Nicolson about Eden District Council matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Eden District Council has placed a freeze on the Council Tax however Cumbria County Council and the Police precept will rise. 2. The Eden Community Fund, funded originally from the new homes bonus, has now been given a pot of £110,000 with a £10,000 limit to each funding application. There is also a new fund for bigger projects – more information on that will be provided at a later date. 3. There has also been funding launched nationally of £1 million per annum to communities who would be willing to host underground nuclear waste storage facilities.
		<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that District Councillor Gordon Nicolson reserved the right to request to speak on other issues on the agenda.</p>

		ALSO RESOLVED that District Councillor Gordon Nicolson be thanked for his report, the contents of which were noted.
18/13	Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick.	<p>The Council received a report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick about County Council matters affecting the Parish.</p> <p>1. Cumbria County Council Budget meeting is to be held in the near future, where they will discuss the increase in Council Tax of 3.99%. The deficit is still £39 million but the budget proposals have been made with the intention of closing the gap on the deficit.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that County Councillor Hilary Carrick reserved the right to request to speak on other issues on the agenda.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that County Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.</p>
18/14	Lazonby Parish Projects:	
	a. Neighbourhood Plan.	<p>The Council received an update regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. There have been footpath amendments made to the Neighbourhood Plan which has been submitted to Eden District Council in November 2017. However, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been told that some external bodies have not been consulted so this is being readdressed fairly quickly, including amendments made to the plan given by County Council. Then an examiner will review the Neighbourhood Plan and will hopefully find it to be sound, so that a referendum can commence in the Spring. The new January 2017 Consultation will be on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group be thanked for all the hard work they have done to ensure the Neighbourhood Plan gets to this stage.</p>
	b. Will Pool Footpath Project.	<p>The Council received an update regarding the Will Pool footpath project. After it was determined that the work to build a footpath from the village to Will Pool had to be carried out by Cumbria County Council Contractors, due to it being within the curtilage of the Highways, the hoped funding is not available to the Parish Council now, so they will be seeking funding elsewhere.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report about the Will Pool footpath project be noted, and the issue referred back to the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee.</p>
18/15	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	<p>The Council received a report from the Treasurer (please see attached Treasurer's Report).</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan Grant has now reached its deadline to be used, with the remainder being returned to the funders.</p> <p>HMC are now giving the Parish Council a new identification number to make future claims.</p> <p>Recycling credits have dropped again and predictions mean eventually there will probably be no revenue from recycling.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Gordon Nicolson will be enquiring about the future of recycling credits, make a comparison with other parishes like Great Salkeld,</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his report, the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.</p>

18/16	Authority for Payments.	<p>The Council considered requests for payment received by the Treasurer, Clerk or Council Members.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The amount of £47.99 for the web hosting for Lazonby Parish Council Website for the next 12 months, to the old Webmaster Geoff Bennett who is still running the website until the new website is launched. Please note that the webhosting account will be transferred to the new webmaster/Treasurer in the near future but will be paid for by the Parish Council. <p>RESOLVED that the following amounts be paid:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The amount of £47.99 for the web hosting for Lazonby Parish Council Website for the next 12 months, to the old Webmaster Geoff Bennett who is still running the website until the new website is launched. <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be note that the webhosting account will be transferred to the new webmaster/Treasurer in the near future but will be paid for by the Parish Council.</p>
18/17	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no New Planning applications issued for consultation by Eden District Council for the Council to consider.</p>
18/18	Planning Applications – Decisions.	<p>RESOLVED that the following Planning Application decision be noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Application No: 17/0817 – Proposed residential development for 5 no. dwellings, at a site behind the Lilacs, Lazonby, Penrith CA101AQ – GRANTED. Planning Application No: 17/0912 – Change of use from Methodist Chapel to residential use without changes to external appearance, at Lazonby Methodist Chapel, Main Street, Lazonby, Penrith CA10 1BG – GRANTED.
18/19	LPC Cumbria Highways Link Person Report.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that potholes have been reported on the Great Salkeld road going out of the village; and Scaur lane will be resurfaced once the new housing development has been finished.</p>
18/20	Deputies for Parish Council Committees.	<p>RESOLVED that the nomination of deputies for the Parish Council Committees, and making any consequential amendments to TORs to ensure that future Committee Meetings are quorate, are referred to the March 2018 meeting of the Parish Council.</p>
18/21	Proposed Based Station Consultation.	<p>The Council considered the following consultation:</p> <p>Proposed Base Station – CTIL 208108_VF12967, at land of Rose Bank Farm, Lazonby, Penrith CA101AT (NGR: E 354682, N 539020).</p> <p>The proposal involves the installation of a 22.5m high column accommodating 3 No antennas and 1 No 300mm dish. The proposal would also involve the installation of 1 No electrical meter cabinet, 3 No equipment cabinets and ancillary equipment within a compound surrounded by a 1.2m high stock proof wooden fence, as shown in the attached drawings.</p> <p>It is considered that the proposed development represents the best compromise between minimising the visual impact of the proposal on the surrounding area and meeting the technical coverage requirements of the network. Please see attached the proposed drawings for your information. This new base station is required to provide high quality 4G mobile network coverage and capacity to the surrounding area.</p> <p>Vodafone Limited has entered into an agreement with Telefónica UK Limited pursuant to which the two companies plan to jointly operate and manage a single network grid across the UK. These arrangements will be overseen by</p>

