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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

**For the Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on
Wednesday 5th February 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
25/01	Apologies for absence.	RESOLVED that there were no apologies received.
25/02	The Filling of Council Member Vacancies.	<p>The Council considered any nominations to co-opt new Council Members as the Parish Council currently have four Councillor seats to fill.</p> <p>Parishioner Andrew Sharples having completed a Councillor co-option application form and observed past Parish Council meetings now wishes to be co-opted onto the Parish Council.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Andrew Sharples be co-opted onto the Parish Council proposed by Councillor Phillip Whitehead, 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 Andrew Sharples and submitted to Westmoreland & Furness Council.</p>
25/03	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.
25/04	Declaration of Interest.	RESOLVED that Councillor Phillip Whitehead declared a personal interest in matters concerning the Egg Packing Housing Project.
25/05	Matters of Urgency.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no matters of urgency to consider.
25/06	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. A parishioner has asked the Parish Council if a safety barrier could be put up outside of the Village Hall main doors to stop children running out straight into the road. 2. A parishioner reported a culvert had been broken by a lorry trying to

		<p>turn in School Lane.</p> <p>3. A parishioner reported an accumulation of grit and other debris alongside a lot of the kerb on the main road through the village.</p>
		<p>1. RESOLVED that the Parish Council will ask Highways if a barrier outside the village hall main entrance is possible but it is believed that it will be difficult due to this being the main access point to the village hall for equipment etc, and that the parents should have full responsibility for their children’s safety.</p> <p>2. RESOLVED that it be noted that the broken culvert in School Lane has already been reported to Highways for repair but it will be further discussed under the Highways agenda item</p> <p>3. RESOLVED that the issue of the grit accumulating in the gutters on Main Street be discussed under the Highways agenda item.</p>
25/07	Broadband in the Parish.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no further updates about Fibre Optic broadband services in the village,
25/08	Report from the local Community Police.	<p>RESOLVED Eden Focus Police Newsletter for Eden Rural and the Penrith & Alston Police Newsletter for November 2024 & December 2024 and December 2024 & January 2025 be noted</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the letter from Superintendent Andy Wilkinson regarding Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge be noted as follows:</p> <p><i>“Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge - On 16th January 2025, Cumbria Constabulary launched its Neighbourhood Policing Pledge that committed the Constabulary to the provision of ten individual pledge priority areas to further support communities and the Constabulary in the delivery of Neighbourhood Policing. The second Pledge relates to the provision of visible and accessible Neighbourhood Policing Teams that are committed to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, and to improve public confidence. One aspect of this will be the requirement for local Neighbourhood Policing Teams to engage better with local council representatives. Specifically, the Pledge commits the Constabulary to, ‘Twice yearly virtual meeting within each NPT locality with parish and town councils’. Cumbria Constabulary currently operates six Neighbourhood Policing Teams, three in Cumberland and three in Westmorland. Every Neighbourhood Policing Team is made up of smaller geographical ‘localities’, with each allocated at least one dedicated Community Officer. In total there are currently 33 localities within the force. Unfortunately, in a such a large county with over 250 parish councils it is not possible to dedicate local police officers to attend monthly parish councils direct, except in the most exceptional of circumstances, as to do so would detract from operational requirements for those officers. Cumbria Constabulary have worked with Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) to identify those Parish Councils that best fit within the 33 Neighbourhood Policing Team localities, and they have pooled them together for us with the intention that a couple of representatives from each council can attend twice yearly virtual meetings with their locality-based officer(s). In the case of a few parishes that do not clearly sit within any one locality it may be preferable for parish representatives to attend more than one locality meeting.”</i></p>

