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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

**For the Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on
Wednesday 4th December 2024, in Lazonby Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Chair Councillor Craig Wilkinson

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

Also in attendance: Four parishioners, Treasurer to the Council Chris Hoy and Clerk to the Council Rebecca Wyatt.

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
24/251	Apologies for absence.	RESOLVED that the apologies receive from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick be accepted and noted.
24/252	The Filling of Council Member Vacancies.	<p>The Council considered a recommendation to temporary suspended the '12 months residency in the parish' part of the Parish Council's Co-option policy due to the urgent need to encourage parishioners to apply to be Councillors. The following points will need to be temporarily changed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has resided in the Parish for the past twelve months or rented/tenanted land in the Parish; • I have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of my co- option occupied, as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish; or <p>To instead replace the points with the suggested following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is currently residing in the Parish or renting/tenanting land in the Parish; • I have, preceding the date of my co- option, occupied, as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish. <p>The Council then considered any nominations to co-opt new Council Members as the Parish Council currently have five Councillor seats to fill. Parishioner Ryan Wilson-Lane having completed a Councillor co-option application form and observed a past Parish Council meeting, now wishes to be co-opted onto the Parish Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to temporary suspended the '12 months' residency in the parish' part of the Parish Council's Co-option policy due to the urgent need to encourage parishioners to apply to be Councillors, and to reword the policy to say this.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Ryan Wilson-Lane be co-opted onto the Parish Council proposed by Councillor Tim Wright, and seconded by Councillor Maralyn Wade, with all Councillors present in agreement.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk ensure the correct forms are filled out for the new Councillor Ryan Wilson-Lane and submitted to Westmoreland & Furness Council.</p>

24/253	Requests for Dispensations.	RESOLVED that it be noted that no requests were received by the Clerk since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.
24/254	Declaration of Interest.	RESOLVED that Councillor Phillip Whitehead declared a personal interest in matters concerning the Egg Packing Housing Project.
24/255	Matters of Urgency.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Parish Council having been invited to take part in Lazonby Village Hall Open Day, which is aimed at community groups, would like to register an interest in taking part.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk will let the Village Hall committee know that the parish Council are interested in taking part in the Village Hall Open day.</p>
24/256	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"> 1. The damaged wall near the seat on Scarrows Lane has kindly been repaired by a parishioner. 2. The Council apologised to the local community for not putting a Remembrance Wreath for Remembrance Day on the War Memorial in the parish. 3. A parishioner reported rubbish, including what looks to be old tubs of chemicals, by a vehicle near the Swimming pool. Children have been playing/hanging out around there. 4. A representative from Lazonby Village Hall talked about their grant application. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED that the Council would like to thank the parishioner who repaired the damaged wall near the seat on Scarrows Lane. 2. RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council will ensure they put a Remembrance Wreath on the War Memorial for next year's Remembrance Day. 3. RESOLVED that the Council will report the rubbish, especially because of the possible danger from the tubs of chemicals. 4. RESOLVED that the presentation given by the Lazonby Village Hall Committee Member in support of their grant application for funding toward a CCTV system on the Village Hall be noted.
24/257	Broadband in the Parish.	<p>The Council received an update on B4RN superfast broadband in the parish. The grant forms to register for the service have expired so they are having to be completed again. They are still trying to sort out the wayleaves across private land.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report about fibre optic broadband in the village be noted.</p>
24/258	Report from the local Community Police.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Ryan Wilson-Lane is happy to talk with the police about the recruitment of a new Police Community Support Officer (PSCO) for the parish.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED Eden Focus Police Newsletter for Eden Rural and the Penrith & Alston Police Newsletter for October & November 2024 be noted.</p>

