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## LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes

**For the Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025, in Lazonby Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Chair Councillor Phillip Whitehead.

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

Also in attendance: Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick, The Treasurer to the Council Chris Hoy, the Clerk to the Council Rebecca Wyatt, and 2 parishioners.

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
25/173	<b>Apologies for absence.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that there were no apologies received.
25/174	<b>The Filling of Council Member Vacancies.</b>	The Council considered any nominations to co-opt new Council Members onto the Parish. There were no nominations at present. <b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there were no new nominations at present but the Parish Council would continue to seek new Parish Councillors to fill the remaining four seats.
25/175	<b>Requests for Dispensations.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that no requests were received by the Clerk since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.
25/176	<b>Declaration of Interest.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillor Phillip Whitehead declared a personal interest in matters concerning the Egg Packing Housing Project.
25/177	<b>Matters of Urgency.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there were no matters of urgency to consider.
25/178	<b>Public Participation.</b>	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"> <li>1. A parishioner has reported a broken drain grate outside of Oswald View which has been reported to Highways already.</li> <li>2. Another broken drain grate has been reported, just below Townhead in Main Street.</li> <li>3. A parishioner has expressed concerns about the recent signage put out for road works being confusing.</li> <li>4. A parishioner reported that a metal memorial bench on the road to Carlisle had been vandalised and the George IV memorial plaque on it has been stolen.</li> </ol> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the broken drain grate outside Oswald View, and the broken drain grate below Townhead in Main Street will be discussed later on in the meeting in the 'Roads in the Parish' agenda item. <b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the complaint about the confusing road works signs be discussed later on in the meeting in the 'Highways' agenda item.

		<b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the issue of the vandalised metal bench be discussed later on in the meeting in the 'other maintenance issues in the parish' agenda item.
<b>25/179</b>	Broadband in the Parish.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that B4RN is still undergoing the setting up of the project and are currently looking for further investment.
<b>25/180</b>	<b>Report from the local Police.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Eden Focus Police Newsletter for Eden Rural and the Penrith & Alston Police Newsletter June & July 2025, and July & August 2025 be noted.  <b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that Councillor Ryan Wilson-Lane will be attending the Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge virtual meeting on Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> of September 2025, and Councillor Wilson-Lane will ask that they include the Clerk in any future correspondence.
<b>25/181</b>	<b>Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025.</b>	It was recommended that the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.
		<b>RESOLVED</b> that Council's Meeting Minutes of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.
<b>25/182</b>	<b>Progress Reports on Recent Actions.</b>	The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025.
	<b>a. Light on Village Hall (Last minute 25/156).</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the broken light will be removed from the village hall on 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2025, and taken away to be repaired; a date for its return is still to be organised but to note that it could be as late as December 2025 before it is returned to the village Hall.
	<b>b. Boat Users on the River Eden (Last minute 25/156).</b>	The Council received an update on the issues around boat users on the River Eden from Councillor Andy Sharples. Councillor Sharples has written to the Westmorland & Furness Council Planners to ask them about the rafters using the canoeist ramp and the area for their equipment. Concerns were also raised about the use of the area as a whole by the rafters regarding camping on the over flow car park at the swimming pool, no suitable sanitation facilities, parking of the rafters vehicles, disturbing wildlife along the river, disturbing the gravel bottom of the river and spawning fish when launching in very low water because of dragging and using paddles among other issues.
		<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council agreed to send a letter to the rafters pointing out the current issues that are concerning the Parish Council regarding their use of the canoeist steps and the stretch of water that the Parish Council have the rights to, and to make it clear that they need the Parish Council's permission to use the access steps as they own them too; also if the outcome of the planning enquiry indicates there is a breach of the planning permission the rafters will have to stop their activities from the steps immediately.  <b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Council will also investigate who owns the land that the rafters store their equipment and use while they are rafting.
<b>c. Fundraising help for Friends of Lazonby School (Last minute 25/156).</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that there were no further updates about the Parish Councils involvement in the fundraising for the School playground.  <b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk contact the Friends of Lazonby School to let them know that although the Parish Council had sought advice and were not able to fund the school through their annual grants programme, Councillor Ryan Wilson-Lane was still happy to help them fundraise for their school playground project.	

