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## LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT BEFORE APPROVAL**

### **Minutes**

**For the Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025, in Lazonby Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Chair Councillor Maralyn Wade.

Councillors Andrew Miller, Tim Wright, Ryan Wilson-Lane, Phillip Whitehead and Andrew Sharples.

Also in attendance: Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick, Treasurer to the Council Chris Hoy and Clerk to the Council Rebecca Wyatt.

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
25/26	Apologies for absence.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the apologies receive from Councillor Craig Wilkinson be accepted and noted.
25/27	The Filling of Council Member Vacancies.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there were no new nominations at present but the Parish Council would continue to seek new Parish Councillors to fill the remaining seats.
25/28	Requests for Dispensations.	<b>RESOLVED</b> 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.
25/29	Declaration of Interest.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillor Phillip Whitehead declared a personal interest in matters concerning the Egg Packing Housing Project.
25/30	Matters of Urgency.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there is to be no further action taken after an apology was given, on the Code of Conduct complaint made against two Parish Councillors.
25/31	Public Participation.	<p>The Chair asked those 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"> <li>1. It has been reported that the stop line at the traffic lights on the bridge, on both sides has not been replaced, so traffic is staying too far back to trigger the lights; and the centre line on the Kirkoswald Road.</li> <li>2. A parishioner has asked if the Council could consider looking at making the egg packing station site into a car park. The Council however did explain that they did not think they would be able to get the funding for this or enough to buy the land.</li> <li>3. A member of the Village Hall Committee explained that they had two quotes now for their Parish Council grant application for CCTV, and were waiting on a third to arrive.</li> </ol>
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the road lines on the bridge will be re done on the next round of line painting.</li> </ol>

		<p>2. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council noted the idea about the car park being built on the egg packing station site.</p> <p>3. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the village hall grant application will be discussed later on the appropriate agenda item.</p>
25/32	<b>Broadband in the Parish.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there were no further updates about Fibre Optic broadband services in the village.
25/33	<b>Report from the local Community Police.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> Eden Focus Police Newsletter for Eden Rural and the Penrith &amp; Alston Police Newsletter for November 2024 &amp; December 2024 and December 2024 &amp; January 2025 be noted</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Council agreed to Councillor Ryan Wilson-Lane being the Parish Council's representative on the Neighbourhood Policing Pledge, which will mean attending twice yearly virtual meetings with the locality-based officer or officers.</p>
25/34	<b>Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025.</b>	It was recommended that the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.
		<b>RESOLVED</b> that Council's Meeting Minutes of the 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.
25/35	<b>Progress Reports on Recent Actions.</b>	The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025.
	<b>a. Parish Fishing (Last minute 25/10).</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that there was nothing else to report regarding the parish fishing at present and that it be removed from the agenda.
	<b>b. Big Lazonby Village Hall Get together (Last minute 25/10).</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted Councillors Maralyn Wade, Phillip Whitehead and Tim Wright attended the Lazonby Village Hall get together on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025, on behalf of the Parish Council to promote the Parish Council and to deal with any parishioners queries.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that if the Parish Council attend again then they need to have a Parish Council information leaflet they can hand out to parishioners.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that Lazonby Village Hall sent the groups/organisations who attended a thank you email for their participation in the Lazonby Great big Get together, and to say that the groups participated in such a positive way which made the morning feel very successful, and the Village Hall Committee were grateful for the time and effort that was put into the event.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the Village Hall Committee are considering making this an annual event, so although they received lots of feedback on the day, if there is any other feedback groups/organisations would like to give please do so.</p>
<b>c. Broken Culvert in School Lane (Last minute 25/21).</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the collapsed culvert in School Lane is going to have to be completely reconstructed which Highways will do in April 2025 onwards.	