25/09	Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 4th December 2024.	It was recommended that the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 4 th December 2024 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.
		RESOLVED that Council's Meeting Minutes of the 4 th December 2024 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.
25/10	Progress Reports on Recent Actions.	The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 4 th December 2024.
	a. Parish Fishing (Last minute 24/260).	RESOLVED that there was nothing else to report regarding the parish fishing at present.
	b. Footway Lights Recharge (Last minute 24/260).	RESOLVED that it be noted that a footway lights policy is being produced by Westmorland & Furness Council, with several options being discussed, and the final decision on whether Parish Councils will be paying for the adopted footway lights or Westmorland and Furness will be paying in the future is still to be made.
	c. Missing Defibrillator (Last minute 24/260).	RESOLVED that it be noted that after investigations carried out by Councillors Maralyn Wade and Tim Wright, it was discovered that the missing defibrillator was taken away for a full system upgrade, and new pads and batteries; it has now been returned to the Fire station, and in future the Parish Council will be told if it is going for a service.
	d. Ownership of part of Station Road (Last minute 24/270).	The Council received an update from Councillor Hilary Carrick who said that the Parish Council had been correct in their assertion that a stretch of highway near the junction of Seat Hill is Highways land and should have been resurfaced with the remainder of Station Road which was done recently. The Highways adoption plan had been plotted incorrectly when the system was updated. This short section will now be resurfaced next financial year as it is considered that although it is rough and beyond patching, the defect is not sufficiently severe to warrant an urgent intervention. Councillor Carrick thanked the Treasurer Chris Hoy and Councillor Tim Wright for highlighting this issue and for the research they both did. The Highways system will now be updated to reflect this information accurately.
		RESOLVED that it be noted that now the ownership of the highway near the junction of Seat Hill has been identified as Highways, the section will now be resurfaced next financial year.
	e. Rubbish (possibly hazardous) near the Swimming Pool. (Last minute 24/256).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the rubbish has gone, as well as the van but the trailer is still on the land near the swimming pool.
f. Big Lazonby Village Hall Get together (Last minute 24/255).	RESOLVED that Councillors Maralyn Wade and Phillip Whitehead will attend the Lazonby Village Hall get together on 15 th February 2025, on behalf of the Parish Council to promote the Parish Council and to deal with any parishioners queries.	

25/11	<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> <p>1. Budget consultation 2025/26 The budget consultation was launched at the Cabinet meeting on 17 December 2024. It seeks views on two key proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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% • Apply an inflationary uplift of 1.7% on our discretionary fees and charges (this increase allows us to generate extra income from paid for services and does not affect your Council Tax). The consultation closed on Friday 17th January and the council’s response to this consultation will be presented to Cabinet on Tuesday 11th February in advance of the annual budget meeting to be held on Thursday 27th February. <p>2. Devolution At a special meeting of the Cabinet held on 9 January, it was agreed that the council would join the Devolution Priority Programme, resulting in the commencement of a Government led consultation on the creation of a Mayoral Strategic Authority, noting that a final decision will require further decision making by the council in autumn 2025. The decision as to whether or not the council’s application to join the Devolution Priority Programme will be accepted is expected on Thursday 6 February. Government acceptance would result in the commencement of a Government led consultation on the creation of a Mayoral Strategic Authority, noting that a final decision will require further decision-making by both Westmorland and Furness and Cumberland Councils in autumn 2025.</p> <p>3. Wheeled Bin Trial Feedback from the Community Conversation survey has indicated many residents in parts of the Eden area are interested in seeing how wheelie bins could work instead of the current blue bag system for general waste. A trial will commence in early March in the south and east of Penrith in the Carleton Meadows involving 550 properties of mixed housing types and access arrangements. There will be an ongoing review of performance during the trial which will be evaluated after a period of about six months in terms of costs and efficiencies and resident satisfaction.</p> <p>4. Inaugural meeting of the Hesket and Lazonby Place Action Group This took place on Thursday 12th December at 4 pm by Teams. It set out the aims and objectives of the newly introduced Place Action Groups and conducted an initial assessment of what people value about where they live to try to inform some priorities going forward. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th February at 4 pm.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.</p>
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25/12	Parish Projects:	
	a. Egg Packing Station Housing Project.	<p>The Council considered the closure of the Egg Packing Station Housing Project. Unfortunately, the Parish Council have had to stop proceeding with the Egg Packing Station Housing Project, after consulting with and having the total agreement of all involved parties in the project over the past few months. Unfortunately, delays in funding decisions after Local Government restructuring and escalating on site building costs meant that the project is sadly no longer viable. The Parish Council would like to thank past and present Parish Councillors who were involved in the project over the last six years. The Parish Council are now dealing with all actions needed to close down the project.</p> <p>It was recommended that the CONFIDENTIAL Minutes of the Parish Council's Meeting on the 4th December 2024 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the announcement about the closure of the Egg Packing Station Housing project be noted with thanks to all those that were involved in the project over the last 6 years.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk and Chair will liaise over a news release for the Parish Council Newsletter.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council need to tie up the loose ends of the project up and deal with any unspent grant in a confidential part of the March 2025 Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the CONFIDENTIAL Minutes of the Parish Council's Meeting on the 4th December 2024 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
	B. Donation Box at Eden Bridge Car Park.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the cairn donation box will not be built until the Eden Bridge car park is resurfaced in the Spring of 2025.
	c. Resurfacing of Eden Bridge Car Park.	<p>The Council received an update on the resurfacing of Eden Bridge Car Park. Councillor Phillip Whitehead has been researching the options and costs for the resurfacing. There are two main options - option 1) for a contractor to put down concrete mats then stones but this would cost at least £80,000. Option 2) not have the concrete mats but would have the current surface dragged back, silt nets temporarily put in to stop any debris getting into the river, and then relaid with the old stones mixed in with new stones. This would be carried out by volunteers including Parish Council members. Option 2 would cost approximately £4000 to £4500 for materials and machinery hire only, and take a couple of days to do. The work would be carried out from the end of April 2025 onwards.</p> <p>Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick explained that there is some funding available that could be applied for through the Place Action Group (PAG) for up to £3000. Councillor Craig Wilkinson in his role as Chair and delegated Project leader, will work with Councillor Phillip Whitehead and Councillor Hilary Carrick to secure the money. The rest of the funding will come from the Parish Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to the cheaper Option 2) which would mean the current surface dragged back, silt nets temporarily put in to stop any debris getting into the river, and then relaid with the old stones mixed in with new stones at a cost of approximately £4000 to £4500, and carried out</p>

