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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT BEFORE APPROVAL

Minutes

**For the Annual General Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on
Wednesday 6th May 2026, in Lazonby Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Chair Councillor Phillip Whitehead.

Councillors Maralyn Wade, Tim Wright and Ryan Wilson-Lane.

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

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
26/88	Appointment of Chair of the Council for 2026 - 2027.	The Council considered nominations for the position of Chair of the Council to serve for the 2026 – 2027 municipal year, from the Council Members present. RESOLVED that Councillor Phillip Whitehead be appointed as Chair of the Council for the 2026 – 2027 Municipal Year (Proposed by Councillor Ryan Wilson-Lane and seconded by Councillor Maralyn Wade, all in favour).
26/89	Appointment of Vice-chair of the Council for 2026 - 2027.	The Council considered nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Council to serve for the 2026 – 2027 municipal year, from the Council Members present. RESOLVED that Councillor Maralyn Wade be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Council for the 2026 - 2027 Municipal Year (Proposed by Councillor Ryan Wilson-Lane and seconded by Councillor Phillip Whitehead, all in favour).
26/90	Apologies for absence.	RESOLVED that there were no apologies received.
26/91	The Filling of Council Member Vacancies.	RESOLVED that there has been interest from two parishioners, one of who was in attendance at this meeting to observe the work of the Parish Council in the view to being co-opted on to the Council at a future meeting, and has already submitted a co-option form. ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no new nominations for this meeting but the Parish Council would continue to seek new Parish Councillors to fill the five empty seats.
26/92	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.
26/93	Declaration of Interest.	RESOLVED that there were no declarations of interest.
26/94	Matters of Urgency.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no matters of urgency to consider.
26/95	Public Participation.	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.

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complaints have been received about the way the land at the swing area on the corner of Scaur Lane, owned by Westmorland & Furness Council, has been left by the contractors working in that area on behalf of a Fibre Optic Company. There is bare earth, no top soil and it is believed has not been reseeded. . 2. A parishioner has reported that a stone on a barn at the bottom of the village is loose and could impact the highway if it fell. 3. A parishioner who kindly mows the Will Pool area attended the meeting to introduce themselves and to say that they kept Will Pool tidy which they enjoyed doing, and would like to say that they would like to see more people use the area, and wanted to make sure any future plans for Will Pool did not impact that.
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED that the current poor state of the land near the swings on the corner of Scaur Lane regarding be noted and that the Parish Council would contact the Fibre Optic Company to ask them to reinstate the land properly. 2. RESOLVED that the Council will take a look at the barn at the bottom the village and informed the owner about the loose stone. 3. RESOLVED that the comments made by the parishioner, who kindly mows Will Pool, regarding wanting people to visit Will Pool and ensuring any future plans for Will Pool did not impact its use be noted with thanks to the parishioner.
26/96	Broadband in the Parish.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillors Phillip Whitehead and Maralyn Wade met with representatives of B4RN to discuss the area that the cable would cross the Sports/Playing Field as a way leave.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it also be noted that the work on the installation of the fibre optic cables across the Sports/playing Field is now underway, and the person renting the land for their sheep was informed.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council received the Connecting Cumbria Newsletter for April 2026.</p>
26/97	Report from the local Police.	<p>RESOLVED that the Eden Focus Police Newsletter for Eden Rural and the Penrith & Alston Police Newsletter for April 2026 be noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED there was nothing further to report about the Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee meetings as yet.</p>
26/98	Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 1st April 2026.	<p>It was recommended that the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 1st April 2026 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council's Meeting Minutes of the 1st April 2026 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
26/99	Progress Reports on Recent Actions.	The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 1 st April 2026.
	a. Boat Users on the River Eden (Last minuted 26/72).	RESOLVED that the rafting company has now been back in touch about meeting with the Parish Council, so Councillor Ryan-Wilson has replied to them to introduce himself, in order to organise a date and time for them to meet both himself and Councillor Phillip Whitehead regarding the use of Eden Bridge car park and the launch steps.
	b. 150th Anniversary of	The Council received an update about the 150 th anniversary of Lazonby Train Station event on 1st May 2026. The event was a lovely day with Bells of