<p>25/183</p>	<p><b>Report from the Westmorland &amp; Furness Councillor.</b></p>	<p>The Council received a report from Westmorland &amp; Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick about Westmorland &amp; Furness matters affecting the Parish.</p> <p><b>Devolution</b>  The Government ran an 8-week statutory public consultation from 17<sup>th</sup> February to 13<sup>th</sup> April on the proposal to establish a Cumbria Mayoral Combined Authority which would include the local government areas of Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Councils. The results of that consultation are now in the public domain and can be viewed on the council's website.</p> <p>1325 responses were received countywide; 1236 from members of the public and 89 from a range of organisations including 20 voluntary, community and faith sector representatives, 6 Parish and Town Councils, both Unitary Councils, 34 Businesses and 5 Academic establishments and 22 other.</p> <p>It is important to bear in mind these figures as the responses quoted in the report are presented as percentages which does not accurately reflect the outcome. However, in very general terms, the majority of the public were against an MCA but academics and the business sector were broadly in favour. The English Devolution and Empowerment Bill which makes provision for the creation of combined authorities was published on 10<sup>th</sup> July and is currently passing through the House of Commons. At the beginning of July the Leaders of both Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness Councils wrote to the Minister to request a deferral of any mayoral election in Cumbria from 2026 to May 2027. The decision as to whether or not Westmorland and Furness supports the formation of a Mayoral Combined Authority for Cumbria will be taken at a specially arranged meeting of the Cabinet on 29<sup>th</sup> September in Kendal.</p> <p><b>Waste Review</b>  Since inheriting three very different services from the former local authorities, Westmorland and Furness Council has the ambition to deliver a harmonised waste and recycling collection service for its residents. Following extensive public engagement and consultation, the outcome of the options appraisal, and Outline Business Case to for the future of the waste service, Cabinet will consider the proposed delivery and service model for the harmonised collection of household residual waste, recycled and garden waste from households in Westmorland and Furness at its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September in Barrow. The recommendations are for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the roll out of an in-house waste and recycling collection service, meaning that when the current collection contracts in the Eden area expire that the service be transferred in-house and not re-tendered.</li> <li>• the adoption of two weekly residual waste collection using a 240 litre wheeled bin.</li> <li>• the adoption of a two weekly recycling kerbside collection scheme utilising 2 x 180 litre wheeled bins.</li> <li>• the provision of a bespoke service in areas that cannot adopt wheeled bins; and</li> <li>• Harmonising charges for Garden Waste for the 2026/27 financial year, as part of the Council's annual budget setting process. Any proposed changes to fees and charges will be presented for approval, as part of the budget report, to Full Council in February 2026.</li> </ul> <p><b>Call for sites.</b>  The outcome of the call for sites is not yet open for public consultation.</p>
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		<p><b>Place Action Group.</b> Next meeting of the group will be on Thursday 25 September from 5-Pam via Teams. There is more funding available for next financial year - £7,000 so Councillor Hilary Carrick would welcome suggestions for any projects that the Parish Council would like to have supported.</p>
		<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Westmorland &amp; Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.</p>
<b>25/184</b>	<b>Parish Projects:</b>	
	<b>a. Will Pool Revamp.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillor Phillip Whitehead will talk to the volunteer to see if they are still able to carry out the repairs at Will Pool.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the new information board has been erected at Will Pool to replace the old one which was in disrepair.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the Flag Iris removal should be done in the Spring.</p>
	<b>b. Donation Box at Eden Bridge Car Park.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the donation box at Eden Bridge car park is still ongoing and will be made once the car park has been resurfaced.</p>
	<b>c. Resurfacing of Eden Bridge Car Park.</b>	<p>The Council received an update on the resurfacing of Eden Bridge Car Park. Councillor Phillip Whitehead reported that the project is still progressing although there have now been several delays to the starting date for various reasons. To ensure the Parish Council has the right permissions, Councillor Hillary Carrick is giving the plans of the Eden Bridge car park resurfacing project to the Planning Dept at Westmorland &amp; Furness Council to see if any planning permission is needed, although it is thought that it is likely to be under permitted development. Then the Environmental Agency will be given the necessary work request form once the planning permission part of the project has been resolved. It is believed the funding that has already been promised to the Parish Council towards the project will be fine to use next year instead of this year. In the meantime it was reported that some of the potholes have been temporarily filled in.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Parish Council agreed to the additional work being carried out to make sure that the resurfacing project at Eden Bridge car park is legally approved.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the report regarding the Eden Bridge resurfacing project be noted with thanks to Councillor Phillip Whitehead and Councillor Hilary Carrick.</p>
<b>25/185</b>	<b>Parish Maintenance:</b>	
	<b>a. Land at the Old School.</b>	<p>The Council received information about the urgent removal of several problem trees adjacent to the newly repaired/built wall on Parish Council land near the Old School.</p> <p>It was also recommended that the Members be asked to confirm that an E Mail exchange took place where the Parish Council agreed to ask a tree surgeon to urgently remove several problem trees adjacent to the wall on Parish Council land near the Old School.</p> <p>The Council also discussed other issues that need to be resolved on the Parish Council's land near the Old school now the wall has been repaired/built. The Parish Council discussed their concerns about back filling now the wall is finished as they do not want the weight of the soil to</p>