24/259	Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 6th November 2024.	<p>It was recommended that the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 6th November 2025 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Council's Meeting Minutes of the 6th November 2024 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
24/260	<p>Progress Reports on Recent Actions.</p> <p>a. Parish Fishing (Last minute 24/207).</p> <p>b. Footway Lights Recharge.</p> <p>c. Missing Defibrillator.</p>	<p>The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 6th November 2024.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the parish fishing issue is still ongoing.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that there will be no footway lighting recharge for electricity for 2025/2026 but it's not clear if this includes maintenance.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that it is believed that the footway lighting recharge for electricity for 2026/2027 will happen but there are no details as yet.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Maralyn Wade will find out more from someone who is in charge of defibrillators in another area, to see if they know who is in charge of the defibrillator at the Fire Station</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council agreed to Councillor Ryan Wilson-Lane reporting the missing defibrillator to the Police.</p>
24/261	Report from the Westmorland & Furness Councillor.	<p>The Council received a written report from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick about Westmorland & Furness matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Westmorland and Furness Council Budget 2025/26. The high level details of the 2025/26 council budget will be presented to the council's Cabinet for agreement at their meeting to be held on 17th December. This will then form the basis of the public consultation which will be launched that day. The feedback from that consultation will be included in the council's budget proposals to be agreed by Full Council at the annual Budget meeting on 27 February 2025. 2. Place Action Group meeting – Heskett and Lazonby ward. Officers are currently making the arrangements for the inaugural meeting of the Heskett and Lazonby ward Place Action Group, which it is hoped, will take place before Christmas. The meetings will involve not only the Chairs of the various Parish Councils in the ward, but also representatives from a wide range of stakeholder groups including education, community support, flooding, health, police, environment, age and highways. The initial meeting will not involve Parish Clerks or other representatives of the Parishes, only the Chairs, while the group is being established. The purpose of the Place Action Groups is to use information from consultations and evidence based information to understand the issues and opportunities for each council ward area and to identify, create and deliver projects that will strengthen the vitality and viability of the communities in the ward. Other wards where these meetings have already taken place have said that they are very useful for providing a means for co-ordinating joint action and joint working between different Parishes and a range of external organisations. <p>RESOLVED that Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.</p>

Parish Maintenance:**a. Flooding Issues in the Parish.**

RESOLVED that it be noted that there have been no further comments made by the Parish Council on the recently released Flood Report.

ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the residents who were flooded on Meadow Close are now having the flood doors fitted.

ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that there have been people inspecting the culvert on The Meadows.

b. Footpaths in the Village.

RESOLVED that it be noted that the broken grate on the pavement near the Midland pub has been reported but the Parish Council will ask Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick if it could be followed up again.

ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the fly-tipping of hedge clipping on the footpath opposite the Chapel up to Meadow Croft have been removed.

c. Parish Tree Survey.

RESOLVED that it be noted that the parish tree survey is still ongoing and will hopefully be completed in early 2025.

ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Phillip Whitehead will be removing the damaged branches on the tree on Bateman Lane, now that the he has asked the permission of the Swimming Pool Committee.

d. Damaged Fence at Eden Bridge Car Park.

RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Phillip Whitehead has removed all the damaged parts of the fence and will repair it in the near future when he is available to do it.

e. Damaged Fence at Bateman Lane.

RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Phillip Whitehead will repair the damaged fence at Bateman Lane in the near future when he is available to do it.

f. Recycling Centre.

RESOLVED that it be noted that the mouldy clothes and material have now been removed from the clothes hopper at the recycling centre.

g. Other Maintenance Issues in the Parish.

- The Parish Council discussed the following maintenance issues in the parish:
1. The laminated information part of the Will Pool information board is coming away and needs repairing possibly with a piece of Perspex and sealant.
 2. The pond dipping platform at Will pool also needs maintenance. A parishioner has kindly offered to do the repair for free while the Parish Council pay for materials.
 3. There is possible funding available that could pay for the resurfacing of the Eden Bridge Car park, through Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick. Councillor Phillip Whitehead will give Councillor Carrick the figures for all the possible options for the work.
1. **RESOLVED** that the Council will look into how the information board at Will Pool can be repaired.
 2. **RESOLVED** that the Council agreed to give Councillor Phillip Whitehead delegated authority to liaise with the parishioner over the repairs on the pond dipping platform.
 3. **RESOLVED** that the Council agreed to give Councillor Phillip Whitehead delegated authority to carry on working on the resurfacing of the Eden Bridge car park project.