	<p>Lazonby Train Station (Last minuted 26/72).</p>	<p>Lazonby providing refreshments with coffee and cake; the Settle Wheelers cycled by road alongside the 73-mile Settle to Carlisle railway line to raise money for charity, stopping at every single station to collect stone rubbings for the official Settle-Carlisle Passport, including Lazonby. Lazonby and Kirkoswald schools sang a song about the Settle to Carlisle railway on the platform of Lazonby Station; Northern Rail provided a train ride to Settle where the school children met with two other schools from Settle. A group of wonderful boards depicting the history of Lazonby Station were also displayed and will now be displayed locally.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report about the 150th Anniversary of Lazonby Train Station celebrations from Councillor Ryan Wilson–Lane be noted with thanks.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council Clerk contact Northern Rail to see if copies of the railway history display boards could be displayed in the railways station with the permission of the parishioner who created them.</p>
	<p>c. Eden Rivers Trust Request to replace existing information board about invasive species (Last minuted 26/72).</p>	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the new invasive species information boards have now been put up in Eden Bridge car park.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that River Eden Trust will also be putting up small information boards about the invasive species Himalayan Balsam near the swimming pool and in Bateman Lane, which they are doing all along the river.</p>
	<p>d. Bike Track Project (Last minuted 26/72)</p>	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that there was no update about the Bike Track project for the parish, so this will be removed from the agenda until an update is received.</p>
<p>26/100</p>	<p>Report from the Westmorland & Furness Councillor.</p>	<p>The Council received a report from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick about Westmorland & Furness matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Devolution The Cumbria Combined Authority became a legal entity on Tuesday 24th February. At its first meeting on 18th March appointment of the following statutory officers that are necessary to ensure the effective administration, and financial and ethical governance of the authority in discharging its statutory responsibilities. John Barradell – CEO Nick Bell – Director of Finance Catherine Parkinson – Monitoring Officer. These initial appointments are all made on an interim basis pending the election of the County’s first mayor in May 2027. 2. Westmorland and Furness Council Transformation Plan At its Cabinet meeting on 17th March, Cabinet approved a Transformation for the Council that outlines why and how the Council would transform over the next three years. The report sets out a clear vision to reshape Westmorland and Furness Council into a more connected, prevention focussed and financially sustainable organisation. 3. Westmorland and Furness Economic Strategy 2026 – 2035 At the same meeting Cabinet members considered an economic strategy that had been co-developed with partners. Westmorland and Furness Council inherited four different approaches to and responsibilities for, economic growth from its four former sovereign authorities and the development of a harmonised Economic Strategy for the whole area has been a priority for a while.

		<p>Research has shown that there are various challenges facing the area's economy. These include an ageing population, decreasing working age population, increased cost of living, connectivity challenges and pockets of rural isolation and deprivation, as well as pressures on our town centres and high streets.</p> <p>The Council has, therefore, in collaboration with partners produced this long-term strategy to help create a more sustainable, inclusive and diverse economy.</p> <p>4. Climate Adaptation Strategy</p> <p>At the Cabinet meeting held on 21st April, Cabinet approved a Climate Adaptation Strategy as part of the Council's response to the climate and biodiversity crises, declared by the Westmorland and Furness Shadow Authority in 2022. This strategy will provide the foundation to help leverage in funding from the Cumbria Combined Authority and national government to deliver priority adaptation actions.</p> <p>5. Westmorland and Furness Design Code – Supplementary Planning Document</p> <p>Cabinet also agreed to the adoption and publication of a Design Code to provide clear guidance for new development to adhere to, including responding appropriately to local context, taking into account local identity, sustainability, building form and movement within and to new development.</p> <p>All these documents are available on the Council's website.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that County Councillor Hilary Carrick reserved the right to request to speak on other issues on the agenda.</p>
26/101	Place Action Group (PAG).	<p>The Council received an update about the Place Action Group (PAG) funding for the signage for the Eden Bridge car park area. The funding of £3000 for Eden Bridge car park resurfacing project, and £960 for the Eden Bridge car park signage has now been paid to the Parish Council. The sign sizes and wording have still got to be decided so they can be made as soon as possible. The Council discussed this further.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the wording for the signs be as follows:</p> <p>1. Car Park Sign Size - 915mm x 1220 mm. Welcome to Lazonby Recycling Centre and car park. This is a voluntary donation car park and picnic area. A small donation towards the significant cost of maintenance and improving these areas would be appreciated.</p> <p>Suggested minimum. £2.00 full day £1.00 half day</p> <p>STRICTLY NO OVERNIGHT PARKING OR CAMPING</p> <p>Users of this car park and Eden River access steps do so at their own risk.</p> <p>Lazonby Parish Council will not accept any liability for any accidents, damage or loss incurred.</p> <p>2. Sign 2: Lazonby Bridge Donation box. Size - 450 x 610 mm</p>