	<p>damage the wall.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the urgent removal of the problem trees has now been carried out by the tree surgeon.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Members of the Parish Council confirmed that an E Mail exchange took place where they agreed to ask a tree surgeon to urgently remove several problem trees adjacent to the wall on Parish Council land near the Old School.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Council will seek advice to see how best to resolve the back filling issue.</p>
<b>b. Flooding Issues in the Parish.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there have been delays in the work to resolve the flooding issues around Meadow Close, and the window to carry out any work has passed until next year now.
<b>c. Roads in the Parish.</b>	<p>The Council received an update on the following road/Highways issues in the Parish from Westmorland &amp; Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The resurfacing on Station Road.</li> <li>2. Parking Issues on Rectory Hill outside the Bowling Club. The Council discussed the possibilities of a consultation, the times of year the parking causes issues the most and possible signage.</li> <li>3. Blocked drain on Rectory Hill, which has not been repaired since a barricade was put around it several months ago.</li> <li>4. Build up of gravel on the roads outside the co-op, the Church, and at the junction with Scarrows Lane and the main road out of the village.</li> <li>5. Broken street drain grate covering outside of Oswald View.</li> <li>6. Broken drain grate below Townhead in Main Street.</li> <li>7. Drains at the bottom of the steps near the cottage at the bottom of the village, where Eden Valley Players keep their props, has been blocked which caused the cottage to flood recently. It is full of silt.</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that Highways are waiting for the funding to resurface Station Road this financial year.</li> <li>2. <b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillor Hilary Carrick will consult with Westmorland &amp; Furness Council about further solutions for the parking issues on Rectory Hill outside the bowling Club.</li> <li>3. <b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the blocked drain on Rectory Hill has now been fixed.</li> <li>4. <b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the build up of gravel on the roads outside the co-op, the Church, and at the junction with Scarrows Lane and the main road out of the village is due to be swept by a sweeping machine</li> <li>5. <b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the broken street drain grate covering outside of Oswald View has been reported to Highways already and the work is still to be done.</li> <li>6. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the broken drain grate below Townhead in Main Street be reported to Highways.</li> <li>7. <b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the drain is owned by United Utilities and should be reported to them.</li> </ol>

	<b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report regarding the updates on Highways issues, the contents of which were noted.
<b>d. Footpaths in the Village.</b>	<p>The Council received an update about the state of the footpaths in the village.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Current issues regarding pavements that were reported to Highways and reported at the May 2025 Meeting of the Parish Council.</li> <li>2. Deteriorating pavement surface located on the corner of Fern Lea.</li> </ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that some of the issues have been resolved others will not be done as they are not seen as necessary.</li> <li>2. <b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the deteriorating pavement surface located on the corner of Fern Lea is on the programme for repairs for October 2025.</li> </ol> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that Westmorland &amp; Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report regarding the updates on footpath issues, the contents of which were noted.</p>
<b>e. Parish Tree Survey.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the parish tree survey is still ongoing
<b>f. Damaged Fence at Eden Bridge Car Park.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the repairs of the damaged fence is still ongoing due to the delay in the resurfacing project.
<b>g. Damaged Fence at Bateman Lane.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted, as reported at the last meeting, the damaged fence at Bateman Lane is still to be repaired when Councillor Phillip Whitehead has the time to repair it.
<b>h. Recycling Centre.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that more flytipping has been reported at the Eden Bridge Recycling Centre which has been reported to Westmorland &amp; Furness Council who are investigating the culprits after evidence was found.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the Parish Council would like to thank again the kind volunteers who do a weekly clear up at the recycling centre.</p>
<b>i. Other Maintenance Issues in the Parish.</b>	<p>The Council considered the following maintenance issue in the parish:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Vandalised bench</b> – As reported earlier in the meeting a metal memorial bench on the road to Carlisle had been vandalised and the George IV memorial plaque on it had been stolen.</li> <li>2. <b>Water on road</b> – water has been pooling the road between the swimming pool and Eden Bridge. It was reported to United Utilities who investigated and found out that it was not from any of their infrastructure.</li> </ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council agreed that they would like to replace the memorial bench with a new bench, as the metal bench is no longer safe, and replace the George IV memorial plaque.</li> </ol> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the vandalism of the metal bench and the theft of the George IV memorial plaque be reported to the Police.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Council would try to find out from the local community if anyone knew what the original wording was on the George IV memorial plaque so it can be replicated.</p>