24/263	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	The Council received a report from the Treasurer for November 2024 (please see attached Treasurer's Report).
		RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his monthly report for November 2024 (see attached report), the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.
24/264	Staff Wage Rises.	The Council considered the Staff Pay Rise for 2024. NALC (National Ass of Local Councils) have finally agreed this years' pay rise, an increase of 63 pence an hour from £12.63 to £13.26 on Scale Point 7. This will be paid back valued from 1st April 2024. The Clerk will receive an extra payment of £236.67, being 7 months hours at an increase of 63 pence per hour. The new monthly pay will be paid on 1st Dec from £677.81 to £711.62 an increase of £33.81 a month. The Treasurer will receive an extra payment of £49.21 being 7 months hours at an increase of 63 pence per hour and this will be paid in the new year in amalgamation with his annual expenses claim. His new monthly payment will increase from £141.04 to £148.07 an increase of £7.03 a month, paid value 1st Dec. In accordance with the Councils Financial Regulations the Treasurer will be paid by bank cheque in the new year.
		RESOLVED that the Council agreed to the staff pay rise for 2024 and that the report be noted.
24/265	Fishing Agent Commission.	The Council considered increasing the Fishing Agent's commission. The Treasurer having invoiced the Community Shop In Kirkoswald for the annual permits sales was asked if the Council would consider increasing the commission paid to the shop as the majority of permit sales by anglers did not yield any shop purchases. At present the commission is 10% of sales, that meant the shop earned £21.40 in this current year. The other agent Lazonby Pool earned £15.90. The Council discussed this further.
		RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed to increase the fishing agents commission to 15%. ALSO RESOLVED that the Treasurer will inform them of the increase in the new year.
24/266	Parish Christmas Tree.	The Council considered a request for additional payment of £10 for the Parish Christmas Tree due to possible inflation.
		RESOLVED that the Council agreed to pay an additional payment of £10 for the Parish Christmas Tree due to possible inflation.
24/267	Authority for Payments.	RESOLVED 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 £211.74 to the Clerk for Office and Travel expenses between September and December 2024. 2. The sum of £137.72 to UKHost4u for the Parish Council website.
24/268	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	The Council considered the following Planning Applications. 1. Planning Application Ref: 2024/2089/FPA (Full Application) - Addition of solar panels to roof and air source heat pump on South elevation, at Blackrack Barn Low Plains Court Calthwaite Penrith CA11 9RQ. 2. Planning Application Ref: 2024/2090/LBC (Listed Building Consent) - Listed Building Consent for addition of solar panels to roof and air source heat pump on South elevation, at Blackrack Barn