		<p>Please take all litter home with you and leave the area as you would like, clean and tidy for other users.</p> <p>3. Sign 3: Size - 450 x 610 mm</p> <p>CAUTION. STEPS MAY BE SLIPPERY. USE AT OWN RISK.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Maralyn Wade will email the information about the signs and their sizes to Councillor Hilary Carrick who will then order the signs.</p>																				
26/102	<p>Review of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Terms of Reference for Committees, and other policies & procedures.</p>	<p>The Council considered if any amendments should be made to the current Standing Orders, Terms of Reference for Committees, Risk Assessment, Register of Assets, and other Parish Council policies and procedures. The Council also considered the approval of the new version of the Financial Regulations.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that other than changing the Clerks email address on the relevant policies the Parish Council are happy with the current Standing Orders, Terms of Reference for Committees, Risk Assessment, Register of Assets, and other Parish Council policies and procedures.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that a new Parish Council Risk Assessment was carried out and approved in January 2026.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed to approve the new Financial Regulations.</p>																				
26/103	<p>Schedule of Council Meetings and Venues for 2026 - 2027.</p>	<p>The Council considered the schedule for Council meetings and the venues from June 2026 until May 2027. The following dates were recommended to be scheduled for Council Meetings, being the first Wednesday of every month. These dates exclude August 2026 and January 2027 as there is no scheduled Council meeting is held during those months:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Wednesday 3rd June 2026;</td> <td>Wednesday 2nd December 2026;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 1st July 2026;</td> <td>Wednesday 3rd February 2027;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 2nd September 2026;</td> <td>Wednesday 3rd March 2027;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 7th October 2028;</td> <td>Wednesday 7th April 2027;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 4th November 2026;</td> <td>Wednesday 12th May 2027</td> </tr> </table> <p>Please Note that the AGM and Open Parish Meeting in 2027 will need to be held on Wednesday 12th May 2027 (the second Wednesday of the month) due to the Parish Council s Elections in 2027.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council meet on the recommended dates:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Wednesday 3rd June 2026;</td> <td>Wednesday 2nd December 2026;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 1st July 2026;</td> <td>Wednesday 3rd February 2027;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 2nd September 2026;</td> <td>Wednesday 3rd March 2027;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 7th October 2028;</td> <td>Wednesday 7th April 2027;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 4th November 2026;</td> <td>Wednesday 12th May 2027</td> </tr> </table> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the AGM and Open Parish Meeting in 2027 will need to be held on Wednesday 12th May 2027 (the second Wednesday of the month) due to the Parish Council s Elections in 2027.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that these meetings will be held in the Village Hall where possible, starting at 7.30 pm, except for the Open Parish Meeting in May 2026, which will start at 7 pm followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council at approximately 7.30 pm.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk will now book the Jubilee Room at the</p>	Wednesday 3 rd June 2026;	Wednesday 2 nd December 2026;	Wednesday 1 st July 2026;	Wednesday 3 rd February 2027;	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026;	Wednesday 3 rd March 2027;	Wednesday 7 th October 2028;	Wednesday 7 th April 2027;	Wednesday 4 th November 2026;	Wednesday 12 th May 2027	Wednesday 3 rd June 2026;	Wednesday 2 nd December 2026;	Wednesday 1 st July 2026;	Wednesday 3 rd February 2027;	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026;	Wednesday 3 rd March 2027;	Wednesday 7 th October 2028;	Wednesday 7 th April 2027;	Wednesday 4 th November 2026;	Wednesday 12 th May 2027
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		Village Hall for the agreed dates and times.
26/104	Establishment of Committees and Working Groups 2026 - 2027.	<p>The Council considered the re-establishment of existing Committee and Working Groups for 2026 - 2027. The following are the current 2025 - 2026 Committees, Members and Deputy Members. PLEASE NOTE due to low Council Member Numbers and resignations during the last financial year then some committees are not at full member capacity.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Committee Members 2025 – 2026: Councillors Andrew Miller. 2. Environment and Neighbourhood Committee Members 2025 – 2026: Councillors Phillip Whitehead and Maralyn Wade. 3. Finance and Budget Committee Members 2025 – 2026: Councillor Tim Wright and Ryan Wilson-Lane, with Treasurer Chris Hoy in an advisory capacity. 4. Governance Committee Members 2025 – 2026: Councillors Maralyn Wade and Ryan Wilson-Lane. <p>Please note: that all Parish Council Members are considered to be Deputy Members of the Committees.</p> <p>ALSO TO CONSIDER if any new Committees or Working groups need to be established.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that the Committee Members for 2026 - 2027 are now as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Committee Members 2026 – 2027: Councillors Andrew Tim Wright. 2. Environment and Neighbourhood Committee Members 2026 – 2027: Councillors Phillip Whitehead and Maralyn Wade. 3. Finance and Budget Committee Members 2026 – 2027: Councillor Tim Wright and Ryan Wilson-Lane with Treasurer Chris Hoy in an advisory capacity. 4. Governance Committee Members 2026 – 2027: Councillors Maralyn Wade and Ryan Wilson-Lane. <p>ALSO RESOLVED that no new Committees or Working groups be established at present.</p>
26/105	Representatives on Outside Bodies 2026 - 2027.	<p>The Council considered the appointment of representatives to serve on the following outside bodies for 2026 – 2027. The following are the 2025 – 2026 Parish Council representatives.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heskett & Lazonby Place Action Group (PAG) – Councillor Maralyn Wade
		<p>RESOLVED that Councillor Maralyn Wade agreed to carry on representing the Parish Council at the Heskett & Lazonby Place Action Group (PAG).</p>
26/106	Parish Projects:	
	a. Will Pool Revamp.	<p>The Council received an update about Will Pool. Councillor Maralyn Wade has been talking to ecologists but the area but it appears to be too small for them to want to deal with. Interesting botany has been discovered there already like medieval grasses. The clay lined pond is spring fed. The area needs an ecology report or some advice on how to maintain the area for people to use while preserving the ecology.</p>