		<p>Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (CTIL) which is a joint venture company owned by Telefónica UK Limited and Vodafone Limited. This agreement allows both organisations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool their basic network infrastructure, while running two, independent, nationwide networks; • Maximise opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations; • and significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development. <p>A new base station is required in the vicinity of Lazonby, Penrith to provide high quality mobile network coverage and capacity for O2 and Vodafone customers in the surrounding area. The search area largely consists of the village of Lazonby which is predominantly residential and drops from south west to north east with the railway line cutting along the bottom of the valley. The majority of the commercial activity in the village is to the north east at its lowest point. The railway line and some of its old yard (now Bells Bakery) are designated as a conservation area and the River Eden is an SSSI and SAC. The village is surrounded by agricultural fields on all sides.</p> <p>The purpose of this is to consult with the Parish Council and seek their views on our proposal before any planning submission is made. We understand that you are not always able to provide site specific comments; however, Vodafone is committed to consultation with communities on our mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond. As part of Vodafone's continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for a new base station at this location in order to provide high quality 4G mobile network coverage and capacity. Mobiles can only work with a network of base stations in place where people want to use their mobile phones or other wireless devices. Without base stations, the mobile phones and other devices we rely on simply won't work. The deadline for a response for this consultation is Thursday 8th February 2018.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Consultation be noted and say that the Parish Council have NO COMMENTS to make at present and will wait for a formal Planning Application to be submitted.</p>
18/22	Scaur Close Village Green Registration.	<p>The Council received a letter from Cumbria County Council Commons Registration Officer regarding the Scaur Close Village Green registration. The consultation period for the Scaur Close Village Green status has now passed without comment. The Cumbria County Council Commons Registration Officer will now prepare a 'Report of Recommendation' for the Development Control and Regulations Committee who are the determining authority for this kind of application, the results of which will be reported once known</p> <p>RESOLVED that the letter from Cumbria County Council Commons Registration Officer regarding the Scaur Close Village Green registration be noted.</p>
18/23	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. Department for Transport's public consultation on future funding on the SRN - Proposals for the Strategic Road Network (SRN) and its current and future needs - This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 7 February 2018. 2. NALC's Local Councillor Census Survey. <p>The Council also noted that NALC has been requested by the Lord Chamberlain's office to inform member councils that Her Majesty will be</p>

		<p>hosting a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 31st May 2018 and Cumbria Association has been allocated 4 places. Nominations to attend the Royal Garden Party had to be made by Thursday 1st February 2018 – No Lazonby Parish Councillors wished to be put forward for this.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Invitations to participate were noted without comment.</p>
18/24	<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. CALC Newsletter - December 2017/January 2018. 2. Police Newsletter – January 2018. 3. NALC’s notes regarding the final Audit Annual return documentation. 4. Extract from the NALC Chief Executive’s Bulletin for January - General Data Protection Regulation – NALC continue to lobby government and Parliament on the implications of the General Data Protection Regulation for the sector in terms of additional workload and cost and they have called for new burdens funding to support the introduction of the new regime. 5. Information from NALC: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) SAAA email auditor appointment notifications - Individual email notifications of external auditor appointments, made during 2016 for the 5 year period commencing with the financial year 2017/18, have been sent out by Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments (SAAA) during November to nearly 10,000 smaller authorities where a valid email address is held or can be traced. If a local council has not received the email from SAAA, firstly check junk/spam folders, and if nothing has been received please email admin@saaa.co.uk to let them know along with any updated contact details. Further details can be found on the SAAA website. b) Local government pay offer -The National Employers for Local Government Services has offered council employees a two-year pay increase from 2018. The majority of employees – those on salaries starting at £19,430 per annum – would receive an uplift of 2 per cent on 1 April 2018 and a further 2 per cent on 1 April 2019, with those on lower salaries receiving higher increases. The offer, which will affect around 1 million employees, also includes the introduction of a new national pay spine on 1 April 2019. The National Employers, who negotiate pay on behalf of 350 local authorities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, made the offer to unions yesterday. 6. Police Consultation to ask for views on increasing the Council Tax – They propose that a band D property be raised by nearly £12 to help fund making Police officers more visible and present in local communities. In Cumbria, the largest number of properties falls into band B which would pay an additional 78p a month. This is in line with the Government allowing Police and Crime Commissioners greater flexibility to increase council tax levels to help improve the service that the police provide. Through this consultation they are seeking support and asking that together we can make a really important contribution to protect you and above all to keep us all safe. The survey was open until 19th January 2018. 7. 2017/18 External Auditor Update for Smaller Authorities Information
18/25	<p>Date of the Next Meeting.</p>	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting will be confirmed as Wednesday 7th March 2018, in the Jubilee Room, Lazonby Village Hall at 7.30pm.</p>

<p>At this point in the meeting the Chair asked that any members of the public and press who were in attendance withdraw from the meeting at this point due to the confidentiality of the matter to be discussed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed that members of the public and press who were in attendance withdraw from the meeting at this point due to the confidentiality of the matter to be discussed.</p>		
18/26	Wall at Bank Foot.	<p>The Confidential Minute of the 1st November 2017 Meeting was considered.</p> <p>There was no update at present.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that the Confidential Minute of the 1st November 2017 Meeting be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>

The Meeting finished at 9.29 pm.