		<p>Low Plains Court Calthwaite Penrith CA11 9RQ.</p> <p>3. 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.</p> <p>The Council also received the following report for approval:</p> <p>1. Planning Application Ref: 2024/1467/FPA (Full Application) - Proposed extension to form workshop and maintenance area, at Eden Valley Mineral Water Company Armathwaite Carlisle.</p> <p>This planning application was considered by the Members of the Parish Council initially at the November 2024 Meeting of the Parish Council who had no objections to the planning application. However, it was agreed to notify parishioners of the planning application before giving a response, due to it arriving too late to be placed on the agenda. Written notification were given to parishioners via the parish notice boards, during the month of November 2024. No objections or comments were received from parishioners for the planning application. The Parish Council gave NO OBJECTIONS response to planning services for this planning application.</p> <p>1. RESOLVED that the Council had NO OBJECTIONS to Planning Application Ref: 2024/2089/FPA (Full Application) - Addition of solar panels to roof and air source heat pump on South elevation, at Blackrack Barn Low Plains Court Calthwaite Penrith CA11 9RQ.</p> <p>2. RESOLVED that the Council had NO OBJECTIONS to Planning Application Ref: 2024/2090/LBC (Listed Building Consent) - Listed Building Consent for addition of solar panels to roof and air source heat pump on South elevation, at Blackrack Barn Low Plains Court Calthwaite Penrith CA11 9RQ.</p> <p>3. RESOLVED that the Council had NO OBJECTIONS to 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.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the report regarding a NO OBJECTIONS response to Planning Application Ref: 2024/1467/FPA (Full Application) - Proposed extension to form workshop and maintenance area, at Eden Valley Mineral Water Company Armathwaite Carlisle be noted.</p>
24/269	Planning Applications – Decisions.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no new planning application decisions received
24/270	Report from the Highways Link Person.	<p>The Council received any reports on other issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting concerning Cumbria Highways.</p> <p>1. Scarrows Lane – Water is still flooding down there even though the drain has been done, and a fibre optic broad band provider is going to be working on the road so there are concerns that all the good work that was done is going to be undone.</p> <p>2. Resurfacing of Station Road – The distances specified on the road closure notices for works to be carried out refer to the distance of road to be closed rather than the length of repair work to be carried out. Apparently, the work on the Station Road stretch in Lazonby extended as far as it could until the road comes into private</p>

		<p>ownership. At present no one knows who owns the private part of the road.</p> <p>3. There is a decoration of the road markings on the junction at the top of Scarrows Lane, where Scarrows meets Fiddlers Lane on the Low Plains road.</p> <p>Also the Council also received notification of a temporary road closure has been put in place to allow Fibus Networks Ltd. to carry out utility works which are expected to commence 11th December 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_fea7c29ba8.pdf and a location plan clearly showing these extents can be found on one.network via link https://one.network/?tm=140356773.</p> <p>Location: U3055 Scarrows Lane, Lazonby from its junction with the C3015 extending in a south westerly then south easterly direction for approx. 1.2km.</p> <p>Alternative Route: via the unrestricted section of U3055, B6413 and C3015 and a way for pedestrians and dismounted cyclists will be maintained at all times .</p> <p>Access for Emergency Vehicles will be maintained where required for the duration of these works.</p> <p>1. RESOLVED that it be noted that Council will contact Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick about Scarrows Lane.</p> <p>2. RESOLVED that Councillor Tim Wright will ask Northern Rail if they know who owns the road.</p> <p>3. RESOLVED that the road decoration of the road markings on the junction at the top of Scarrows Lane, where Scarrows meets Fiddlers Lane be reported to Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the notification of the temporary road closure being put in place to allow Fibus Networks Ltd. to carry out utility works which are expected to commence 11th December 2024 and anticipated to take 3 days to complete be noted.</p>
24/271	Code of Conduct Complaint.	<p>RESOLVED that the complainant has inquired if the Parish Council have had any response regarding the possible Councillor breach of Code of Conduct complaint from the Monitoring Office at Westmorland & Furness Council, at which point the Clerk had heard nothing.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Councillors involved reported to the Parish Council that they acted on the advice given by Westmorland and Furness Council Monitoring Office regarding resolving the complaint.</p>
24/272	Welfare Unit at Eden Bridge Car Park.	<p>The Council received information about the Welfare Unit at Eden Bridge Car Park. A parishioner sent the Clerk a message saying that there was a welfare trailer at Eden Bridge car park. After investigation it was found out that it was on hire by contractors Metcalf's who are doing some work for United Utilities in the middle of the village. The work is currently held-up and the small welfare trailer needed to be removed from the job site temporarily. The contractors put it at the Eden Bridge car park thinking that the area was part of the highway. Metcalf's have apologised profusely for not checking it out more fully. The Clerk then informed the Chair Councillor</p>

