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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

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A NOTICE TO:

All Members of Lazonby Parish Council and to all Lazonby Parishioners.

Date: Thursday 28th March 2024.

Dear Sir/Madam,

There will be a Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on **Wednesday 3rd April 2024, in the Jubilee Room, Lazonby Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.** The Agenda for the meeting is enclosed and you are hereby summoned to attend.

The Agenda for the meeting is set out as below.

Yours faithfully,



Rebecca Wyatt
Clerk to the Council.

AGENDA

ITEM NO:	ITEM	RECOMMENDATIONS, CONSIDERATIONS & ACTIONS.
1.	Appointment of Temporary Chair.	TO CONSIDER the appointment of temporary Chair for the purpose of this meeting.
2.	Apologies for Absence.	TO RECEIVE any apologies for absence.
3.	Appointment of Chair of the Council for 2023 - 2024.	TO RECOMMEND that proposals are invited from the floor for a Chair to be appointed for the year 2023 – 2024 from the Council Members. <u>Report of the Clerk to Council.</u> With the resignation of the Chair last year, the Parish Council now needs 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.
4.	The Filling of Council Member Vacancies.	TO CONSIDER any nominations to co-opt new Council Members.
5.	Requests for Dispensations.	TO RECEIVE any requests 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.

6.	Declaration of Interest.	<p>TO RECEIVE any Declarations by elected and co-opted Members of any Personal or Prejudicial Interests relating to any items on the agenda for this meeting.</p> <p><i>Members are invited to declare any personal interests they may have relating to any item on the Agenda and, having done so, to consider whether they also have a prejudicial interest in that item. Members are also reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registerable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting.) Members may, however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registerable or other interests. If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised to contact the clerk at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.</i></p> <p><u>A note from the Clerk to the Council.</u> <i>A personal interest might be reasonably regarded as one which might affect a member's wellbeing, financial position, or business (which would be a 'direct' interest, as it impacts on the member directly); or that of a relative or friend (which would be an 'indirect' interest) to a greater extent than that of other council tax payers, ratepayers or other inhabitants of the area. A personal interest will also be a prejudicial interest if a member of the public, who knows the relevant facts, would reasonably think that a member's personal interest is so significant that it is likely to prejudice his / her judgement of the public interest.</i></p>
7.	Matters of Urgency.	<p>TO CONSIDER any matters on grounds of urgency which arrived too late to be otherwise placed on the agenda and/or are determined by certain deadlines.</p> <p><u>Please Note:</u> This item can be used to raise any 'matters of urgency', even if the matter is to be discussed later in the agenda under a related item heading. For example: planning applications that were received after the agenda was issued in order to meet the 21 day deadline. These will then be dealt with in the appropriate agenda item.</p>
8.	Public Participation.	<p>TO RECEIVE any contributions from the parishioners relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any item on the agenda; • And any other parish-related matter which they may wish to raise.
9.	Broadband in the Parish.	<p>TO RECEIVE an update about broadband issues in the parish.</p>
10.	Report from the Local Community Police.	<p>TO RECEIVE a report from the local Community Police.</p> <p>ALSO TO RECEIVE the Eden Focus Police Newsletter for Eden Rural and the Penrith & Alston Police Newsletter for February & March 2024.</p> <p><u>Please Note: This information has been circulated by Email to Councillors.</u></p>
11.	Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 6th March 2024.	<p>TO RECOMMEND that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 6th March be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> <p><u>Note: Please see Appendix 11a.</u></p>
12.	Progress Reports on Recent Actions - progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 6th March 2024 (the list below are the main issues but in addition, other issues may also be discussed from the last Minutes that are not listed here).	
	a. Donations at Eden Bridge Car Park. (Last minute 24/42).	<p>TO RECEIVE an update about the donations for Eden Bridge Car Park..</p>