		<p>RESOLVED that Councillor Maralyn Wade will be asking the University of Cumbria if they can assist with an ecological survey of the area.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that Will pool's main purpose is a space to be enjoyed by the local community but there is also a duty to protect the medieval grasses and any other important ecology, so a plan is needed going forward.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that either a large bag or bale of straw will be added to the water to stop any algae blooms.</p>
	b. Donation Box at Eden Bridge Car Park.	RESOLVED that the donation box at Eden Bridge car park is still ongoing and will be made once the car park has been resurfaced.
	c. Resurfacing of Eden Bridge Car Park.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the resurfacing of Eden Bridge car park is still ongoing.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Parish Council do not need a flood permit to carry at the work at Eden Bridge car park but the Environment Agency need to speak to Natural England about it.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that an Officer from Westmorland & Furnace Council will be helping Councillor Phillip Whitehead deal with some of the obstacles he is encountering, and to help him find out exactly who to speak to and what is needed regarding permits to carry out the work of resurfacing Eden Bridge car park.</p>
26/107	Parish Maintenance:	
	a. Flooding Issues in the Parish.	<p>The Parish Council have received the following update regarding the flooding issues in the parish. A survey of those who have been affected by flooding in the parish being carried out by Westmorland & Furnace Council and the Environment Agency. This can include photographs. There will be posters and QR codes being put up about the survey.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the resolution for the flooding issues is ongoing and that a survey on those affect by flooding in the parish is being carried out by Westmorland & Furnace Council and the Environment Agency.</p>
	b. Roads in the Parish.	<p>The Council received an update on the following road/Highways issues in the Parish from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 6. Maintenance issues in Barton Dale. <p>RESOLVED that the following road/Highways issues in the parish be noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The resurfacing on Station Road is ongoing. 2. The recurring water flooding on the road between Eden Bridge car park and the swimming pool is still under investigation. 3. The vandalised road sign on Carlisle Road near Scarrows has been reported and is to be replaced. 4. The H Bars on the dropdown kerbs near the Lofts are to be repainted but it may not get done until the beginning of next year.