		<p>by volunteers.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillors Craig Wilkinson and Philip Whitehead be given delegated authority to help Councillor Hilary Carrick secure the funding through PAG to help towards funding the resurfacing of the Eden Bridge car park.</p>
25/13	Parish Maintenance:	
	a. Flooding Issues in the Parish.	<p>The Council received an update about the flooding issues in the parish from Councillor Hilary Carrick. Story Homes are continuing to assess what is needed in respect of the culvert within the Meadows development and it is understood that they are preparing to submit an application for an Ordinary Watercourse Land Drainage consent to Westmorland and Furness's Flood and Coastal Risk Management Team. This would be necessary for work to be carried out on the watercourse.</p> <p>The Environment Agency have been collecting information on potential risk areas that might benefit from Natural Flood Management and Lazonby has been put forward as one of those areas. However, the list of these areas is long and each area will need to go through an assessment process to see if they meet the criteria for funding from the EA. Westmorland and Furness Council will do as much as it can, but this will be dependent on funding, which at this stage can't be guaranteed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the update about the culvert at The Meadows, and the work that the Environmental Agency are doing be noted.</p>
	b. Footpaths in the Village.	<p>The Council received an update about issues on the footpaths in the village. The broken cover/grate on the pavement near the Midland pub was first reported approximately a year ago to United Utilities, who are responsible for its repair. Highways have now sent a further defect notice to them about this issue. It would appear that manhole covers are not recorded on United Utilities system which is why they have not been able to identify the defect.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that If this is not resolved by United Utilities soon Highways will rectify the problem on this occasion on safety grounds.</p>
	c. Parish Tree Survey.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the parish tree survey is still ongoing.
	d. Damaged Fence at Eden Bridge Car Park.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the damaged fence will be repaired when the car park surface is redone.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that a copy of the quote for the fence repairs needs to be made available to the driver who crashed into the fence.</p>
	e. Damaged Fence at Bateman Lane.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the damaged fence at Bateman Lane will now be repaired when the other fence is repaired at Eden Bridge car park.
	f. Repairs at Will Pool.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Councillor Phillip Whitehead will liaise with the volunteer who said he would kindly repair the pond dipping platform at Will Pool, with the Parish Council paying for the cost of materials.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the information board still needs to be looked at to see how it can be repaired.</p>