		<p><b>2. RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that Highways is now investigating the report of water pooling on the road between the swimming pool and Eden Bridge, although the pooling water had now dried up.</p>
25/186	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	<p>The Council received a report from the Treasurer for July &amp; August 2025 (please see attached Treasurer's Report).</p> <p>It was reported that the village hall has completed the work regarding installing CCTV on the Village Hall, so now the Parish Council need certain assurances and paperwork before they can release the grant funding.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Treasurer be thanked for his monthly report for July &amp; August 2025 (see attached report), the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that a member of the village hall committee, who was present at the meeting, has said that the Village hall has been registered with ISO since July 2025 and will give the Parish Council a copy of the registration.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the member of the Village Hall Committee, who was present, said that they did not need a license for the CCTV but they will ask the installer of the CCTV to put this in writing on headed paper so that the Parish Council have proof of this for their own records, and that they will provide a receipt for the work carried out.</p>
25/187	Employment contract.	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the Chair Councillor Phillip Whitehead and the Treasurer Chris Hoy both signed the Clerks new employment contract in the presence of the Parish Council.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that a signed hard copy of the Clerk and the Treasurer's new employment contracts will be kept in the Parish Council filing cabinet, and a signed copy will be kept by the Clerk and Treasurer.</p>
25/188	Staff Appraisals.	<p>The Council considered the organising of the staff appraisals for the Clerk and Treasurer. After the recent employment contract renewal of both the Clerk and Treasurer, it was ensured that the staff appraisals were included in the new contract to be given on an annual basis in September. However, the Council were open to deferring it as long as the staff knew that was the Councils intention and it was the staff's decision to defer their appraisals if required.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council agreed to the Clerk and Treasurer deferring their staff appraisals to a later date, with the Clerk having her appraisal after the October 2025 meeting of the Parish Council, and the Treasurer at a date he was available in the near future.</p>
25/189	Staff Pay Rises.	<p>The Council considered the staff annual pay rise increases. The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) have finally agreed this years' pay rise, an increase of 48 pence an hour from £15.08 to £15.56 on Scale Point 15 equating to a 3.2% uplift. This will be paid back valued from 1st April 2025. The Clerk will receive an extra one off payment of £128.80, being 5 months hours at an increase of 48 pence per hour. The new monthly pay will be paid on 1st October from £809.29 to £835.05 an increase of £25.76 a month. The Treasurer will receive an extra payment of £26.80 being 5 months hours at an increase of 48 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 £168.39 to £173.75 an increase of £5.36 a month, paid value 1st October. In accordance with the Councils Financial Regulations the Treasurer will be paid by bank cheque in the new year.</p>

		<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council agree to increase of 48 pence an hour from £15.08 to £15.56 on Scale Point 15 equating to a 3.2% uplift, with the new monthly pay to be paid on 1st October from £809.29 to £835.05 an increase of £25.76 a month for the Clerk; and the Treasurers new monthly payment will increase from £168.39 to £173.75 an increase of £5.36 a month.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Council agree to the Clerk and Treasurer receiving their back pay from April 2025, with a one off payment of £128.80, to the Clerk for the last 5 months via bank transfer; and the Treasurer a one off payment of £26.80 for the last 5 months, which he will be paid in the new year in amalgamation with his annual expenses claim.</p>
25/190	<b>Employers National Insurance.</b>	<p>The Council received an update on the Employers National Insurance Tax. NALC and CALC had made some earlier warnings that the Employers NI Tax increases (from April 6 to 2025) may affect Parish Councils. Despite attempts to persuade central government otherwise this will be the case. To remind Councillors and parishioners, the employers' threshold has been lowered from £9100 to £5000 and the rate of increase from 13.8% to 15%. All Parish and Town Councils will not be included in a package (from the Treasury) to compensate public sector bodies for the rise. The policy set by the Chancellor is to compensate those who are direct public sector employees funded out of public money. Parish Councils are not directly funded by central government and so do not fall into this category. This has an implication that is substantial to these bodies who primarily employ part time staff. At present the Treasurer had made no provision in our Budget prior to this information. The cost to the Parish before the increase was £26.26 per annum, it is expected to increase to £750 after all the pay rises have been implemented. Whilst this is currently unfunded enough capacity in the existing Budget i.e.: bank interest receipts and a generous ceiling in the Lazonby Pool Service Agreement is ample. This will be included in the new Budget (2026/27) under Operating Costs. HMRC previously accepted an annual payment for Employers NI, as this has substantially increased HMRC require immediate payments. The Treasurer has negotiated a deal with HMRC to pay quarterly with the first payment having been made on 18th August for £205.82.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the information regarding the employers National Insurance Tax increase be noted.</p>
<p><b>Towards the end of the confidential part of the Parish Council meeting, the Chair addressed the Parish Council present to ask if they wished to carry on business beyond the two-hour time limit for Parish Council meetings. It was RESOLVED to continue to complete all business on the agenda.</b></p>		
25/191	<b>Bank Fees.</b>	<p>The Council received information regarding the HSBC – Bank Monthly Service Fee Revision. Over the last couple of years HSBC have been charging a service fee for banking of £5 per month. A change of heart has been instigated by the giant corporation and with effect from 1st Sept these fees will be cancelled. The removal of these fees will save £60 per annum, however this does not apply to bank cheques which will still incur a 40 pence cost to write and then again to bank an item. Cheque issuance is very limited for the council, the exception being for the Treasurer, encashment of cheques at present being the Treasurers back valued pay and annual expenses and wayleave from NW Electricity whom the Treasurer pressures every year to update electronically.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the information regarding the HSBC – Bank Monthly Service Fee Revision be noted.</p>

