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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: Friday 27th February 2026.

Dear Sir/Madam,

There will be a Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on **Wednesday 4th March 2026, 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.	Apologies for Absence.	TO RECEIVE any apologies for absence.
2.	Resignation of Councillor.	TO RECEIVE notice of Councillor Andrew Sharple's resignation from the Council.
3.	The Filling of Council Member Vacancies.	TO CONSIDER any nominations to co-opt new Council Members.
4.	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.
5.	Declaration of Interest.	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. <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</i>

		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. <u>A note from the Clerk to the Council.</u> 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.
6.	Matters of Urgency.	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. <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.
7.	Public Participation.	TO RECEIVE any contributions from the parishioners relating to: - Any item on the agenda; - And any other parish-related matter which they may wish to raise.
8.	Broadband in the Parish.	TO RECEIVE an update about broadband in the parish. TO RECEIVE an update about the Wayleaves across the Parish Council land.
9.	Report from the Local Police.	TO RECEIVE the Eden Focus Police Newsletter for Eden Rural and the Penrith & Alston Police Newsletter for January & February 2026. TO RECEIVE any update on the Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge meetings. <u>Please Note: This information has been circulated by Email to Councillors.</u>
10.	Minutes of the Meeting on the 4th February 2026.	TO RECOMMEND that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 4th February 2026 approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings. <u>Note: Please see Appendix 10a.</u>
11.	Progress Reports on Recent Actions - progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Parish Council's Meeting on 4th February 2026 (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. Boat Users on the River Eden (Last minuted 26/10).	TO RECEIVE an update on the issues around boat users on the River Eden. <u>Report of the Clerk to the Council.</u> The Clerk has contacted the rafting company who said they will let me know when they can meet the Parish Council, as currently they have other work commitments. Also the Clerk has made Paddle UK aware of the natural erosion under the access steps into the river. They would like photos once the water has dropped enough to show the erosion. A temporary warning notice has been put up on the access steps.
	b. 150th Anniversary of Lazonby Train Station (Last minuted 26/10).	TO RECEIVE an update about how the community can mark the 150th anniversary of Lazonby Train Station in May 2026.

	c. Eden Rivers Trust Request to replace existing information board about invasive species (Last minuted 26/25).	TO RECEIVE an update about Eden Rivers Trust Request to replace existing information board about invasive species.
	d. Request for a Memorial Bench to be put in the Parish (Last minuted 26/27).	TO RECEIVE a request to put a bench in memory of a parishioner's wife in the parish.
	e. Rubbish/Dog Waste bins (Last minuted 26/06).	TO RECEIVED an update on whether or not Westmorland & Furness Council waste collection when it becomes fortnightly will still empty the rubbish/dog waste weekly.
12.	Report from the Westmorland & Furness Councillor.	TO RECEIVE a report from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick about Westmorland & Furness on matters affecting the parish.
13.	Place Action Group (PAG).	TO RECEIVE an update about the Place Action Group (PAG) including the funding application for the signage for the Eden Bridge car park area.
14.	Parish Projects:	
	a. Will Pool Revamp.	TO RECEIVE an update on the revamp of Will Pool.
	b. Donation Box at Eden Bridge Car Park.	TO NOTE the donation box at Eden Bridge car park is still ongoing nd part of the Eden Bridge car park refurbishment.
	c. Refurbishment of Eden Bridge Car Park.	TO RECEIVE an update on the refurbishment of Eden Bridge Car Park, this includes resurfacing, fence repairs and new signage.
15.	Parish Maintenance:	
	a. Flooding Issues in the Parish.	TO RECEIVE an update about the flooding issues in the parish.
	b. Roads in the Parish.	TO RECEIVE an update on the following road/Highways issues in the Parish. 1. The resurfacing on Station Road. 2. The recurring water flooding on the road between Eden Bridge car park and the swimming pool. 3. Vandalised road sign on Carlisle Road near Scarrows. 4. The H Bars on the dropdown kerbs near the Lofts which are in need of repainting. 5. Two potholes in Thieveside and near the village hall.
	c. Footpaths in the Parish.	TO RECEIVE any issues about the footpaths in the village. 1. Scaur Close footpath maintenance - Some long-ish sections of the footways in Scaur Close are now pretty rough and broken, and the surface dressing worn away and could present a trip hazard for less mobile people. It is thought that the additional new housing estates off of Scaur Lane has increased the foot traffic through Scar Close considerably so the condition of the footways is becoming more important.
	d. Parish Tree Survey.	TO RECEIVE an update on the parish tree survey for 2025.