	<p>b. Parish Fishing. (Last minute 24/42).</p>	<p>TO RECEIVE an update about the Fishing Rights and Bailifing in the parish.</p> <p>ALSO TO NOTE that the Council have received and been made aware of concerns from parishioners and locals from outside of the parish, that the parish will lose their fishing rights which is untrue and will be reconfirmed in this section of the agenda.</p> <p>ALSO TO RECEIVE an update on the missing the fishing notice at the end of the Lazonby Fishing Rights which has recently been washed away in the floods.</p>
	<p>c. Social Media Presence for the Parish Council (Last minute 24/42).</p>	<p>TO RECEIVE an update about the social media presence for the Parish Council.</p>
	<p>d. Speed Limit Signs Coming into the Village (Last minute 24/42).</p>	<p>TO RECEIVE an update on the relocation of the 30 mph speed limit signs on the roads to Great Salkeld and Carlisle.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Report from the Westmorland & Furness Councillor.</p>	<p>TO RECEIVE a report from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick about Westmorland & Furness matters affecting the Parish.</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>Lazonby Parish Projects:</p>	
	<p>a. Proposed Development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station.</p>	<p>TO RECEIVE an update about the proposed development of the Lazonby Egg Packing Station.</p>
	<p>b. Planting for Pollinators Project.</p>	<p>TO CONSIDER the Planting for Pollinators Project in the parish.</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>Parish Maintenance:</p>	
	<p>a. Parish Grass-cutting for 2024.</p>	<p>TO RECOMMEND that the parish grass-cutting volunteers be mobilised again for 2024. However, this year the Clerk will not be sending the usual letter as they have all had the same letter for the last few years but instead has asked one of the grass cutting volunteers, via email, if there is anything that the Council needs to make sure is in place, such as equipment that needs to be repaired or serviced etc.. before the new grass cutting season gets started. However, towards the end of the season last year two of the machines had been at Eden Valley Tool Repairs for some attention and they were serviced at the same time. The third one had not been used much. Consequently the volunteer grass cutters have said that they do not need any more servicing in advance of the 2024 season. They do their best to keep the machines clean and fuelled throughout the year.</p> <p>ALSO TO RECOMMEND recording a thank you to the grass cutting parishioners for continuing to volunteer to cut the grass in the parish.</p> <p>ALSO TO NOTE that the Clerk has put a thank you to the existing grass-cutting in the LOC Newsletter and also ask if any parishioners would like to volunteer to grass cut in the parish.</p>

<p>b. Eden Bridge Car Park maintenance.</p>	<p>TO CONSIDER if the possibility of making a more permanent repair to the pot holes in Eden Bridge car park.</p> <p><u>Report of the Treasurer to Council</u> Whilst the Treasurer is not an engineer surely a suitable remedy could be found to engage in small excavations and repair with concrete or an appropriate equivalent material at a reasonable cost that would withstand flooding. Naturally, the cost should be proportionate to revenue acquired/saved from at least 3 possible sources from within our budget.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ring fence any donations from the Car Park that are currently paid, for example The Chip Van, Barugh Foods and possibly Smoke n Steel which could yield £1400 per annum. Whilst this is not guaranteed for the future the Council have benefitted for a few years with the Chip Van at £960 pa and Lakes White Water Rafting have bequeathed £300. 2. Westmorland & Furness Council have confirmed that they are reviewing the Footway Lights Policy and that no charge will be implemented for 2023/24 and 2024/25. This results in a saving of £7.5k over these two years. 3. Should Westmorland & Furness Council repatriate the Footway Lights then this would save £3.5k pa from 2025/26 while electricity prices remain high. <p>In the Treasurers view an open mind should be kept on these possibilities and a game changer would be the repatriation of the Footway Lights to free up £3.5k pa (pre Ukraine War £1.8k). This option cannot be relied upon but an accumulation of current monthly donations and savings over a short time would be of use. To engage professional advice and costs would be sensible and would end the debate over viability for future Councillors to tackle either way as the annual volunteer repair just papers over the cracks until the next flood.</p>
<p>c. Village Tidy Up Day.</p>	<p>TO CONSIDER organising a day for parish volunteers and Council Members to tidy up areas in the village.</p>
<p>d. Sheep Grazing to Let.</p>	<p>TO RECEIVE an update about the sheep grazing to let for 2024.</p> <p><u>Report of the Clerk to Council.</u> The Council received only one bid for the sheep grazing on the Parish playing/sports field from Mr Blaylock who offered £201 for this year's rent. The Clerk and Councillor Tim Wright, having been given delegated authority by the Council to deal with the bids, considered the bid received and agreed to accept it. Due to the timetable for the lease of the field, the Clerk has informed Mr. Blaylock that he was the successful bidder because the lease started on the 1st of April 2024.</p>
<p>e. Parish Notice Boards.</p>	<p>TO CONSIDER putting a larger notice board in a prime location in the village to allow more public notices as the smaller notice boards are constantly full up to over brimming.</p> <p><u>Report of the Clerk to Council.</u> For many years the notice boards have been A5 size posters or smaller due to the small size of the area to display notices/posters, and anything larger has been removed on a regular basis to make it fair. Councillor Tim Wright has said he is happy to take the responsibility of removing A4 posters from the existing boards and reinstate a notice to say A5 size or smaller as has been the case for many years. He has also suggested the possibility of providing a larger notice board for A4 size posters in a prime location in the village so more notices can be displayed due to the smaller boards always being overrun with notices.</p>