25/192	<b>Authority for Payments.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> 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"> <li>1. The sum of £792.00 be paid to Nicol Landscapes Ltd for the urgent removal of some silver birch and a sycamore, on Parish Council land near the recently repaired boundary wall at the former Egg Packing Station. As this land adjacent belongs to the Parish Council it was important that it be cleared to provide a clear safe access for the residents behind the Old School. £132.00 is VAT which will be claimed next year. Total cost to Parish £660.00 (Bank Transfer No. 180).</li> <li>2. The sum of £628.00 to Heart of Cumbria for the work carried out to prepare and replace the information artwork on the indication board at the Will Pool (Bank Transfer No. 181).</li> <li>3. The sum of £5 to volunteer grass-cutter Geoff Wilson for the purchase of a new cable for one of the parish lawnmowers, purchased from end of line stock (Bank transfer no.182).</li> </ol>
25/193	<b>Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).</b>	<p>The Council considered the following Planning Application.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Planning Application Ref:</b> 2025/1398/HOU - Proposed alterations and extension to dwelling to create additional accommodation at first floor level, Hazelbank, Lazonby, Penrith CA10 1AT.</li> </ol> <hr/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council had <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b> to planning application ref: 2025/1398/HOU - Proposed alterations and extension to dwelling to create additional accommodation at first floor level, Hazelbank, Lazonby, Penrith CA10 1AT.</li> </ol>
25/194	<b>Planning Applications – Decisions.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the following planning application decision be noted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Planning Application Ref: 2025/0873/HOU</b> – (Householder) Proposed first floor side extension, at 5 Croft Close, Lazonby , Penrith CA10 1AL – <b>APPROVED with conditions.</b></li> </ol>
25/195	<b>Reports on any Highways Issues.</b>	<p>The Council received and discussed the following Highways issues brought up by parishioners in the public participation agenda item.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Confusing road works signage</b> - traffic Regulation Order was issued by Westmorland &amp; Furness Council for a road closure for works at High Bank Hill, Kirkoswald from 26th – 28th August 2025. It was reported that the key pieces of information missing from the signage was the location of the road closure to which each sign refers, and the dates and times on which the closure applied. Road users were being misinformed and unnecessarily inconvenienced by the signage placed at least 36 hours before the regulated works were due to commence as well as during the works. The closure was actually two miles away, with at least four or even five significant road junctions between the road signs illustrated and the road closure. The diversion as signed ‘VIA A6’ was particularly unhelpful to parishioners wishing to travel to Croglin and Alston from Lazonby. The point was made that, if the signs had informed road users of the location of the works, users could have made their own decision as to what alternative routes they should take to their destination. The Parish Council also received a report that the same road closure was signed in the same unhelpful way on the B6413 at Brampton which is 15 miles and many road junctions to the north of the regulated works. The result being that the parishioner reporting this made an unnecessarily long diversion via Carlisle to reach</li> </ol>