		<p>Craig Wilkinson to keep him informed. The Clerk spoke to Metcalf's and explained that if they wished to leave the trailer there the Parish Council would expect them to pay to leave it there, as other people using the car park paid to sell food etc there. They said they were happy to do that but wanted to know how much, or alternatively they could move it from there if the Parish Council wanted them too as it could be there for a few weeks. The Parish Council were happy for it to stay at a charge of £15 a day as long as it was for storage only. Metcalf said to invoice them for 21 days in total. The Treasurer will invoice Metcalf.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that the report about the storage of the Metcalf Welfare Unit at Eden Bridge car park, at a cost of £15 per day for 21 days be noted.</p>
24/273	<p>Giving the Chair and Clerk delegated authority to deal with any issues over the Christmas break.</p>	<p>It was recommended that the Council give the Chair and Clerk delegated authority to deal with any issues over the Christmas break, which will mean including all Council Members only when needed.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to give the Chair and Clerk delegated authority to deal with any issues that arise over the Christmas break.</p>
24/274	<p>Invitations to Participate.</p>	<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"> <p>1. Help to shape future of your waste and recycling collections - Residents are being invited to help shape the future of waste and recycling collections in Westmorland and Furness. A 'Community Conversation' has been launched by Westmorland and Furness Council to gather people's thoughts on current services in their area – what they like, what they would like to change and what they'd like to see in the future. The feedback received will help inform the council's emerging options for creating consistent waste and recycling services across the whole of Westmorland and Furness. These options will be considered early next year and a vision for the revised service will be completed by mid-2025. This will be subject to further engagement and agreement and residents can expect to see the first changes being implemented from late 2025, with the majority of service revisions in place by the end of 2027. Giles Archibald, Westmorland and Furness Council's Cabinet Member for Climate, Biodiversity and Environmental Services, said: "Our aim is to reduce waste, increase recycling, and provide services for our residents that are consistent across the whole of the Westmorland and Furness area. We also want to make it easier and more convenient for people to recycle and minimise their waste. "We want to involve our communities in helping us to plan what future services will look like, and have today launched our Community Conversation on waste and recycling collections. "This includes a survey that residents can complete to tell us what they think about current services in their area, how they use those services and what they'd like to see in the future. "We will also be holding some in-person events, where people can come along to learn more about what we are looking to achieve, ask questions and take part in workshops. We will be holding these events in each of the former district areas and there will also be an on-line event for anyone unable to attend the in-person sessions. "The feedback from these events and the online survey will provide us with valuable information that will help us to develop our vision for consistent waste and recycling services, so every household is receiving the same level of service wherever they are in Westmorland and</p>

Furness. We want to see services that are better performing, more efficient and that make it easier for people to recycle more and waste less. "Currently, Westmorland and Furness Council delivers 7.5 million collections annually to 115,000 households in one of the largest and most rural unitary local authority areas in the country, covering a geographic area of 3,750 square kilometres. Councillor Archibald continued: "It's vitally important to us that we reflect the views of our communities when we are planning the future of such important services that affect every household in Westmorland and Furness. I would encourage as many people as possible to complete our survey or attend one of the in-person events to share your views."

To be part of the Community Conversation on the future of waste and recycling services in Westmorland and Furness, you can share your thoughts on current services in your area by completing the survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/WFwastesurvey The survey will close on **20 December 2024**. Paper copies of the survey will be available in the receptions of the council's main public buildings at Barrow Town Hall, Kendal Town Hall and Voreda House, Penrith, as well as council libraries. In-person events where you can learn more about the waste and recycling harmonisation programme and the council's ambitions, share your thoughts and take part in workshops on recycling and waste minimisation, will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday, 26 November 2024, **Penrith** Library, 6pm – 7.30pm
- Wednesday, 27 November 2024, The Forum, **Barrow**, 6pm – 7.30pm
- Thursday, 28 November 2024, **Kendal Town Hall**, 6pm – 7.30pm
- Monday, 2 December 2024, **Online** event, 6pm-7pm