	f. Other Maintenance Issues in the Parish.	<p>TO CONSIDER any other maintenance issues that need to be looked at in the parish that are the sole responsibility of the Parish Council (not other external bodies).</p> <p>1. TO RECEIVE information that a broken memorial bench at the far end of Scarrows near to Bird House was very badly damaged and was not safe to sit on. Lazonby Estates has said it was their cows that hit it so they will replace the bench and transfer the brass plaque.</p>
	g. Flooding Issues in the Parish.	TO RECEIVE an update about the flooding issues and the Flood Action Group in the parish.
	h. Footpaths in the Village.	TO RECEIVE an update about the state of the footpaths in the village.
	i. Tree between Lazonby Swimming Pool and Eden Bridge.	TO RECEIVE an update on the removal of the overhanging tree between Lazonby pool and the Bridge following further complaints regarding high vehicle strikes, even though cutting back work was carried out on the tree recently.
16.	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	<p>TO RECEIVE the March 2024 Treasurer’s Report for approval.</p> <p><u>Note: Please see Appendix 16a.</u></p>
17.	Authority for Payments.	TO CONSIDER any requests for payment received by the Treasurer, Clerk or Council Members.
18.	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	<p>TO CONSIDER any new applications which have been issued for consultation by Westmorland and Furness Council.</p> <p>1. Planning Application Ref: 2024/0139/FPA - (Full Application) - Variation of condition 2 (plans compliance) for the insertion of access paths for both dwellings and amendments to the boundary treatments, attached to approval 21/0583, at Land South West of Bank Top Lazonby, Penrith.</p> <p><u>Please Note:</u> At the time of this Agenda being issued there were no further Planning Applications received. However, if any New Planning Applications reach the Clerk to the Parish Council between the Agenda being issued and the Meeting itself, then the Clerk and the Chair will consider if it is appropriate to introduce them to the meeting; or if it may be necessary to convene a meeting of the Planning Committee. These will be initially introduced under the ‘Matters of Urgency’ item on this agenda to then be further discussed in this item of the agenda. This information has already been circulated by Email to Councillors.</p>
19.	Planning Applications – Decisions.	<p>TO RECEIVE and be NOTED decisions on Planning Applications which have been issued by Westmorland and Furness Council.</p> <p><u>Please Note:</u> At the time of this Agenda being issued there were no Planning Application Decisions received for the parish. However, if any Planning Application Decisions reach the Clerk to the Parish Council between the Agenda being issued and the Meeting itself, they will be presented at the Meeting. This information has already been circulated by Email to Councillors.</p>

<p>20.</p>	<p>Report from the Highways Link Person.</p>	<p>TO RECEIVE any reports on other issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting concerning Cumbria Highways.</p> <p>ALSO TO RECEIVE notice that a temporary road closure has been put in place to allow United Utilities to carry out utility works which are expected to commence 8th April 2024 and anticipated to take 3 days to complete.</p> <p>Please see below details of the extents of the restriction and any alternative routes which may be in place, the relevant legal notice can be viewed at https://api-gb.one.network/downloads/tm/4587/site-notice_1c0c479e1b.pdf and a location plan clearly showing these extents can be found on one.network via link https://one.network/?tm=137071369</p> <p>Location: B6413 Lazonby, from a point approx. 90 metres north east of its junction with Scarrows Lane, extending in a north easterly direction for approx. 140 metres.</p> <p>Alternative Route: Suitable alternative routes will be signed and available as follows; <u>HGV vehicles:</u> via the unrestricted sections of B6413, A6, Scotland Road, Stricklandgate, Queen Street, Devonshire Street, King Street, Victoria Road, Bridge Lane, A686 and B6412. <u>Localised vehicles:</u> via the unrestricted sections of B6413, Fiddler’s Lane and Scarrow’s Lane. Should anyone have any queries in relation to this temporary Order please contact the Highways Hotline by calling 0300 373 3306 or via the <u>Westmorland & Furness Council website</u>, quoting the reference TTROW/9842</p>
<p>21.</p>	<p>Invitations to Participate.</p>	<p>TO CONSIDER if Council Members would like to comment, take part in, attend, or send a representative to any invitations to participate.</p> <p>1. Eden Town & Parish Council Forum: Bus Service Improvement Plan Plus Consultation - The Department for Transport has awarded Westmorland and Furness Council £1.7 million of Bus Service Improvement Plan Plus (BSIP+) funding to enhance services across the area in 2024/25. To ensure the services supported by the latest tranche of BSIP+ funding meet the needs of communities and lead to well-supported provision, on Tuesday 19 March we will be launching a consultation offering Members, Parish and Town Councillors, residents, businesses and visitors, the opportunity shape spending plans. Work has already started to devise a list of 35 suggested bus routes the monies could fund and they have planned a series of engagement opportunities encouraging stakeholders to provide feedback. From 19th March until Tuesday 30 April 2024 the following opportunities will be available for key stakeholders to participate in an online consultation. Paper copies of the consultation can be completed at Westmorland and Furness Libraries in Barrow, Grange, Kendal and Penrith from Monday 25 March 5 public in-person drop in sessions in Barrow, Grange, Kendal, Penrith and Ulverston between 10am and 2pm planned in accessible locations on bus routes 1 online evening public engagement session on Microsoft Teams. The online consultation will launched via a press release and social media posts which we will share with you as soon as they are live, with further promotion starting on Monday 25 March in libraries, on buses and in new bus passes that will be issued between now and closing date of Tuesday 30 April. They are also delighted to be sharing with you their slides which they will run through at their meeting planned with Parish and Town Councillors via CALC in March, along with and the spreadsheet including a list of the suggested routes we would like you to comment on during the sessions and in the consultation.</p>