		<p>Lazonby. It is understood that no statutory notices were displayed adjacent to signage stating where the road was closed or what was the route of the signed diversion.</p> <p>2. The Council also received information about a temporary Road Closure - Meadow Close, Lazonby – on 08/09/25. A temporary road closure has been put in place to allow Story Homes to carry out utility works which are expected to commence 8th September 2025 and anticipated to take 3 weeks to complete.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Meadow Close, Lazonby adjacent to a property known as Number 27 Meadow Close, extending in a south easterly direction for approx. 15 metres.</p> <p><b>Alternative Route:</b> There is no suitable alternative route available for vehicles. A way for pedestrians and dismounted cyclists will be maintained at all times. Passage for Emergency Vehicles will be maintained where required for the duration of this restriction.</p>
		<p>1. <b>RESOLVED</b> that written representation should be made to Highways on recent confusing signing in Lazonby of a road closure in a neighbouring parish, requesting that in the future the issue of traffic regulation orders by the Highways Authority authorising the closure of roads should be conditional on signage being appreciative and respectful of parishioners'/road users' needs; and so that road users may avoid making unnecessary diversions and make their own arrangements for conforming with orders signage should clearly state the location and time and/or date of a road closure improved.</p> <p>2. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the information about a temporary Road Closure - Meadow Close, Lazonby – on 08/09/25 being put in place to allow Story Homes to carry out utility works which are expected to commence 8th September 2025 and anticipated to take 3 weeks to complete, be noted.</p>
25/196	<b>Risk Assessment.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Risk assessment is still ongoing and is currently being worked on by the Clerk and Councillor Phillip Whitehead.
25/197	<b>Wreath for Remembrance Day.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council will look into who can supply a Remembrance wreath from the Parish Council for Remembrance Day in November 2025.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Chair Councillor Phillip Whitehead and Vice-Chair Councillor Maralyn Wade would lay the wreath and attend the Remembrance service.</p>
25/198	<b>Lazonby History Archive.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council agree to a request to put a link to the Lazonby's history archive, on the Cumbria Local History Federation archive website, on the Parish Council's website.
25/199	<b>Community Engagement in Lazonby – Raising Awareness of Invasive Species.</b>	<p>The Council consider a request for permission to engage with the local community about raising awareness of invasive species, by setting up an information stand for a few hours at Eden Bridge car park.</p> <p>Eden Rivers Trust is reaching out to local Councils along the River Eden to discuss biosecurity measures and opportunities for public engagement. The Community Engagement Trainee at the Eden Rivers Trust, has been in contact as part of their role to raise awareness about Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) in the Eden catchment and promote the Check, Clean, Dry campaign to recreational users on rivers and lakes. They have explained that awareness is absolutely key to help prevent the spread of invasive around the Eden Catchment, so they would like to spread the word and engage with the public, visitors and potential recreational lake users in</p>

		<p>towns and villages along the River Eden to raise awareness of INNS and what they can do to help. They have requested permission to set up a small gazebo or stand in car park in Lazonby along the River Eden, providing information leaflets, invasive species ID guides and interactive displays for all ages. They have asked if late August or early September for a few hours be an acceptable time to do this. Also please let them know if the Parish Council has any questions or want more information about the campaign or our work.</p> <p>The Council also received information about the Eden Rivers Trust asking if they could clear up the Himalayan balsam along the river bank over the summer break. The Clerk agreed to it as it has been done in the past by parish volunteers and Councillors and therefore is something that need to be done. The Clerk did inform the Chair at the time who was happy for it to go ahead.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council agree to the request from Eden Rivers Trust for permission to set up a small gazebo or stand in car park in Lazonby along the River Eden, providing information leaflets, invasive species ID guides and interactive displays for all ages.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk inform the Eden Rivers Trust that they can go ahead with their request and if they needed it to be advertised it could be put on the Parish Councils social media page.</p>
<p><b>25/200</b></p>	<p><b>Invitations to Participate.</b></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"> <li><b>1. Westmorland &amp; Furness Parish &amp; Town Council Event: Streetworks and Permitting</b> - Over the last few years there has been a significant increase in work on the highway network. For decades Local Authorities have been campaigning for public and private sector investment in rural infrastructure, such as Broadband, Electricity, Highways, Bridges, Water Treatment to name a few. The good news is that over the last few years Cumbria has secured hundreds of millions in infrastructure investment - both through Government funding and private sector/commercial investment. This funding and investment has been welcomed - however this investment creates a new challenge of significant disruption on the highway network, impacting on businesses, residents and visitors. If you would like to know more about the investment across Westmorland and Furness and the role of the Council in Streetworks and Permitting, they are arranging a session for CALC's Parish and Town councils in Eden on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025, at 7 pm, where they will be available to give more information and answer your questions.</li> <li><b>2. Local Resilience Plans</b> - Colleagues from the voluntary sector and unitary authorities will deliver a conference on Resilience in Autumn 2025 and would like to extend an invite to any community that's interested in planning ahead for emergencies. They will cover a range of topics ranging from practical help for groups, learning from past events, and finding out about how the emergency services and other responders work in these situations. Most importantly, they want to help communities to prepare for the future and this will be a good starting point for anyone who's interested but isn't sure where to start. If you'd like to help to shape the event and would like to be invited when the time comes, then please visit their MS Form to apply. If you have any queries in the mean time please get in touch</li> </ol>

with the Community Resilience Coordinator.