	<p>5. The pothole near the village hall is ongoing.</p> <p>6. The maintenance issues in Barton Dale have been reported.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report regarding the updates on Highways issues, the contents of which were noted.</p>
c. Footpaths in the Village.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the footpath in Scaur Close is still on the Highways maintenance schedule for 2026.
d. Parish Tree Survey.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the parish tree survey is still ongoing and the map showing where the trees are is to be finalised.
e. Damaged Fence at Bateman Lane.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the repairs of the damaged fence at Bateman Lane is still ongoing and a manual fence post driver needs to be sought.
f. New Metal Bench with King George Plaque.	RESOLVED that it be noted that Michael Bell of Bells of Lazonby has written back to say thank you for the thank you letter to him, and thank you card to the engineers who built the bench, and to say that they are very pleased to know that the Parish Council liked what they have done; and also that Bells of Lazonby have kindly said that they were always happy to help or contribute to what is going on in the village, so do not hesitate to approach them again.
g. Recycling Centre and Eden Bridge car park.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no current issues to report at the recycling centre.
h. Tree Surgeon Tenders.	RESOLVED that Councillor Phillip Whitehead is still working on putting tenders together for tree Surgeons for work to be carried out on the Cooper Beach, and the Oak at Will Pool.
i. Fences on the Parish Sports & Playing Field.	RESOLVED that Councillor Phillip Whitehead will measure the fencing area that needs to be repaired or replaced on the parish Sports/Playing field, and ask local fencing companies for quotes.
j. Benches in the parish.	<p>The Council considered two issues with benches in the parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council considered the repair to the Bench at Birdhouse Bridge. 2. The Council also considered the possibility of repositioning the bench at the bottom of Scaur Close steps to the top of the steps. Currently the bench is overlooking the road (B6142) but could it be put up to the top of the steps in Scaur Close, so the bench would then have a vista towards the Pennines, over the village church. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED that the Parish Council try and find out who the memorial bench was for, and if possible write to the family to inform them about what had happened to the bench. <p>ALSO RESOLVED to speak to the parishioner who had accidentally broken the bench to see how to move forward with repairing it.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. RESOLVED that Councillor Ryan Wilson-Field would look for the best place to site the bench at the top of the steps to ensure it is located in a safe place before it is moved.
k. Other Maintenance Issues in the Parish.	The Parish Council received a report that there have been issues with the parish notice boards and their use. A parishioner asked to display their business poster and the Clerk said that was fine as they were a parishioner, the business served the local area and the poster was A5. However, the poster was removed to the disappointment of the parishioner who reported it to the Clerk. The Clerk spoke to Councillor Tim Wright who looks after the notice boards making sure it displays relevant local information for the parish