		<p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Hilary Carrick made the Parish Council aware of funding of £500 available for environmental improvements which could go towards the revamp of Will Pool.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Phillip Whitehead will ask an expert he knows to give an ecology report on the site which will help with securing funding.</p>
	g. Recycling Centre.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council thank Councillor Marlayn Wade and her partner for dealing with yet more illegal fly tipping at the recycling centre, and keeping it clean while the usual volunteers have been away.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council thank the recycling centre volunteers who continue to maintain the recycling centre on a regular basis.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk will ask Westmorland & Furness Council if they can empty the cardboard skips as they are full.</p>
	h. Other Maintenance Issues in the Parish.	<p>The Parish Council discussed the following maintenance issues in the parish:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dog Fouling issues - to look at establishing a new stop dog fouling poster campaign in the near future
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED that Councillor Ryan Wilson-Lane be given delegated authority to look into a new stop dog fouling poster campaign for the parish
25/14	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	<p>The Council received a report from the Treasurer for December 2024 & January 2025 (please see attached Treasurer's Report).</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his monthly report for December 2024 & January 2025 (see attached report), the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.</p>
25/15	Banking Signatories.	<p>The Council considered the Treasurer and Secretary request for the Council to approve an increase in the number of signatories in order to provide more cover for authorising the Council's financial commitments. At least two more signatures would be required since the loss of a few Councillors recently. They will need to go into the bank and give them identification and fill in any relevant paperwork.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors Maralyn Wade and Phillip Whitehead agreed to take on the role of the Parish Council signatories.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Treasurer Chris Hoy will liaises with Councillors Wade and Whitehead over the process of becoming the bank signatories.</p>
25/16	Staff Pay scales.	<p>The Council considered the possibility of increasing the level of the pay scales for the Parish Council Clerk and Financial Officer/Treasurer, the Clerk sent the following report to the Parish Council prior to the meeting, and also tabled it at the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk and Treasurer/RFO's Increased one pay scale in July 2017 from their original starting Wage. The Clerk started in August 2008 and the Treasurer February 2012.

- The Clerks original contract in 2008 states “*Subject to satisfactory service, you will progress through the salary scale by annual increments until you reach the maximum of the scale, payable on the 1ST April each year.*” However, the rewritten contract made in June 2017 stated “*One salary point will be added to your salary, up to a maximum of four points, for success in obtaining or already holding any of the following relevant qualifications: The Certificate in Local Council Administration Certificate of Higher Education in Community Engagement and Governance - Level 1 or equivalent qualification previously awarded by the University of Gloucestershire the Certificate of Higher Education in Community Engagement and Governance or equivalent qualification previously awarded by the University of Gloucestershire the Diploma in Higher Education in Community Engagement and Governance or equivalent qualification previously awarded by the University of Gloucestershire BA (Hons) Degree in Community Engagement and Governance or equivalent qualification previously awarded by the University of Gloucestershire.*”

The above points are all that is mentioned in the revised contract about what is assumed pay scales. However, in hindsight, this now seems unfair as obtaining these qualifications would not be easy regarding accessibility, or even affordability for the staff. Although the Clerk has a BA (Hons) Degree, and the Treasurer was a trained Accountant. Also, the pay scales have also changed regarding how they were presented and were renumbered a few years ago.

- The Clerks hours were increased in April 2020 plus also paid extra 2 hours for meetings but not the scale. The Treasurer/RFO remained at his original hours and already received 2 hours for meetings.
- The Clerk and Treasurer/RFO are currently Pay scale 7 (£13.26 an hour at £25,585 per annum). Currently, most Clerk/RFO jobs are offering between 13 and 18 depending on experience. Some higher.

*SCP	Per Annum	Hourly pay
13*	£28,163	£14.60
14	£28,624	£14.84
15	£29,093	£15.08
16	£29,572	£15.33
17	£30,060	£15.58
18	£30,559	£15.84

“The Parish Councillors were also given pay scale information for 2024/2025 and the information on current Clerk vacancies and what wages are being offered to new Clerks/RFO’s.

