



LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

November 2024



Flood Investigation Report ...

Unfortunately, the final version of the flood investigation report has not yet been issued. Westmorland & Furness Council are working to complete the report as soon as possible but have been more focused on how to deliver on the actions identified in the draft report. The most significant area of progress has been in the discussion with the developer of The Meadows who are now considering the options for improvements to the culvert. Westmorland & Furness Council will continue to work with the developer to understand the best way forward to implement the proposals and to ensure that they will not have a detrimental impact on residents downstream. The Parish Council and Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick would like to thank everyone who has contributed by providing additional information for consideration.

Recycling Centre Issues...

It was reported at the October meeting of the Parish Council that not only had a large amount of polystyrene been dumped in the cardboard skip but also waste food. This is actually considered to be fly-tipping. Thankfully one of our dedicated volunteers was able to clear the waste food out, which was an awful job, so that the parish could still get their recycling credits. Unfortunately, when allocated skips have the wrong waste/recycling in them the parish does not get the credits for it, which is very frustrating. So please make sure the right recycling is in the right bin and nothing else is put in them either, and please report any fly-tipping in the area.

Also there has been reports of dog fouling at the Eden Bridge Car park and a request for a rubbish bin to be placed down, Unfortunately due to the river flooding a bin cannot be put there. So please bag it and take it home.

Volunteers **STILL** wanted for parish wide flooding issues...

Lazonby Parish Council are still seeking volunteers from the parish to assist local residents who are at risk of flooding, when they need it. Unfortunately, only one parishioner has come forward so far! **So if you think you could help residents and their flood risk properties please contact the Clerk to put your name down to join a pool of local volunteers.**



Your Parish Council has vacancies for new Council Members

Would you like to help shape the future of Lazonby?

Are you interested in speaking on behalf of the people who live in your community?

Do you want to help improve services to the community and monitor how well they are working?

Do you think you could become part of an active body of local people working for the Community?

If you wish to be considered for co-option onto the Parish Council then please contact the Clerk Rebecca Wyatt on 08432894416 (calls charged at local rate) or Email on: Lazonbypc@googlemail.com for more details.

The Co-option Policy and Councillor Application Form can be downloaded from the Parish Council Website on <https://www.lazonbyparishcouncil.org/>

Current Issues being Resolved and Projects in the Parish...

Please bear in mind that because the Parish Council are struggling for members at the moment, taking on new projects will be more difficult, and even existing projects may take even longer to complete.

- The Parish Council are still looking at ways they could make a more permanent surface e.g concrete grass/gravel mates, on the Eden bridge car park especially after the annual winter flooding from the river. However, having this work contracted out will be extremely costly so the Parish Council are going to look to do it themselves with volunteers, and will discuss it further in the new year.
- *The Parish Council are still waiting on a Flood Investigation Report which will deal with the flooding issues in the parish from the top to the bottom of the village, and they are still looking to create a group of volunteers to help those in need during flood warnings.*
- The Parish Council now have a Facebook page so please look it up for further information.
- *The Council are hoping to start the construction of a stone cairn with a secured donations box inside at Eden Bridge Car Park in the Spring now.*

Your Parish Council Continues to Work for the Local Community ...

- *The Parish Council work hard as a voluntary body to ensure the Parish has a grass roots decision making body.,*
- The Parish Council continues to work hard to ensure the Parish is represented at all levels, which includes planning applications in the parish.
- *The Parish Council continues to meet regularly in order to discuss issues in the parish and the wider county.*
- The Parish Council continues to be the first point of contact regarding issues and concerns raised by parishioners, giving a voice to the community and working hard to ensure these concerns are dealt with.
- *Parish Council Members continue to represent the community at external and events, and take part in public consultations on behalf of the parish.*
- The Parish Council continues to develop and progress beneficial projects in the parish
- *The Parish Council continues to deal with Highways issues and report any problems when needed through our Highways Links person Councillor Craig Wilkinson.*

Handyperson scheme rolled out across all areas ...

A scheme that supports elderly or vulnerable residents with practical help around their homes is being rolled out across Westmorland and Furness. The service can provide help with anything from changing a light bulb to putting up shelving, hanging curtains, installing handrails and small repairs such as unblocking sinks or replacing a washer on a tap. Fitting of minor security measures such as door and window locks is also available under the scheme, helping people feel safer in their homes and reducing the fear of crime. All work is carried out free of charge. The resident provides the items and materials and these should be purchased prior to requesting a job. The scheme is open to those aged 65 and over; or have a disability or are vulnerable; or are being discharged or have recently been discharged from hospital; or are at high risk of falling due to a medical condition. Gardening and decorating works are **not** included in the scheme and the scheme is for pre-booked jobs only – it is not an emergency call-out service. For more information and to request a job under the Handyperson Scheme, visit the website: [Handy person scheme | Westmorland and Furness Council](#) Alternatively you can call the Housing Standards Team on 0300 373 3300, email: housingstandards@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk, or write to the Housing Standards Team at Westmorland and Furness Council, South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal LA9 4DQ.

Contact your Councillors....

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Date of the Next Meeting...

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th November 2024, in the village hall, at 7.30 pm. The following meeting date is Wednesday 4th December 2024. *Please see the Parish Council notice boards for meeting information & the Agenda which is usually posted up no later than the Friday before the Meeting date, or visit www.lazonbyparishcouncil.org for more information.* Copies of the Agenda or the Minutes of the Council are available by Email on request. Please contact the Clerk on 0843 2894416 (*Calls at local rate*); or Email: LazonbyPC@googlemail.com

Please visit the Parish Council Website for Agendas, Minutes and other information: www.lazonbyparishcouncil.org