2. **Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2024 –**

Westmorland & Furness Council has launched a statutory review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations. They are requesting views about the existing arrangements for the polling districts, polling places and polling stations, and any proposed amendments made by the (Acting) Returning Officer and any suggestions for alternatives. Documents relating to the review can be inspected on the council's website at

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/voting-and-elections/review-polling-districts-and-polling-places> or at one of the following offices, Barrow Town Hall, Kendal Town Hall, Voreda House, Penrith. You can respond to the consultation by visiting <https://consult.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/westmorland-and-furness-council/polling-district-review-2024-summary-report>

They welcome the views of Parish Councils and Councillors on the proposed polling districts and polling places or any other related matters.

All comments will be published anonymously on our website. The consultation closes on Friday 13th December 2024. Final proposals will be considered by the meeting of the council on Thursday 23rd January 2025 and the outcome of the review will then be published on the council's website. This review is separate from the local government ward review being conducted by Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Furthermore, it is not a Community Governance Review, and it cannot be used to suggest changes to existing parish or parish ward boundaries.

		<p>They appreciate that the consultation window isn't long, particularly for parish councils whose meetings fall outside of the dates. However, as this is a statutory review that must be complete by the end of January, we do not have longer to give the consultation and review the submissions. Councillors can respond individually. The local government ward boundary review means that we will inevitably have to do a further polling district and polling place review at the end of that process, so this will not be the last opportunity to influence decision-making on polling districts and polling places. They will be publicising the review through a press release and social media, but any assistance you can give to signpost local residents to this would be gratefully received. As well as responding online, you can also respond using the methods below:</p> <p>By post to: Electoral Services, South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal LA9 4DQ. By email to: elections3@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that invitations to participate be noted.</p>
<p>24/275</p>	<p>INFORMATION given for reference only.</p>	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the following information was given to the Council for reference only:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Westmorland and Furness Council News releases – on various topics throughout the Westmorland & Furness area. 2. Public Space Protection Orders Information - Further to my email of 7th July 2024 in relation to the Public Space Protection Order consultation, I can now confirm that the proposed orders have now been approved at cabinet on the 5th November 2024. The orders are in the process of been drawn up and signed by our legal team who have asked us to provide the following statement; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal notice - Westmorland and Furness Council hereby gives notice of its intention to discharge the following Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) under Section 61(4) of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all the operative legacy PSPOs of the now abolished Councils of Barrow Borough Council, Eden District Council and South Lakeland District Council • the Extension of a PSPO 'Westmorland and Furness Council – The Dogs on Leads (Eden) Order 2023' • the Extension of a PSPO 'Westmorland and Furness Council – The Dogs Exclusion (Eden) Order 2023' <p>The aforementioned PSPOs will cease to have effect on 13 November following the new 2024 Westmorland and Furness Council PSPOs coming into force.</p> 3. ACTion – Community Led Planning Information. 4. ACT Update - November 2024 5. Healthwatch Westmorland and Furness Women's Health Project Information. 6. Priority Services Register and Rural Saving Energy Grants Information. 7. CALC Training Information. 8. Parish Precept Information for 2025 – 2026. 9. Westmorland & Furness Council's Branch Event - Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure – How can your Council get involved! 10. Eden Rivers Trust - Adopt a water vole information. 11. Friends of the Settle Carlisle Line - November 2024 Journal. 12. LDNPP (for awareness) - Lake District Foundation - Trustee

Recruitment Information.		
24/276	Date of the Next Meeting.	RESOLVED that the next scheduled meeting will be Lazonby Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 5 th February 2025, at 7.30 pm, in the Jubilee Room, in the Village Hall. There is no scheduled meeting for January 2025.

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.

24/277	Confidential information on the Proposed Development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station.	<p>RESOLVED that Council's Confidential Meeting Minutes of the 6th November 2024 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Clerk gave the Council a confidential update about the proposed development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station.</p>
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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.