- Currently, the Clerk works 12 hrs plus 20 hrs per annum for 10 meetings (2 hours per meeting). The Treasurer/RFO works 2 hours per week plus 20 hrs each per annum for 10 meetings (also 2 hours per meeting).
- The Treasurer/RFO has included a possible rise in pay in next year’s Budget under - *Pay Review Pending (up to £2 an hour = £1633 increase)* after the Clerk asked the Parish Council if they could review the pay scales at the end of last year (2024).

		<p>It was recommended that the information is reviewed by the Parish Council and discussed via email to be brought back to the March meeting. With the Increase coming into effect from April 2025.</p> <p>The Clerk and Treasurer/RFO, however, wanted the Parish Council to know that they have never felt undervalued in their treatment by the Parish Council and have always felt fully supported in their roles but they would like their pay scale to reflect the work they do.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council will review the information, including their current job descriptions and contracts, and discussed it via email and then bring it back to the March meeting, and if they decide to increase the staff pay scales then it will come into effect from April 2025.</p>
25/17	LPC Grant Application Update.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the Clerk has only received one up-to-date quote so far from the Village Hall regarding their grant application for CCTV however it was barely readable due to the size of the scan sent, so the Clerk has asked for a better copy and has reminded them that the Parish Council still need three quotes.
25/18	Authority for Payments.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no authority for payments to consider.
25/19	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no new Planning applications to consider.
25/20	Planning Applications – Decisions.	<p>RESOLVED that the following planning decision be noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Application Ref: 2024/1467/FPA - Proposed extension to form workshop and maintenance area, are Eden Valley Mineral Water Company, Armathwaite, Carlisle - Full Application APPROVED with Conditions.
<p>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.</p>		
25/21	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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The kerbsides in the village (main road) are accumulating grit and other materials that have made the angles of the kerb to the road about 45 degrees as opposed to a right angle. The worst section is about 100 metres in length from the junction of Fiddlers Lane turning right onto main road towards railway bridge passing the village noticeboard opposite the church. A clean sweep of the kerbs to remove the debris is required along the main thoroughfare of the village. Notable hotspots are outside the Village Hall and along the main road from Swimming Pool to the bridge (most likely cause recent flooding). 2. A large pot hole has appeared at the bottom of Station Road on the Give Way markings. Part of Station Road was repaired recently and probably has been disturbed due to its proximity to the repaired surface. 3. Large pot hole on Fiddlers Lane just before the Give Way markings at the main road junction. The main road is also breaking up and very uneven. (between the Church and Noticeboard).