3. **Invitation: Introduction to Age-friendly Communities Webinar – 10 September** - The Centre for Ageing Better is carrying out some excellent work with parish and town councils to help create and develop age-friendly communities. As part of this work, they are hosting an Introduction to Age-friendly Communities Webinar on Tuesday 10th September, 10:00–11:00am. This one-hour online session will: Explain the Age-friendly Communities framework; Share practical examples from UK members working to make their places better for people of all ages; and Offer guidance for councils, voluntary organisations, and health systems interested in taking first steps or strengthening their age-friendly approach.
4. **Cumbria Land-Based Skills Boot camp Questionnaire** - The Land & Nature Skills Service are exploring the demand to bring forward a land-based skills boot camp. In order to gather data, they have put together a very short questionnaire. Completion of the survey will enable construction of appropriate skills support based on need, and is much appreciated. Please fill this in if you can and feel free to share more widely.
5. **Invitation: Special presentation by Alex Scott, Cumbria’s Lord Lieutenant** – 8th September at 7pm on Teams. This strategy sets out the vision and direction of the Lord Lieutenancy’s work across our county. Please confirm attendance.
6. **Westmorland & Furness Council - Public Space Protection Order Consultation Council calls for views on proposed amendments of Public Space Protection Orders.** Residents are invited to share views on proposed amendments of Public Space Protection Orders which aim to support safer, cleaner, and more enjoyable outdoor spaces across Westmorland and Furness. In November 2024, the council introduced Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) to provide a consistent way for agencies to work together to address anti-social behaviour linked to fly-camping, irresponsible alcohol use, unsafe fires and barbecues, and dog issues such as fouling. The current Orders enable enforcement action against individuals causing nuisance in local communities, primarily on land owned by Westmorland and Furness Council. They also make it an offence to allow dog fouling on publicly accessible land and where dogs are required to be kept under control. Working together with partners including Cumbria Police, the Lake District National Park Authority, the National Trust and local groups, the council has identified even more areas where the Orders can be strengthened to better meet the needs of residents and visitors. Residents, businesses, and visitors are now invited to comment on these draft amendments that aim to tackle widespread problems with fly-camping on some National Trust owned land, and other related anti-social behaviour in areas of the Lakes. These include:
  1. **Dog Control Orders in Eden** - Amendments to the dog control order, including the addition of some Eden-based play areas to Schedule 3 (Dog Exclusion Zones), where dogs would not be permitted, helping to protect young children and families using these facilities. In addition, a new requirement for dogs to be kept on leads within 200 metres of the public highway in Eden.
  2. **Alcohol and Anti-Social Behaviour in Askam and Dalton** - An extension of the existing alcohol-related Public Space Protection