24/278	Parish Council's Finance & Budget for 2025 – 2026.	<p>PLEASE NOTE that this was discussed at the full Parish Council meeting instead of a separate Finance and Budget Committee meeting due to recent Parish Council membership issues. Furthermore, it was also being discussed in the confidential part of the meeting due to the confidential business to be discussed at that time. However, the information from that agenda item is now being made public through the December 2024 Minutes of the Parish Council as part of the minutes to be approved at the February 2025 meeting of the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Parish Council received the following Notes and guidance regarding Grants, Budget and Precept from the Treasurer Chris Hoy.</p> <p>1. <u>Grant Requests.</u></p> <p>The FellRunner have applied for £702 to provide a scheduled local bus service for Parishioners. (Previously granted £810 for same reason in 2022/23). Their Annual Costs are £46k. Most passengers are bus pass holders of which only a small part is reimbursed by Westmorland & Furness Council. This grant will close the gap in the shortfall. The application is based on number of passenger journeys made within the Parish over a year equating to £1 per journey made.</p> <p>Lazonby & District Swimming Pool have applied for £2500 to replace the interior surface of the pool which is 60 years old and badly worn and damaged. (Previously granted £500 in 2018/19 for new washrooms). The project costs are £72.5k - £20k from fundraising, £45k from other grants and £5k from sponsorship.</p> <p>Lazonby Village Hall have applied for £2750 to purchase a CCTV system. (Previously granted £2.2k for Snooker Room re decoration in 2020/21 and £4k for V H in 2022/23 for hall re decoration). Over the last 2</p>
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years, there has been a theft from the Snooker Hall Tables cash box (unknown amount stolen), as well as several external doors were damaged in an attempted break in and a window smashed. All external doors are to be replaced by more secure robust units from other grant sources. CCTV would cover all external doors, stairs and entrances to the Snooker Room and Foyer. No cameras would be located in any rooms to maintain privacy for all users. The project costs £3.3k, with £500 met from reserves.

Total amount of grants applied for £5952

2. Explanations and recommendations on Yearend Reserves, Budget and Precept.

The Treasurer has calculated the yearend reserves for **31/03/25** based on the agreed balances to Bank on **31/10/24**, including any further income less the expected expenditure from business transactions between **01/11/24** and **31/03/25**.

Current Account Reserves (Agreed with Bank 31/10/24)	£6361
Deposit Account Reserves (Agreed with Bank and Excluding Egg Packing Station Grant 31/10/24)	£19205
Total Bank Reserves: £25566	

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Expected Income (01/11/24 – 31/03/25)	<u>£1809</u>
	£27375
Expected Expenditure (01/11/24 – 31/03/25)	(£7463)
Expected Yearend Reserves	<u>£19912</u>

31/03/25
The Preliminary Budget 2025/26 before Full Committee Approval

Main Considerations

Income:-

PRECEPT assumption at present unchanged.

RENTS includes Chip Van £1040, Barugh Foods £550, Bud Designs Ltd £1450, plus £660 buildings Ins, Parish Field £200.

GRANTS maybe available to cover cost of recycling centre surface work, **not** included in budget figures.

Expenditure:-

SALARIES present agreed National Levels+ contingency for Pay Rises. Assumed Annual Pay Rise of 75p per hour (probable uptick in inflation from 63 pence

April 2024 = £583) Pay Review Pending (up to £2 an hour = £1633 increase)

Total Staff Hours are 778 per annum, a £1 increase =£788). Total £2216.

LOCAL GRANTS presumed 100% allocation.

MAINTENANCE after some difficulty in obtaining the correct information from Westmorland & Furness Council's somewhat nebulous Footway Lights policy for 2025/26. The Treasurer can confirm that no electricity charges will apply, but it remains obscure going to press on maintenance.