	<b>d. Accumulation of Grit Along the Kerb in the Main Road (Last minute 25/21).</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that although a sweeper request has gone in, Councillor Hilary Carrick will ask Highways to inspect the accumulation of grit and other debris alongside a lot of the kerb on the main road through the village before they try and sweep it, as it is believed that the sweeper will not shift the build up alone.
	<b>e. Highways Issues in Scarrows (Last minute 25/21).</b>	The Council received an update about the Highways issues in Scarrows. It was reported at the last meeting that Scarrows has blocked drains where it has been flooding down the road again, more pot holes and a lorry took a verge out because it was too wide for the lane. The possibility of a “do not follow your sat nav” sign up to dissuade lorry drivers from taking that route was also discussed. The Council discussed this further. Highways are aware of the drain issues and will also look at the verges. They also said that although sat nav signs could be installed they don’t always get adhered too. Possible signage for width of vehicles could be another possibility.
		<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council agree to Councillor Hilary Carrick asking Highways if they could view Scarrows and give recommendations on how to deal with large lorries using the narrow lane.
<b>25/36</b>	<b>Report from the Westmorland &amp; Furness Councillor.</b>	<p>The Council received a report from Westmorland &amp; Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick about Westmorland &amp; Furness matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Westmorland &amp; Furness Council budget proposals for 2025-2026 have been agreed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the rate of Council Tax for 2025 to 2026 by 2.99% and implement the Government’s 2% rise for the Adult Social Care precept – making a total increase of 4.99%</li> <li>• apply an inflationary uplift of 1.7% on our discretionary fees and charges (this increase will allow a generation of extra income from paid for services and does not affect Council Tax.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. A Household Support fund is available for families who are struggling with the cost of living.</li> <li>3. A consultation on Devolution is now open and individuals can respond – the closing date is 13th April 2025.</li> <li>4. The Hesket &amp; Lazonby Place Action Group have awarded the Parish Council £3000 towards the Eden Bridge car park resurfacing project.</li> <li>5. The Parish Council has also been awarded £500 given by Councillor Hilary Carrick from her locality budget which will help toward the repair work at Will Pool/car park.</li> </ol>
		<b>RESOLVED</b> that Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.
<b>25/37</b>	<b>Parish Projects:</b>	
	<b>a. Will Pool Revamp.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the revamp of Will pool is still ongoing with the dipping platform and information board both being repaired/remade with help from a £500 grant given by Councillor Hilary Carrick from her locality budget.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that an ecologist is still to visit Will Pool to give their opinion on how to help the area regarding its biodiversity.</p>
	<b>b. Donation Box at Eden Bridge</b>	The Council received an update that the donation box project at Eden Bridge car park is still to be done when the car park has been resurfaced.

	<b>Car Park.</b>	<p>The Council also considered perusing further donations from the canoeist company and rafting company currently using the car park as their base.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that as previously reported the cairn donation box will not be built until the Eden Bridge car park is resurfaced in the Spring of 2025.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Council agrees to give Councillor Andrew Sharples delegated authority to talk to the canoe and rafting companies using the Eden Bridge car park about donations for uses of the area, once the resurfacing project has been completed.</p>
	<b>c. Resurfacing of Eden Bridge Car Park.</b>	<p>The Council received an update on the resurfacing of Eden Bridge Car Park. The Parish Council submitted a grant application for £3000 to Heskett &amp; Lazonby Place Action Group which has now been awarded. Councillor Phillip Whitehead is putting the quotes together for the materials for the resurfacing project, and he may also be getting a quote for reasonably priced concrete mats. All the different groups/businesses and the local community will need to be notified when the resurfacing project starts as the car park will be out of use. The time frame is now looking at May 2025 to start the project with approximately 10 days needed to put it into action.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council agree to give Councillor Phillip Whitehead delegated authority to put a plan together for the resurfacing project.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that all of the different groups/businesses and the local community will be notified of the resurfacing project start date.</p>
25/38	<b>Parish Maintenance:</b>	
	<b>a. Flooding Issues in the Parish.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there was no update on the flooding issues.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the Council will look into future emergency planning for the parish.</p>
	<b>b. Footpaths in the Village.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there was nothing else to report on the footpaths in the village.
	<b>c. Parish Tree Survey.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the parish tree survey is still ongoing.
	<b>d. Damaged Fence at Eden Bridge Car Park.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted as reported at the last meeting that the damaged fence will be repaired when the car park surface is redone.
	<b>e. Damaged Fence at Bateman Lane.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted as reported at the last meeting the damaged fence at Bateman Lane will now be repaired when the other fence is repaired at Eden Bridge car park.
	<b>f. Recycling Centre.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk will inform the Contracts Teams at Westmorland & Furness Council about the resurfacing of the car park and to tell them that the Clerk will let them know the date when it is happening so that they can make sure no recycling contractors come out to pick up recycling from Eden Bridge car park.
	<b>g. Dog Fouling Issues in the Parish.</b>	The Council received an update about a poster campaign regarding dog fouling in the parish. Councillor Ryan Wilson-Lane has been looking into the cost of images for no dog fouling posters from the national Keep Britain Tidy campaign. The cost to use their images is expensive and they have to be on corex board which is also expensive. However, it was suggested that