	e. Damaged Fence at Bateman Lane.	TO NOTE that the damaged fence at Bateman Lane is still ongoing and will be repaired in due course.
	f. Vandalised Metal Bench on Carlisle Road.	TO RECEIVE an update about the Vandalised Metal Bench on Carlisle Road and stolen George IV memorial plaque.
	g. Recycling Centre.	TO RECEIVED any recent issues concerning the recycling centre and Eden bridge car park. <u>Report of the Clerk to the Council.</u> The Clerk asked Westmorland & Furness Council will replace the recycling notices at the recycling centre with updated information. The Clerk has also informed the volunteers who keep the recycling centre tidy so they were aware of what was going to happen. They agreed it was a good idea.
	h. Parish Grass-cutting for 2026.	TO RECOMMEND that the parish grass-cutting volunteers should be mobilised again for 2026, and to make sure all the equipment is ready to use.
	i. Other Maintenance Issues in the Parish.	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). TO RECEIVE notification that the volunteer who looks after Scaur Close Green has asked if they can have the authority to hire up to two petrol powered scarifier for the cost of £30 plus VAT (£60 plus VAT) to scarify the wild flower area at Scaur Close Green. This is because good wild-flower areas have to be subjected to a replication of being eaten and trampled by sheep or cattle. This to open up some soil to accept seeds etc. The Clerk spoke to the Chair about giving the go ahead so that the volunteer could get on with the work. The Chair agreed to the request.
16.	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	TO RECEIVE the February 2026 Treasurer's Report for approval. <u>Note: Please see Appendix 16a.</u>
17.	Authority for Payments.	TO CONSIDER any requests for payment received by the Treasurer, Clerk or Council Members.
18.	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	TO CONSIDER any new applications which have been issued for consultation by Westmorland and Furness Council. TO RECEIVE the following for reference only, as this was not individually sent to the Clerk but it was on the Westmorland & Furness planning list which is to all Clerks via email. 1. Planning Application Ref: 2026/0225/NMA - Non Material Amendment to adjust the size of 2no windows in gable elevation, attached to approval 2025/1950/HOU, at West End House, Lazonby, Penrith, CA10 1AJ. <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.

19.	Planning Applications – Decisions.	TO RECEIVE and be NOTED decisions on Planning Applications which have been issued by Westmorland and Furness Council. 1. Planning Application Ref: 2024/1812/FPA (Full Application) – Erection of a Dwelling, at Land between Swynways and Thackmoor, Old Town, High Hesket, Carlisle CA4 0JE – FINALLY DISPOSED OF. 2. Planning Application Ref: 2025/2367/HOU (Householder) - Alterations to include raising of roof by 600mm to provide accommodation at first floor level, addition of dormers to rear elevation, first floor window to front elevation and reconfiguration of existing openings, at Davelin Lazonby, Penrith CA101BL – APPROVED with Conditions. Please Note: At the time of this Agenda being issued there were no further 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.
20.	Reports on Any New Highways Issues.	TO RECEIVE and CONSIDER any new reports on other issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting concerning Highways. ALSO TO RECEIVE notification of a temporary road closure which was put in place to allow Broadband for the Rural North Limited to carry out utility works and was expected to commence 23rd February 2026 and anticipated to take 3 days to complete. Location: C3007, Castlerigg Road, Lazonby, from its junction with the C3017, extending in a north westerly direction for a distance of approx. 4.3 kilometres. Alternative Route: A suitable alternative route will be signed and made available via the C3017, C3015 and the C3016. It has been identified that it will not be safe to maintain access for pedestrians and dismounted cyclists throughout the restriction. N.B This restriction or Passage for Emergency Vehicles will not be maintained for the duration of this restriction.
21.	Considering the new Assertion 10 in the 2025 Practitioners' Guide and digital and data protection responsibilities.	TO RECEIVE an update regarding the implications of the new Assertion 10 in the 2025 Practitioners' Guide and digital and data protection responsibilities. This needs to be in place by 1st April 2026. ALSO TO CONSIDER the building of a new accessibility 2.2 complaint website. Report of the Clerk to Council The Clerk attended the Assertion 10 workshop and it has become more evident that the Parish Council need to build a new website from scratch that is fully compliant. This is something that is too much work for the current webmaster who has done it on a volunteer basis for nearly 10 years. The Clerk has spoken to the Chair and he agrees but of course it will need to be agreed by the full Council. The Clerk has sought five quotes, which a summary of the quotes were sent via email to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. It was also advised that for best practice, although not mandatory, that all Parish Councillor should have their own emails linked to the website so that GDPR etc can be actively monitored. Also, it may be best to have a gov.uk address as this could become a necessity in a few years. The Clerk would also like to ask for some extra temporary hours for this work if it exceeds her normal hours, like before when the Clerk had to deal with GDPR compliancy a few years ago, as the Clerk will have to work with the new website designer to set up the website.