The Treasurer expects to save £3500 from original costings of £4000 for 2025/26.

OPERATING COSTS usual costs plus the Lazonby Pool Service Agreement (Max £2500).

CAPITAL/PROJECTS EXP estimated cost to re surface Re-cycling Centre Car Park. (In support of costs, since Sept 2020 £6000 has been received as donations for use).

Expenditure

Salaries	12500
Staff Expenses	850
Local Grants 100%	5952
Subscriptions	315
Training	200
Maintenance	1500
Operating Costs	5250
Capital/Projects	3000

Total £29567

Income

Precept	14350
Fishing Permits	500
Recycling Credits	300
Vat Recovery	300
Rents	3900
Wayleave	35

Total £19385

Total Income 2025/26	19385	Expected Yearend Reserves
31/3/25 19912		
Total Expenditure 2025/26	<u>29567</u>	Preliminary Budget Deficit
2025/26 <u>(10182)</u>		
Total Deficit 2025/26	(10182)	Total Reserves Expected 31/3/26
<u>9730</u>		

Analysis – 2025/26

Reserves are projected at **£9730** as at close of business **31st March 2026**. The financial year 2023/24 marked the end of higher reserves and heralded more value for the parishioners. Whilst spending during that year provided greater benefit to the Parish there are now concerns for a considerable drain on reserves that left unchecked would breach the Parish Councils's contingency reserve threshold. This could depend on the following analysis.

Salaries are expected to rise more considerably if inflation remains higher over the next few years.

The Lazonby Pool Service Agreement that allocates funding up to a maximum of £2500 per annum has never yet breached £1800, however the existing agreement will allocate some extra cost for repairs and replacements to equipment which may result in a maximum cost in future years.

Rental income could be affected, as it is not certain that the Chip Van and Barugh Foods will remain trading in the parish. Bud Designs Ltd has another 2 years on its lease.

Footway Lights in the village may cost considerably more if electricity

		<p>remains expensive and it is confirmed that a charge will apply in 2026/27.</p> <p><u>Treasurers View</u></p> <p>The reserves are projected with some concern should the Council agree to allocate all the grant monies applied for, in conjunction with Staff Salaries. Local grants are unpredictable and the Lazonby Pool agreement has a ceiling.</p> <p>Should Grant allocations be reduced by 50% that would still only yield £3000, however applicants should be treated by criteria policy and not financial constraints.</p> <p>Grant applications are exceptionally high this time and this is always an unknown to budget going forwards.</p> <p>Despite this, other costs are projected as rising and in response should all grant applicants be met in full then it would be prudent to consider a small increase in Precept by £650 to reset at £15k ready for the recharging the following year for the Footway Lights. If this is not the case then I would be positive on considering a more serious reduction in reserves to bring them closer to the £10000 threshold as per Fin Reg 3.4 to look again next December.</p> <p>A reminder of the Financial Regulations 3.4 - offers the full committee the benefit either to leave the Precept unchanged, decrease or increase depending on the projected reserves being greater or less than the contingency reserve (£10k). A buffer between £10k and £12k would act as a safety margin before any implementation. The Financial Regulations could be rewritten to suit the higher expenditure thus lowering the contingency threshold to help protect parishioners council tax payments and yet give a fair return on their taxation.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council considered the grant applications for 2025 – 2026 and agreed to give the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The FellRunner have been awarded £702 to provide a scheduled local bus service for Parishioners. 2. Lazonby & District Swimming Pool have been awarded £2500 to replace the interior surface of the pool which is 60 years old and badly worn and damaged. <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Lazonby Village Hall, who have applied for £2750 to purchase a CCTV system, need to provide three tenders for the work and give a breakdown of costs before the Parish Council consider their grant application.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council agreed to increase the precept by £650 to £15,000 for 2025 – 2026.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his report on the budget and precept for 2025 – 2026 which was approved, accepted and noted.</p>
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The meeting finished at 10.23 pm.