		the Council works with the local school children and come up with a campaign against dog fouling.
		<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council agree to give Councillor Ryan Wilson-Lane delegated authority to talk to the school and about the children making no dog fouling posters for the parish and progress the project if possible.
	<b>h. Parish Grass-cutting for 2025.</b>	It was recommended that the parish grass-cutting volunteers should be mobilised again for 2025, and to make sure all the equipment is ready to use.
		<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk contact the one of the grass cutting volunteers to ask if everything is ready for this year's grass cutting season including the machinery, and if they needed anything.  <b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the machinery has already been serviced for this year.
	<b>i. Other Maintenance Issues in the Parish.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there were no further maintenance issues to consider in the parish.
<b>25/39</b>	<b>Financial Report by the Treasurer.</b>	The Council received a report from the Treasurer for February 2025 (please see attached Treasurer's Report).
		<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Treasurer be thanked for his monthly report for February 2025 (see attached report), the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.
<b>25/40</b>	<b>Staff Pay scales.</b>	The Council have been considering the possibility of increasing the level of the pay scales for the Parish Council Clerk and Financial Officer/Treasurer. The Clerk gave a report to the Parish Council prior to the last meeting, asking for the staff pay scales to be reviewed and giving information regarding this matter. The Clerk and Treasurer were asked to leave the meeting while the Parish Council considered their pay scales.
		<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the Parish Council apologised to the Clerk Rebecca Wyatt and the Financial Officer/Treasurer Chris Hoy for them not receiving regular appraisals.  <b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the Council will continue to discuss how to proceed with the pay scales, with advice from CALC, and would also look at redoing the employment contracts.  <b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the staff appraisals need to be carried out in the near future.
<b>25/41</b>	<b>LPC Grant Application Update.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the Council have now received two up-to-date quotes from the Village Hall regarding their grant application for CCTV but is still waiting on a third that the Village Hall is still waiting on.  <b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that due to not all the quotes being received yet that the Parish Council will defer any decision until all the quotes are received, which will hopefully be in time for the April 2025 meeting.
<b>25/42</b>	<b>Authority for Payments.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council considered requests for payment received by the Treasurer, Clerk or Council Members, and agreed to pay the following:  1. The sum of £166.04 to the Clerk for office and travel expenses between December 2024 and March 2025 (Bank transfer no.157).