22.	Parish Playing/Sports Field and Grazing to Let for 2026.	TO CONSIDER the Parish Playing/Sports field and grazing to let for 2026. ALSO TO CONSIDER for approval, the new terms and conditions for the future renting of the Parish Playing/Sports field. ALSO TO RECOMMEND that the Council agree to give the Clerk and the Chair, or another Councillor, delegated authority to open the submitted bids for the grazing after the deadline and make a decision on who will rent the field. The Clerk will then inform the successful bidder of the decision. <u>Report of the Clerk to the Council.</u> The Clerk will put up sheep grazing posters on the notice boards and the Parish Council Website to advertise the Parish Playing/Sports field from 1st April until 30th November 2026, with a deadline for sealed bids by Friday 27th March 2026.
23.	Treasurer to the Parish Council 's Appraisal.	TO CONSIDER an appraisal meeting for the Treasurer to the Parish Council.
24.	General Parish Council Admin.	TO CONSIDER some general Parish Council admin issues.
25.	Bike Track Project.	TO RECEIVE an update about the Bike Track project for the parish.
26.	Invitations to Participate.	TO CONSIDER if Council Members would like to comment, take part in, attend, or send a representative to any invitations to participate. 1. Friends of the Settle- Carlisle Line Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 25th April 2026. From 10.15 am for the start of formal business at 10.45 am. Tea and coffee will be available. A light lunch will be available after the formal business from 12.15am. The venue is a 3 minute walk from the Granary Wharf entrance to the station. The venue is Double Tree Hilton Leeds. Granary Wharf, 2 Wharf Approach, Leeds. LS1 4BR. 2. Cumbrian White-Tailed Eagle Project –Stakeholder questionnaire Over a 14-month period (September 2024 – November 2025), the Cumbrian White-Tailed Eagle Project has explored whether local people would be supportive of a reintroduction of white-tailed eagles into the Cumbrian landscape. During this period, they have collected data on people's opinions regionally through a questionnaire, interviews, focus groups and community workshops. Since November 2025, they have explored the opinion data on white-tailed eagle reintroduction and have prepared a report summarising the findings. The Social Engagement and Consultation Report is finalised, and we are now sharing this with you. Our results show that overall, there is a high level of support (78%) and positive attitudes towards a white-tailed eagle reintroduction amongst people living in the project region. For more information, please see the attached report and infographic. Next steps - The project is now distributing a stakeholder questionnaire for the purpose of the Cumbrian White-Tailed Eagle Project's social consultation. The objective of this questionnaire is to understand the level the anticipated impacts and key considerations for a white-tailed eagle reintroduction into Cumbria. The responses collected from this collective stakeholder questionnaire will feed into the social consultation. They are looking for representatives from stakeholder organisations to complete the questionnaire, and they would like to invite you on behalf of your organisation to take part. There's general information about the project within the attached report, but if you would like to meet with the project staff to learn more before completing the stakeholder questionnaire, please do contact us. The collective stakeholder