		<p>4. Pot holes on main road from Swimming Pool to the bridge, just past the entrance to the Recycling Centre/Eden Bridge car park.</p> <p>5. 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 is so narrow. Would it be possible to put a “do not follow your stat nav” sign up to dissuade lorry drivers from taking that route.</p> <p>6. Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick has reported the faded road markings at the junction of Scarrows Lane and Fiddlers Lane. These were reported a while ago and are the list for action when the next batch of line marking is carried out.</p> <p>7. Inconsiderate parking on Rectory Lane - Highways will review the possibility of introducing further parking restrictions on Rectory Lane next financial year, to help improve visibility</p> <p>8. A delivery lorry did considerable damage to the culvert in School Lane. The Lorry’s front wheel went into the culvert when a U-turn was attempted which failed and it had to be towed out Parishioners kindly put 2 blue pallets over the resulting holes as a safety measure.</p> <p>1. RESOLVED that the Council ask Highways if they can give the affected kerb areas on the main road a sweep and clean away the build up of grit and other debris.</p> <p>2. RESOLVED that the Pot hole at the bottom of Station road be reported to Highways.</p> <p>3. RESOLVED that the large pot hole on Fiddlers Lane be reported to Highways</p> <p>4. RESOLVED that Pot holes on main road from Swimming Pool to the bridge, just past the entrance to the Recycling Centre/Eden Bridge car park be reported to Highways.</p> <p>5. RESOLVED that the drain issues on Scarrows be reported to Highways and also ask Highways if a “do not follow your stat nav” sign can be put up to dissuade lorry drivers from using the lane.</p> <p>6. RESOLVED that it be noted that the faded road markings at the junction of Scarrows Lane and Fiddlers Lane have been reported to Highways and are on the list for action when the next batch of line marking is carried out.</p> <p>7. RESOLVED that Highways will review the possibility of introducing further parking restrictions on Rectory Lane next financial year, to help improve visibility</p> <p>8. RESOLVED that the damage to the culvert in School Lane has been reported to Highways who have been out to put barriers around it until they can do the work to repair it.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hillary Carrick will ask Highways if the Environmental Agency have been notified about the broken culvert.</p>
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25/22	Updating Policies.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the Clerk is currently updating the Parish Council policies to include Westmorland & Furness Council's name and reloading them to the website, and the Clerk is still working on updating the Financial Regulations ready for approval.
25/23	Invitations to Participate.	<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"> 1. Place Action Group (PAG) Meeting online for Hesket and Lazonby - Thursday 6th February 2025 – Councillor Craig Wilkinson will be attending. 2. WAF Electric Vehicle Infrastructure - Public Questionnaire - Help shape the future of charging infrastructure in Westmorland and Furness by taking part in our short questionnaire. Input will help them understand local needs and ensure charging solutions are accessible, reliable, and tailored to our community. It only takes a few minutes, but your feedback will make a lasting impact. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wfEVI - The survey will close on Sunday 2nd March 2025 <p>RESOLVED that invitations to participate be noted.</p>
25/24	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 Training Information. 3. NALC Legal Bulletins. 4. Influencing Rural Issues Survey 2024 - responses had to be submitted by the 13th January 2025. 5. Railway 200 Event Information. 6. Latest News from Eden Rivers Trust - winter 2024. 7. Cumbria Local Nature Partnership News – Dec 2024. 8. Improved Bus services for Cumbria Information - 20 council funded bus services to hit the road next year From Spring 2025, communities will benefit from bus service improvements that will provide better access to employment, education and essential services 9. CALC News for September & October 2025. 10. Copyright Issues for Parish Council Websites Information. 11. VE Day Guidance. 12. Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Property Fund information. 13. NALC Survey - MHCLG recently issued a local government standards consultation – respond by 2nd Feb 2025. 14. Westmorland and Furness and Cumberland Councils have agreed to join the Government's Devolution Priority Programme - the councils were invited to join the Priority Programme after earlier expressing interest in exploring what greater devolution of powers could mean in Cumbria. The new Government has set out its intention to widen devolution across England, giving regions more powers and decision-making over matters such as economic development, transport, employment support, planning, and housing. 15. Library Services Survey – the deadline was 31st Jan 2025. 16. BT Digital Voice switchover webinar Information.

		<p>17. 2025 Upcoming Events for Charities & Community Groups in Westmorland & Furness Information.</p> <p>18. CUMBRIA CVS - Volunteer Fair - Weds 12th Feb 16:00-17:30 - Westmorland Campus Kendal College.</p> <p>19. Westmorland & Furness Council Housing Strategy to address local needs Council approves new Housing Strategy aimed at ensuring everyone in the area has access to high-quality, affordable, and sustainable housing.</p> <p>20. Waste Community Conversations Update.</p> <p>21. Refugees, Evacuees and Asylum Seekers - Grant Funding Information.</p> <p>22. Moving over to a gov.uk domain – new guidance on GOV.UK.</p> <p>23. Carer Support Carlisle & Eden Spring 2025 Newsletter.</p> <p>24. Westmorland & Furness commit to keeping its Council Tax Reduction Scheme for those in need Information.</p> <p>25. Westmorland & Furness Council’s Five-year Highways Strategy - The council looks after a highway network of over 2,600 miles, as well as 1,400 miles of footpaths and cycleways, more than 2,000 bridges and structures like culverts and retaining walls, 72,000 drainage gullies and 20,000 streetlights, all with a combined estimated value of £4 billion and all important in connecting people and places right across Westmorland and Furness. The Highway Asset Management Strategy agreed last week by the council’s Cabinet (21 January), details how the council will work to manage the network, considering the condition of the highways, public needs and local priorities and making best use of available resources. The strategy will guide how the council invests in the highway network and will shape how it delivers its highway services.</p>
25/25	Date of the Next Meeting.	RESOLVED that the next scheduled Lazonby Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 5 th March 2025, at 7.30 pm, in the Jubilee Room, in the Village Hall.

The meeting finished at 9.50 pm.