25/43	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there were no new planning applications to consider.
25/44	Planning Applications – Decisions.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there were no new planning applications decisions to consider.
25/45	Report from the Highways Link Person.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there were no further Highways issues to report.
25/46	Adoption of Sexual Harassment Policy.	<p>The Council considered the adoption of a Sexual Harassment Policy as advised by CALC. From October 2024 new legislation (s40A Equality Act 2010) created additional legal requirements for all Employers, to take proactive steps to prevent Sexual Harassment at Work. Employers will not be able to simply rely on paper-based training and policies within staff handbooks to defend themselves against claims of Harassment. Instead, they will need to take pro-active steps to demonstrate that they are preventing the problem.</p> <p>Although the Government has not yet issued a step-by-step guide as to what proactive steps are, the following guidance notes have been developed from the Equality and Human Rights Commissions as recommendations for all Employers. A policy and procedure that is specific to the needs of the organisation should be drafted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff should be consulted on the draft policy and procedure, to get their suggested adjustments, as well as commitment to the document.</li> <li>• The document should be issued to staff and councillors and displayed on the website.</li> <li>• All councillors and staff be required to read the document and sign it to confirm that they understand and will comply with it.</li> <li>• A review of the policy will need to be repeated on an annual basis. Provision of annual training will enable XXX Town/Parish Council to demonstrate that it has taken reasonable steps to prevent the problem. This can provide XXX Town/Parish Council with a valuable defence if it has to defend a claim of Sexual Harassment at an Employment Tribunal.</li> <li>• The policy and procedure should include a simple and user-friendly reporting process should problems occur, as well as set out what action will be taken against offenders. For example, staff who are found to have committed acts of Sexual Harassment would be accused of Gross Misconduct.</li> </ul> <p>From October 2024 Employers could face a surcharge of 25% on top of any compensation awarded to an Employee who successfully makes a claim of Sexual Harassment at an Employment Tribunal, if the employer cannot demonstrate how they have complied with the new rules.</p> <p>The Clerk has amended the policy to include the Parish Council’s name and to add a part for Councillors and paid staff to sign and date so that they confirm that they understand and will comply with it.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council agreed to adopt the new Sexual Harassment Policy.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that all Parish Councillors and paid Parish Council Officers signed the Adoption of Sexual Harassment Policy which will be held by the Clerk.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that an unsigned copy on the Sexual Harassment Policy will be put on the Parish Council website.</p>

<b>25/47</b>	<b>Parish Field and Grazing to Let for 2025.</b>	<p>The Council considered the Parish Field and grazing to let for 2025. It was also recommended that the Council agree to give the Clerk and the Chair 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. The Clerk as already put up sheep grazing posters on the notice boards and the LPC Website to advertise the parish playing/sports field from 1st April until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025, with a deadline for sealed bids by Friday 28th March 2025.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the Clerk has already advertised the Parish sports/playing field for sheep grazing from 1st April until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025, with a deadline for sealed bids by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Council agreed to give the Clerk and the Vice-Chair Councillor Maralyn Wade delegated authority to open the submitted bids for the grazing after the deadline and make a decision on who will rent the field, then the Clerk will inform the successful bidder of the decision.</p>
<p><b>The Chair addressed the Parish Council present to ask if they wished to carry on business beyond the two-hour time limit for Parish Council meetings. It was RESOLVED to continue to complete all business on the agenda.</b></p>		
<b>25/48</b>	<b>New Printer Contract.</b>	<p>The Council considered the prospect of entering into a new printer contract for the next 5 years as the existing contract ceases in September 2025. The Clerk has arranged an online meeting with Sharp regarding a new printer, as they have said they hope to better the existing contract and update the existing printer.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council agree to the Clerk speaking to Sharp regarding a renewal of the printing contract which will include a more up to date printer, for another 5 years.</p>
<b>25/49</b>	<b>V E Day.</b>	<p>The Council considered if they wished wished to mark V E Day on or around the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025. There is funding available through the National Lottery but nothing available locally. The Council discussed giving small one off grants to local community groups/organizations towards any events or projects they are doing for V E Day. Also that the Council would look at the possibility of planting a tree with the school; and look at holding a quiz with food and disco.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillor Ryan Wilson-Lane will ask the school if they would like to plant a tree in commemoration of V E 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Parish Council will offer small one off grants up to £80 towards local community events/projects, which will be advertised through the Parish Council Newsletter, notice boards, social media and the Parish Council website.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that Councillors Tim Wright and Ryan Wilson-Lanes will look at organising a quiz night with food and disco.</p>
<b>25/50</b>	<b>Invitations to Participate.</b>	<p>The Council considered if Council Members would like to comment, take part in, attend, or send a representative to any invitations to participate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Devolution update - Government consultation now live</b> - The Government has launched a public consultation on Monday 17 February in areas chosen for the Devolution Priority Programme (DPP). The consultation will seek views on a proposal to form a</li> </ol>

