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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 March 2026.

Dear Sir/Madam,

There will be a Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on **Wednesday 1st April 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.	The Filling of Council Member Vacancies.	TO CONSIDER any nominations to co-opt new Council Members. ALSO TO RECEIVE an update on the Councillor Vacancy Notice that was put up in the parish (which was posted up for display for 14 days, between March 10 th and 31 st March 2026) and on the Parish Council website after the recent resignation of a Parish Councillor.
3.	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.
4.	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</i>

		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. <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.
5.	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.
6.	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.
7.	Broadband in the Parish.	TO RECEIVE an update about broadband in the parish. ALSO TO RECEIVE Connecting Cumbria Newsletter March 2026 - Cumbria Springs Into Easter With a Focus on Digital Connectivity.
8.	Report from the Local Police.	TO RECEIVE the Eden Focus Police Newsletter for Eden Rural and the Penrith & Alston Police Newsletter for March 2026. ALSO TO RECEIVE any update on the Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge meetings. Following feedback CALC have received from some councils regarding the launch of the Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee meetings last year they have reviewed, with the police, how these meetings are run and going forward instead of just two representatives from each council within a locality being invited to attend these meetings the invite will be extended to any councillor or clerk who would like to attend their locality meeting. CALC have also agreed a new protocol for the operation of these meetings which they have enclosed for information. Over the next few weeks, Parish Councils will receive dates for future meetings in your area. ALSO TO RECEIVE the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) Community Fund is now open, please see the link below for the application form and guidance notes etc. Cumbria's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (Commissioner), David Allen, is opening his Community Fund for local organisations, charities and community groups. Groups can apply for funding to support projects to help tackle and prevent crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB). In 2025, the Commissioner provided £236,044 through his Community Fund and Property Fund to 102 groups including Maryport Boxing Club, Stomping Ground Carlisle, Kendal Youth Darts Academy and Penrith Cricket Club. Organisations can apply for up to £2,500 for their projects. The Closing date for applications is 30th April 2026. TO RECEIVE any update on the Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing

		Pledge meetings. Following feedback we have received from some councils regarding the launch of the Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee meetings last year we have reviewed, with the police, how these meetings are run and going forward instead of just two representatives from each council within a locality being invited to attend these meetings the invite will be extended to any councillor or clerk who would like to attend their locality meeting. We have also agreed a new protocol for the operation of these meetings which I have enclosed for your information. Over the next few weeks, you will receive dates for future meetings in your area from Lindsay Nicholson which I hope you will take the opportunity to attend. <u>Please Note: This information has been circulated by Email to Councillors.</u>
9.	Minutes of the Meeting on the 4th March 2026.	TO RECOMMEND that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 4th March 2026 approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings. <u>Note: Please see Appendix 9a.</u>
10.	Progress Reports on Recent Actions - progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Parish Council's Meeting on 4th March 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 26/43).	TO RECEIVE an update on the issues around boat users on the River Eden.
	b. 150 th Anniversary of Lazonby Train Station (Last minuted 26/43).	TO RECEIVE an update about how the community can mark the 150 th anniversary of Lazonby Train Station in May 2026.
	c. Eden Rivers Trust Request to replace existing information board about invasive species (Last minuted 26/43).	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 26/43).	TO RECEIVE a request to put a bench in memory of a parishioner's wife in the parish.
	e. Parish Playing/Sports Field and Grazing to Let for 2026 (Last minuted 26/53).	TO RECEIVE an update about the Parish Field and grazing to let for 2026. ALSO TO CONSIDER the repair of a broken fence on the Parish Playing field.
	f. Bike Track Project (Last minuted 26/39 and 26/57).	TO RECEIVE an update about the Bike Track project for the parish.
11.	Report from the Westmorland & Furness Councillor.	TO RECEIVE a report from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick about Westmorland & Furness on matters affecting the parish.
12.	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. TO RECEIVE information about the last PAG meeting on Thursday 26th March 2026. The current projects on the action plan were as listed below. There was an opportunity to discuss any emerging priorities and ideas for the ward area. • Development of energy independent Sustainability Centre in Skelton Parish • Garden Waste Initiative (Calthwaite, Southwaite, Skelton)

		• Resurfacing at recycling centre at Lazonby • Signage at Lazonby Recycling Centre Car Park • Great Salkeld Way Marking and interpretation boards/ riverwalk, all accessible • Eden Valley Daffodil Walk • Droving Troughs in Skelton • Skelton Village Hall Kitchen Refurbishment
13.	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 and 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.
14.	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. Pothole near the village hall.
	c. Footpaths in the Parish.	TO RECEIVE any issues about the footpaths in the village. 1. Scaur Close footpath.
	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 recovered King George memorial plaque.
	g. Recycling Centre.	TO RECEIVE any recent issues concerning the recycling centre and Eden bridge car park.
	h. Tree Surgeon Tenders.	TO CONSIDER tree Surgeon tenders for the Cooper Beach, the Oak at Will Pool, and the pruning of trees/shrubs at the King George bench site in Carlisle Road.
	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).
15.	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	TO RECEIVE the March 2026 Treasurer's Report for approval. <u>Note: Please see Appendix 15a.</u>