The Eden Session will be held on Tuesday 9th of April at 7.00pm (Teams virtual link at the bottom of the email, if you are able to RSVP to CALC before the event they would very much appreciate it). The session will focus on suggested routes in your particular locality area. If you would like to comment on routes covering more than one area, we welcome you to attend multiple sessions. It must be emphasised that at this stage, because something is on the list, does not mean it will happen – and equally just because something isn't on the list, does not mean it cannot be added later subject to the consultation process. They welcome you to help them promote the consultation as soon as this is launched and are looking forward to seeing you.

2. Town and Parish Councils – Invitation to Community Power Workshop - Westmorland and Furness Council is aspiring to work in a community focused way. This means enabling communities to participate in the decisions which affect where they live and the services they use, as well as mobilising community strengths and enhancing community collaboration. They are working with an independent partner, New Local, to shape this work and to produce a shared vision, strategic approach, and delivery plan for community power. They would like to invite representatives from all Town and Parish Councils to a workshop to inform this work. The workshop will consider how you are already working alongside communities to address local priorities, explore your aspirations for how you would like the Community Power Programme to evolve, and consider any steps and opportunities which could be taken to advance community powered ways of working. The workshop will take place as follows:

Date: Thursday 11th April

Time: 6:45pm for a 7pm start. Ends at 8:30pm.

Format: Online via MS Teams

An invite will be sent on their behalf from Cumbria Association of Local Councils. Please RSVP by responding to the calendar invitation. The workshop will be facilitated by New Local and an agenda will be circulated in advance.

Please Note: This information has been circulated by Email to Councillors.

22. **INFORMATION given for reference only.**

TO RECEIVE and be **NOTED** any information that has been given out for reference only:

1. **Latest News from Eden Rivers Trust - Spring 2024.**
2. **Lazonby Village Hall new charges and hirers guide.**
3. **NWS E-bulletin – disposal blog, annual research conference, South Holderness working group, National Apprenticeship Week, and more.**
4. **Great Big Green Week 8th - 16th Jun 2024 information.**
5. **Discover the latest funding opportunities with Cumbria CVS information.**
6. **Refugee, Evacuee and Asylum Seeker Grants Programme 2024/25.**
7. **Healthwatch Westmorland and Furness - Adult Autism Pathways Project**
8. **North West Ambulance Service- Volunteer Car Drivers Needed Information.**
9. **CALC News - January & February 2024.**

Please Note: This information has been circulated by Email to Councillors.

23.	Date of the Next Meeting.	RECOMMENDATION that the next scheduled meeting will be Lazonby Parish Council's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 1 st May 2024. It will start with the Annual Open Parish Meeting at 7 pm, followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council, at approximately 7.30 pm, in the Jubilee Room, in the Village Hall.
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INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Please note that following the Council meeting there will be a 15 minute period where members can exchange information of a general nature. As items raised are NOT on the Agenda they will not be minuted.

LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL
April 2024 Meeting of the Parish Council
SUPPLEMENTARY APPENDICES

ITEM NO: (Appendix)	ITEM
11a.	Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 6th March 2024.
16a.	Financial Report by the Treasurer.