Mayoral Combined Authority for the local government areas of Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness. The full consultation document can be found on the [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/cumbria-devolution) page <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/cumbria-devolution>. The cut-off date for the consultation is 11:59pm on 13 April 2025. To take part and have your say, please visit: <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/lqgc/cumbria-devolution-consultation>.

A Mayoral Strategic Authority - or MSA - for Cumbria would be in addition to the two unitary councils, Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness. While the final scope of the powers transferred to the new authority is still being determined, the expectation is that the vast majority of powers will be transferred to the new authority from central Government. A small number of powers may be transferred from Cumberland Council and Westmorland & Furness Council to the new authority. Both unitary authorities have created new devolution webpages which contain some background information and updates. Visit [www.cumberland.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.cumberland.gov.uk/devolution) and [www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/devolution).

2. NALC would like to ask Parish Councils to complete a questionnaire that the National Association of Local Councils is distributing. It is being conducted and administered by a team led by Professor Edward Page of the Department of Government at the London School of Economics. It asks about the role of parish and town councils in the preparation for emergencies. The survey comes at a very interesting time for parish and town councils as a number of recent and ongoing inquiries and events have focussed attention on the nature of the emergency planning system. They believe that there is a good chance they might be able to make the case for recognising more effectively the role of local parish and town councils in any reform of the emergency planning system if they have good information about the experiences and plans of our members. NALC believe they have a very good story to tell on this matter and this might help them tell it. They would be very grateful if Parish Councils could forward this note by email to the councils in your county association area so that they may complete it. They will be sending out two further reminders in the next few weeks as it is important that the survey includes the experiences and views of as many councils as possible. The survey has been kept brief, and with 20 questions takes around nine minutes to complete. It will remain anonymous and asks no questions that identify any individual council. The LSE will eventually be using the material as part of a wider study to be published in professional and academic journals. Before that, the survey authors will make the survey results available to us at NALC. You can reach the survey: by paste this address in your browser:  
[https://lse.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_d0Z5GPLm69DKs2G](https://lse.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d0Z5GPLm69DKs2G)

3. **Free Community Emergency Planning Workshops** - held online on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 for community members, organisations and parishes across the area. Organisations from across the Westmorland and Furness area are coming together to run online sessions for anyone looking to build community resilience, and develop or update community emergency plans.