16.	Authority for Payments.	TO CONSIDER any requests for payment received by the Treasurer, Clerk or Council Members.
17.	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 information as it was not individually sent to the Clerk but it was on the Westmorland & Furness planning list which is sent to all Clerks via email. 1. Planning Application Ref: 2026/0528/PAPP - Prior Notification under schedule 2, part 6, class E, to upgrade existing track, at Scratchmill Scar Woodland, Plumpron, Penrith CA11 9PF. Please Note: 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.
18.	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: 2026/0225/NMA - Non Material Amendment to adjust the size of 2nd windows in gable elevation, attached to approval 2025/1950/HOU, at West End House, Lazonby, Penrith, CA10 1AJ – APPROVED. 2. Planning Application Ref: 2025/0382/FPA - Change of use of barn to a single dwelling with associated operations, at Eden Field, Armaithwaite, Carlisle, CA4 9PQ – 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.
19.	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.
20.	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. ALSO TO RECEIVE an update on the building of a new accessibility 2.2 complaint website. Report of the Clerk to Council The Clerk has been working with the new website builders, filled in the paperwork needed, answered questions, has filled in and given them a site map, and given the invoice for the work that the website builders are doing to the Treasurer for the sum of £12,69.60 (including VAT). The Clerk has got an online meeting with the website builder at the beginning of April to discuss the new website build further. The Clerk will also be giving them the information from our current website so that when the new website goes live the traffic from that website can be referred to the new website. The Clerk is currently sorting out the files for the new website.

21.	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. <u>Please Note: This information has been circulated by Email to Councillors.</u>
22.	Information & Correspondence given for reference only.	TO RECEIVE and be NOTED any information and correspondence that has been given out for reference only: 1. Westmorland and Furness Council News releases – on various topics, including Council introducing garden waste service subscription and new online hub launched to support families across Westmorland and Furness. 2. CALC Weekly and Training Updates. 3. CALC News- January & February 2026. 4. CVS Information – Health & Wellbeing Bulletin, Volunteer Training & Events, Newsflash Info, Cumbria CVS Newsletter, Funding Events, Latest Events etc. 5. Westmorland & Furness Branch event with CALC - Asset of Community Value Workshop was held on 24th March 2026. 6. Notice about the CALC Chief Officer retiring and the Post Advert. 7. Appointment of a Director for the CALC Board Eden Area - nominations by 1st June 2026. 8. Household Support Fund - encouraging residents and rural households who rely on domestic heating oil and are experiencing financial hardship due to rising prices to apply for the Household Support Fund. 9. Change of provision of Carer Support Services Information. 10. Information about the forthcoming changes to service at Cumbria Archives. 11. Information about the Adult Social Care in Westmorland and Furness has launched a Community Conversation called “A Place Called Home: Your living choices in later life” - Westmorland and Furness Council launched a ‘Community Conversation’ on the future of care for older residents and is inviting VCSFE organisations and residents to take part via an online survey for stakeholders. The engagement programme, called “A Place Called Home: Your living choices in later life”, took place over three weeks from Monday 9th March to 30th March 2026, across Westmorland and Furness. It will help inform the council’s future strategies for all aspects of its support for older people’s independence and wellbeing. This includes adaptations, technology and personal support to help people remain in their own home reablement support and intermediate care beds to help people return to their own home after a spell in hospital, or avoid the need to go into hospital access to the right mix of affordable specialist housing offering support and care modern residential care, with facilities and services that are fit for the future specialist support for people living with advanced dementia. 12. Support available for rural households as heating oil prices surge across Westmorland and Furness - Westmorland and Furness Council have launched funding support for residents who rely on domestic heating oil and are experiencing financial hardship due to rising costs. The fund provides assistance for households after the recent sharp rise in the cost of oil which has made it increasingly difficult for many rural residents to afford adequate heating and hot water. Access to the Government’s Household Support Fund is available through Westmorland and Furness Council for those properties facing immediate financial hardship because of the increase

		in heating oil prices and are at risk of losing immediate access to heating or hot water. Eligible households can receive a one-off cash award of between £200 and £250, depending on household size, with an additional £20 for each child in full-time education up to the age of 18. Funding will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis until the funding pot is fully committed. Residents are strongly encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as the Household Support Fund is strictly time-limited by the government and only available until Tuesday 31 March 2026. Further information about this fund can be found here: https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/westmorland-and-furness-council-news/2026/support-available-rural-households-heating-oil-prices-surge-across-westmorland-and-furness To apply for heating oil support now on Westmorland and Furness Council's website go to; Household Support Fund. 13. Great Big Green Week - Community groups across Cumbria are being invited to apply for grants of up to £300 to organise events celebrating climate action, local food and nature this June to raise awareness of climate, nature and carbon emissions during Great Big Green Week. Details on the grants can be found via zerocarboncumbria.co.uk/action/gbgw – applications close Monday 4th May 2026. <u>Please Note: This information has been circulated by Email to Councillors.</u>
23.	Agenda Items for Next Month's Agenda.	TO CONSIDER any new agenda items for the May 2026 Annual Open Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Parish Council.
24.	Date of the Next Meeting.	RECOMMENDATION that the next scheduled meeting will be Lazonby Parish Council's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 6 th May 2026. 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.

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.		
25.	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 March 2026 regarding the land at the old school be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings. <u>Note: Please see Appendix 25a.</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
April 2026

SUPPLEMENTARY APPENDICES

ITEM NO: (Appendix)	ITEM
9a.	Minutes of the Meeting on the 4th March 2026.
15a.	Financial Report by the Treasurer.
25a.	CONFIDENTIAL Minutes of the Parish Council's Meeting on the 4th March 2026 regarding the land at the Old School (For the Parish Council Only).