		<p>and is displayed on A5, to see if he knew anything about it. Councillor Wright said he had not removed the poster and that if he does remove any advertising then he tries where ever possible to contact the business or person and let them know why. The Clerk did tell the parishioner this and did say it could have been someone wanting it to use their service, and to replace it. Councillor Tim Wright want to make sure that what he was doing was acceptable to the Parish Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council were happy with what Councillor Tim Wright did to keep the parish notice boards relevant to parish and local area.</p>
26/108	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	<p>The Council received a report from the Treasurer for April 2026 (please see attached Treasurer's Report).</p> <p>The Parish Council also received the Parish Council's Expenditure and Income Report for 2026/2027.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his monthly report for April 2026 (see attached report), the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Parish Council's Expenditure and Income Report for 2026/2027 presented by the Treasurer be noted.</p>
26/109	Authority for Payments.	<p>RESOLVED that the Council considered requests for payment received by the Treasurer, Clerk or Council Members, and agreed to pay the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The sum of £328.78 to CALC for the annual membership subscription (Bank transfer No: 207). 2. The sum of £558.00 to the Fellrunner for the annual grant awarded by the Parish Council to help towards costs of the bus service in the village (Bank transfer No: 208). 3. The sum of £125.00 to Lazonby Village Hall for the annual grant to cover the cost of the electricity for the two street lights on the village hall (Bank transfer No: 209). 4. The sum of £78.00 to Lazonby Village Hall for the rent of the Jubilee room for Council meetings from March 2026 to May 2026 (Bank transfer No: 210). 5. The sum of £168.21 to the Clerk for travel and office expenses from March 2026 to May 2026 (Bank transfer No: 211). <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council agreed to the transfer of £10,000, from the Parish Council's Current Account to the Parish Council's Deposit Account after the recently received payment of the precept of £15,000.</p>
26/110	NALC/CALC Subscription for 2026/27.	<p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to continue their annual subscription to Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) at a cost of £328.78 for the year.</p>
26/111	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	<p>RESOLVED that the there were no planning applications to consider.</p>
26/112	Planning Applications – Decisions.	<p>RESOLVED that the following planning decision be noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Application Ref: 2026/0528/PAPP - Prior Notification under schedule 2, part 6, class E, to upgrade existing track, at Scratchmill Scar Woodlands, Plumpton, Penrith CA11 9PF – PRIOR

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26/113	Reports on any Highways Issues.	RESOLVED that there were no further Highways issues to report at present.																								
26/114	New Parish Council Website.	<p>The Council received an update on the building of a new accessibility 2.2 complaint Parish Council website. The new Parish Council website is currently being built and it is hoped that it will go live at the end of May 2026 beginning of June 2026, but this is not definite. The Clerk is working with the website builders to ensure they have all the information they need to build the website.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to give the Parish Clerk continued delegated authority to work on the build of the Parish Council website with the website builders.</p>																								
26/115	New Printer Contract.	<p>The Council considered a new Printer contact with Sharp after the current 5 year lease with them is coming to an end. The Clerk has been contacted by Sharp to renew the Parish Council printer contract. In the last five years the service for the printer has been very good regarding printer ink and advice if needed, although it has never needed to be repaired. The Clerk asked for the new costs for a refurbished printer and a new printer. The costs are as follows and are subject to VAT @ 20%</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Refurbished Printer</th> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">New Printer</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="2">New Costs</td> <td colspan="2">New Costs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rentals per month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£30.72</td> <td>Rentals per month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£37.82</td> </tr> <tr> <td>443 mono per month @0.0065</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2.87</td> <td>443 mono per month @£0.007</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9 colour per month @0.065</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£0.58</td> <td>9 colour per month @£0.07</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£0.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current monthly cost</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£34.17</td> <td>Current monthly cost</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£41.55</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to lease a new printer again as it was likely to be more cost efficient regarding energy and less likely to have maintenance issues.</p>	Refurbished Printer		New Printer		New Costs		New Costs		Rentals per month	£30.72	Rentals per month	£37.82	443 mono per month @0.0065	£2.87	443 mono per month @£0.007	£3.10	9 colour per month @0.065	£0.58	9 colour per month @£0.07	£0.63	Current monthly cost	£34.17	Current monthly cost	£41.55
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26/116	Invitations to Participate.	<p>Council Members considered if they would like to comment, take part in, attend, or send a representative to any invitations to participate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From Challenge to Action: 10 HR issues councils must address now - WorkNest are hosting a webinar specifically for Councils who are under increasing pressure. With ongoing employment law changes and a growing list of HR responsibilities, it's becoming harder to stay compliant while managing day-to-day challenges and protecting the council, its people, and the public. This practical, solutions-focused webinar from WorkNest on 19th May at 2.00pm will help you make sense of the key challenges - and what councils should be thinking about to address them. Please register for a place. 2. Online Training from Met Office - the prospectus outlines free online training that the Met Office is running. There are several different courses so the prospectus is well worth a look. Page 2 of the booklet outlines how to book if you are interested in attending any of the 																								