		questionnaire can be found on: https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/cwtestakeholderquestionnaire/ This questionnaire will be available to complete over a six week period (until the end of the day of Monday 30th March 2026). They would welcome a virtual stakeholder meeting to discuss the project in more depth before completion of the stakeholder questionnaire. If this is of interest to your organisation, please reply to this email with suitable dates/times. 3. The easyfundraising Impact Fund is offering 20 unrestricted grants of £500 to UK not-for-profit organisations. The grant is unrestricted, so it can be used wherever the money is needed most to support your work. When to apply: 23rd February – 5th April 2026 Who can apply - The fund is open to UK based: • Registered charities • Other not-for-profit organisations • Sports clubs and teams • Schools and education settings • Social enterprises and CICs • After-school and youth groups • Churches and religious organisations How it's awarded: The application form is straightforward. Grants will be awarded to organisations that best explain how they would use the £500. The grants will be awarded across a mix of categories and locations, and the fund is open to organisations of all sizes and structures. Apply here: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/impact-fund About easyfundraising: easyfundraising is a simple way for your organisation to raise extra funds from everyday online shopping. When your community shops with over 8,000 retailers through easyfundraising, the retailer makes a donation to your organisation — at no extra cost to anyone. From a weekly grocery shop to booking a holiday, it all helps generate free donations. Donations are paid to you every three months, and because they're unrestricted, you can spend the money on whatever your organisation needs most. Register for free funding with easyfundraising here https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/community/ <u>Please Note: This information has been circulated by Email to Councillors.</u>
27.	Information & Correspondence given for reference only.	TO RECEIVE and be NOTED any information and correspondence that has been given out for reference only: 4. Westmorland and Furness Council News releases – on various topics, including devolution updates. 5. CALC Weekly and Training Updates. 6. CVS Information – Health & Wellbeing Bulletin, Volunteer Training & Events, Newsflash Info, Cumbria CVS Newsletter, Latest Events and Volunteering Opportunities in Cumbria etc. 7. NALC Information – Martyn's Law products. The Home Office has asked NALC to share information about products to raise awareness of Martyn's Law (the Terrorism [Protection of Premises] Act) which legally commences from April 2027. 8. More Information about the Handy Person Scheme - The scheme is intended to help elderly or vulnerable householders carry out very simple but essential works at their homes. The labour is provided free-of-charge and the cost of items and materials is paid for by the householder. 9. Information about the Cumbria Combined Authority - briefing held on

		25th February 2026 - Cumbria Combined Authority is hosting a briefing for members of CALC, to share an update on progress in the creation of the authority, its emerging priorities, and the long term ambitions and vision for Cumbria. 10. Information on the Cumbria Combined Authority is officially being created on 24th February 2026. 11. Penrith Library – events, talks information. 12. Westmorland & Furnace Phase 2 Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Strategy - Town and Parish Council Briefing information. <u>Please Note: This information has been circulated by Email to Councillors.</u>
28.	Agenda Items for Next Month's Agenda.	TO CONSIDER any new agenda items for the April 2026 Parish Council meeting.
29.	Date of the Next Meeting.	RECOMMENDATION that the next scheduled meeting will be Lazonby Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 1 st April 2026, at 7.30 pm, in the Jubilee Room, in the Village Hall.

TO RECOMMEND that members of the public and press who are in attendance withdraw from the meeting at this point due to the confidentiality of the matters to be discussed in the next agenda item.		
30.	Land at the Old School.	TO RECEIVE an update about issues that need to be resolved on Parish Council land near the Old school. TO RECOMMEND that the CONFIDENTIAL Minutes of the Parish Council's Meeting on the 4th February 2026 regarding the land at the old school be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings. <u>Note: Please see Appendix 30a.</u>

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 **Meeting of the Parish Council** **March 2026**

SUPPLEMENTARY APPENDICES

ITEM NO: (Appendix)	ITEM
10a.	Minutes of the Meeting on the 4th February 2026.
16a.	Financial Report by the Treasurer.
30a.	CONFIDENTIAL Minutes of the Parish Council's Meeting on the 4th February 2026 regarding the land at the Old School (For the Parish Council Only).