		<p>Order (PSPO) to cover Askam and Dalton. This extension aims to help tackle issues of public nuisance and anti-social behaviour linked to alcohol consumption.</p> <p>3. <b>Antisocial behaviour linked to fires, barbecues, vehicles, and structures in three National Trust sites</b> - the inclusion of three National Trust sites under the existing PSPO covering fires, barbecues, vehicles, and unauthorised structures to help protect sensitive natural landscapes and reduce the risk of environmental damage. The locations include Blea Tarn, Coniston Water East Shore, and Windermere West Shore, all of which have experienced increasing pressures from irresponsible behaviour such as open fires, fly-camping, and off-road vehicle access. The expanded protections would support ongoing efforts by the council and its partners to tack anti-social behaviour and preserve these popular sites by ensuring they remain safe and enjoyable for all.</p> <p>If adopted, the extended PSPOs would provide Westmorland and Furness Council and Cumbria Police with additional powers to deter and address anti-social behaviour. Breaches of a PSPO can result in Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) or fines of up to £1,000 on conviction.</p> <p>7. <b>Hesket and Lazonby Place Action Group (PAG) online meeting</b> - on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 5 pm.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that invitations to participate be noted and for the Councillors to either take part themselves or let the Clerk know if they would like to attend any of the workshops sessions so they can be booked on to them.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that Councillor Maralyn Wade will attend the Hesket and Lazonby Place Action Group (PAG) online meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025.</p>
25/201	<b>INFORMATION given for reference only.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the following information was given to the Council for reference only:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Westmorland and Furness Council News releases</b> – on various topics.</li> <li>2. <b>CALC Training Information.</b></li> <li>3. <b>CALC News.</b></li> <li>4. <b>NALC Legal bulletin - August 2025.</b></li> <li>5. <b>CVS Information – Health &amp; Wellbeing Bulletin, Events, Newsflash Info, Focus on Funding and Cumbria CVS Newsletter.</b></li> <li>6. <b>Slide for the Westmorland and Furness Highways Surface dressing briefing for town and parishes.</b></li> <li>7. <b>Flood Resilience Survey</b> - NALC has partnered with Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) to launch a new survey designed to help parish and town councils enhance their flood resilience. The short survey will capture what information and support parish and town councils need to better plan for flooding. The results will directly shape the development of practical resources tailored to local needs, ensuring that any future resources are genuinely helpful and relevant. Deadline for submission is 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025.</li> <li>8. <b>Information about CCTV at Lazonby village Hall.</b></li> <li>9. <b>Cumbria People and Nature Network news.</b></li> <li>10. <b>Devolution updates for Town and Parish Councils.</b></li> </ol>

		<p><b>11. Information on Hate Crime &amp; Incident Survey</b> - the deadline was 1st Aug 2025.</p> <p><b>12. Westmorland and Furness Authority - New Worrying about money leaflet.</b></p> <p><b>13. Westmorland &amp; Furness Parish Council Branch Event: Economic Strategy event – held on 20<sup>th</sup> July.</b></p> <p><b>14. Update on the progress with the Nutrient Neutrality Northwest programme</b> - As part of our work to reduce nutrient pollution and unlock development across four key catchments in Cumbria, we have appointed two experienced contractors, Burrow Environmental and Our Rivers (a joint venture between Nutrient Neutral and Hutchinson Environmental Services), to deliver the Package Treatment Plant (PTP) Replacement Programme.</p> <p><b>15. Slides for the Eden Town &amp; Parish Councils Event: Citizens Advice: Money Advice Session.</b></p> <p><b>16. Slides for the Westmorland &amp; Furness Parish Council Branch Event: Council's Role in Events.</b></p> <p><b>17. Celebrate Your Local Leaders – NALC Star Councillor of the Year Nominations Now Open – deadline for submissions is 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025.</b></p> <p><b>18. CALC's special online planning session hosted by Westmorland and Furness Planning Officers – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.</b></p> <p><b>19. Slides from the Citizens Advice Presentation.</b></p> <p><b>20. Information on Community Events at our Libraries in Eden.</b></p> <p><b>21. Information notice on the Adoption of Marina Village Residential Opportunity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).</b></p> <p><b>22. Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy Newsletter – Summer 2025.</b></p> <p><b>23. Carbon Literacy Action Day 2025 information.</b></p> <p><b>24. Baton of Hope Community Events on Sunday 7th September.</b></p> <p><b>25. Important Update – New Assertion 10 in the 2025 Practitioners' Guide to be discussed further at the October meeting of the Parish Council.</b></p> <p><b>26. Carer Support Carlisle &amp; Eden Newsletter – August 2025.</b></p>
<b>25/202</b>	<b>Agenda Items for Next Month's Agenda.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the following agenda items be included on the October 2025 agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Flytipping signs at Bargeat Wath.</li> <li>2. Overnight parking at Eden Bridge car park.</li> <li>3. Marking Lazonby train station being 150 years old next year.</li> <li>4. Considering the new Assertion 10 in the 2025 Practitioners' Guide and digital and data protection responsibilities.</li> </ol>
<b>25/203</b>	<b>Date of the Next Meeting.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that that the next scheduled meeting for Lazonby Parish Council Meeting will be on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025, at 7.30 pm, in the Jubilee Room, in the Village Hall. .</p>

**At this point in the meeting, the Chair asked that any members of the public and press who were in attendance withdraw from the meeting at this point due to the confidentiality of the matter to be discussed.**

**RESOLVED** that the Council agreed that members of the public and press who were in attendance withdraw from the meeting at this point due to the confidentiality of the matter to be discussed.

<b>25/204</b>	<b>Confidential Information on the closing down of the Lazonby Egg Packing Station Housing Project.</b>	The Council considered the final steps in regards to closing down the Lazonby Egg Packing Station Housing Project.
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The meeting finished at 10.00 pm.