Each Tools and templates to help communities and households to

		<p>plan and prepare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A look at additional support for people who need extra help during emergencies</li> <li>• The funding available to support community emergency planning</li> </ul> <p>The workshop will be run twice, once in the daytime, and once in the evening, to make it accessible to a wide range of people - <u>you only need to come to one session</u>, which will be held online using MS Teams. You can sign up for the workshops on Eventbrite using the links below. <b>The workshops will be held on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6th March (2:00pm to 4:00pm) <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1242072003799?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1242072003799?aff=oddtcreator</a></li> <li>• 12th March 2025 (6:30pm to 8:30pm) <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1242122043469?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1242122043469?aff=oddtcreator</a></li> </ul> <p>The sessions are open to volunteers, community groups, parish councils, and anyone else who has a role supporting communities to be better prepared across Cumbria - and it doesn't matter if you already have a community emergency plan or not, you just need to have an interest! Each session will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Who does what' when it comes to planning, responding and recovering to emergencies</li> <li>• Tools and templates to help communities and households to plan and prepare</li> <li>• A look at additional support for people who need extra help during emergencies</li> <li>• The funding available to support community emergency planning</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that invitations to participate be noted.</p>
25/51	<b>INFORMATION given for reference only.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the following information was given to the Council for reference only:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Westmorland and Furness Council News releases</b> – on various topics.</li> <li>2. <b>CALC Training Information.</b></li> <li>3. <b>CALC News for November &amp; December 2024.</b></li> <li>4. <b>Contact Guide for Westmorland &amp; Furness Council.</b></li> <li>5. <b>CVS Information – Focus on funding, volunteering, training and Cumbria CVS Newsletter February 2025.</b></li> <li>6. <b>V E Day Information.</b></li> <li>7. <b>Keep Britain Tidy information.</b></li> <li>8. <b>Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy Newsletter (Issue 5).</b></li> <li>9. <b>Visit Eden Tourism business newsletter - Issue 65.</b></li> <li>10. <b>WAF Community Tree and Hedgerow Planting Grant Scheme</b> - From the 10<sup>th</sup> of February the Council's Community Tree and Hedgerow Planting Grant Scheme will be open to applications, closing on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.</li> <li>11. <b>Friends of the Settle - Carlisle Line Digital Magazine - Friends on Track - February 2025.</b></li> <li>12. <b>EV Charging Infrastructure Survey – the deadline is 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025.</b></li> <li>13. <b>Electoral Review of Westmorland and Furness Council Information</b> - Electoral Review of Westmorland and Furness being considered at the Full Council on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025.</li> <li>14. <b>Health and Wellbeing Bulletin – 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025.</b></li> </ol>

		<p><b>15. ACT Rural Survey - Presentation and Discussions Information.</b></p> <p><b>16. Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan – Making (adoption) of the Plan.</b> Westmorland and Furness made (adopted) the Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan on Tuesday 21 January 2025. A copy of the Decision Statement was attached. Following an independent examination and a successful referendum result, the Council’s Cabinet resolved on 21st January 2025 to ‘make’ (adopt) the Plan as part of the Development Plan for Westmorland and Furness. The Plan will now be used to guide land use and development proposals within Penrith Parish until 2032. The ‘made’ (adopted) version of the Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan (as approved by Cabinet) is available to view on the Council’s website, alongside the Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan Decision Statement.</p> <p><a href="http://www.eden.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/penrith-neighbourhood-planning-area/">www.eden.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/penrith-neighbourhood-planning-area/</a></p> <p>The documents are also available for inspection at the following locations during normal opening/visiting hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Voreda House, Portland Place, Penrith, CA11 7BF</li> <li>· Penrith Library, St Andrew’s Churchyard, Penrith, CA11 7YA</li> </ul> <p>For more information please contact the Planning Policy Team on 0300 373 3300 or email: <a href="mailto:neighbourhood.planning@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk">neighbourhood.planning@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk</a></p>
25/52	<b>Agenda Items for Next Month’s Agenda.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that there were no new agenda items to add to next month’s agenda at present.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that Vice-Chair Councillor Maralyn Wade will not be at the April 2025 Parish Council meeting so if needed Councillor Phillip Whitehead will Chair the meeting if the Chair is absent.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that Councillor Maralyn Wade and the Treasurer Chris Hoy gave their apologies for April 2025 Parish Council Meeting.</p>
25/53	<b>Date of the Next Meeting.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the next scheduled Lazonby Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025, at 7.30 pm, in the Jubilee Room, in the Village Hall.</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.**

**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.

25/54	<b>Confidential information on the Proposed Development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council discussed the next steps in regards to closing down the Lazonby Egg Packing Station Housing Project.</p>
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The meeting finished at 10.20 pm.