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		RESOLVED that the invitations to participate be noted.
26/117	INFORMATION given for reference only.	<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. 2. CALC Weekly and Training Updates/Bulletins. 3. CALC Annual General Meeting 2026 to noted the date is 10th October 2026, at Roundthorn, Penrith (More information to follow). 4. NALC Legal bulletin – 30th March 2026. 5. CVS Information – Health & Wellbeing Bulletin, Volunteer Training & Events, Newsflash Info, Cumbria CVS Newsletter, Funding training & Events, Latest Events etc. 6. Branch Event: Assets of Community Value – Slides and information. 7. W&F Branch Event: Integrated Transport: Practical Opportunities for Town & Parish Councils held on 30th April 2026. 8. Regular Grant Finder Information. 9. News and updates from the Cumbria People and Nature Network – April 2026. 10. Eden Rivers Trust News Spring 2026. 11. NWS E-Bulletin – Sustainable management of nuclear waste, next generation of leaders, latest news from the Repository – April 2026. 12. The Climate and Nature Team would like to make the Parish Council aware of the <u>Biodiversity Duty</u> that is placed on public authorities, including town and parish councils - Section 40 of the <u>Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006</u> or the ‘Biodiversity Duty’ states that: “<i>Every public authority must, in exercising its functions, have regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity</i>”. This means that town and parish councils have a duty to conserve wildlife and must start thinking about the best ways to do it. The actions town and parish councils take for biodiversity will contribute to the achievement of national goals and targets on nature recovery; by improving the natural environment, parishes will help to conserve biodiversity and improve the sustainability and quality of life of local residents and communities. Alongside the government’s website, we have created a <u>webpage</u> on the Westmorland and Furness Council site to provide further information on the Biodiversity Duty, including statutory requirements, the associated benefits and recommended actions; the webpage also includes a link to the ‘<u>Nature Recovery for Town and Parish Councils</u>’ guide which offers an excellent starting point for considering actions that could be taken in your local area. Our own biodiversity duty report is available to view <u>online</u> and you may wish to share this with local town and parish councillors. They advise this information is reviewed and that your biodiversity policies and objectives are established at the earliest opportunity to maintain compliance with the Biodiversity Duty. 13. Parish and Town Council Property Owners information - for the Renters Rights Act from May 1st 2026 and the obligations on parish and town councils who own property.
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the two-hour time limit for Parish Council meetings. It was RESOLVED to continue to complete all business on the agenda.		
26/118	Agenda Items for Next Month's Agenda.	<p>RESOLVED that the following agenda item be noted for the June 2026 meeting of the Parish Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assets of Community Value following recent information given out about it, as the Parish Council have registered community assets in the past. 2. Egg Packing Station Grant.
26/119	Date of the Next Meeting.	RESOLVED that the next scheduled Lazonby Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 3 rd June 2026 (venue to be confirmed).

It was recommended 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.

26/120	Land at the Old School.	<p>The Council received an update about issues that need to be resolved on Parish Council land near the Old school.</p> <p>It was also recommended that the CONFIDENTIAL Minutes of the Parish Council's Meeting on the 1st April 2026 regarding the land at the old school be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council continue to look into resolving the issues that need to be dealt with on Parish Council land near the Old school.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that CONFIDENTIAL Minutes of the Parish Council's Meeting on the 1st April 2026 regarding the land at the old school be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
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The meeting finished at 9.45 pm.