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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

For the Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on
Wednesday 4th February 2026, in Lazonby Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.

Present: Chair Councillor Phillip Whitehead.

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

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

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
26/01	Apologies for absence.	RESOLVED that the apologies received from Councillor Tim Wright be accepted and noted.
26/02	The Filling of Council Member Vacancies.	RESOLVED 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.
26/03	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.
26/04	Declaration of Interest.	RESOLVED that there were no declarations of interest.
26/05	Matters of Urgency.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no matters of urgency to consider.
26/06	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 young parishioner has approached the Parish Council again after an initial interest back in May 2025, to say they would like to continue to develop the bike track project. The Clerk has given them some pointers to help them get the project moving. The Clerk has also asked them to put a plan together for the Parish Council so that the Parish Council could see if there was any suitable site for the bike track in the parish. The Clerk will put this on a future agenda once there is something to report back from the project.2. A parishioner, and the race director for the upcoming Lazonby 10K road race, an event organised by Friends of Lazonby School which is on Sunday 17th May from 8 am to 2 pm, have written to the Chair as they wanted to notify the Parish Council about the event and if there are any concerns please contact them. The 10k race has been run before in 2015/16 and will continue to use the same route as previously planned. The Race entry is limited to 150 participants, over the age of 17 years old. The registration, finish and headquarters will be at Lazonby school hall, where they will have sufficient toilets and refreshments. Permission for use of the auction mart for parking,

		<p>briefing and setting off the race has been confirmed. Parking will also be advised on Lazonby school yard and Bells of Lazonby parking area before parking in the village and car sharing will be advised. The course will be fully marshalled by members of the school committee, families and local running groups. Registration opens at 8 am and the race will commence at 10 am, expecting most if not all runners back to the headquarters by 12, however the race will remain open until 1 pm where any participant will be collected. A bicycle lead and sweeper will be present for the race. A medical team will be present with 1 doctor and 2/3 nurses. Mainly based at the headquarters however a support vehicle will be deployed if required. They are in the process of submitting a SAG1 form to the council to notify them, along with the relevant authorities. There is an intention for this to be a yearly event which will bring in much needed funding for the village school. They are currently raising the funds to provide a safe and fun playground on the top area of the school.</p> <p>3. A parishioner has asked that when the Westmorland & Furness Council waste collection becomes fortnightly will the rubbish/dog waste bins still be emptied weekly.</p>
		<p>1. RESOLVED that Councillor Ryan Wilson-Lane is happy to help them find funding sources so the Clerk will give them his Parish Council email.</p> <p>2. RESOLVED that Councillor Phillip Whitehead will inform the race director of the 10k race that the Parish Council are happy to support the 10k road race.</p> <p>4. RESOLVED that the Parish Council will try and find out if Westmorland & Furness Council waste collectors will still empty the rubbish/dog waste bins weekly once the normal rubbish collection is made fortnightly.</p>
26/07	Broadband in the Parish.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that B4RN is making progress with the installation of their fibre optic broadband in the village.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk ask B4RN about the wayleaves over their land and if there is anything owed to them financially.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that Connecting Cumbria have unveiled a Digital Infrastructure Strategy for 2026–2030.</p>
26/08	Report from the local Police.	<p>RESOLVED that the Eden Focus Police Newsletter for Eden Rural and the Penrith & Alston Police Newsletter for November & December 2025, and January 2026 be noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that there was nothing further to report at present regarding the Neighbourhood Policing Team.</p>
26/09	Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 3rd December 2025.	<p>It was recommended that the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 3rd December 2025 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council's Meeting Minutes of the 3rd December 2025 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>

26/10	<p>Progress Reports on Recent Actions.</p> <p>a. Boat Users on the River Eden (Last minuted 25/242).</p> <p>b. Confusing Road Signs for Road Works (Last minuted 25/242).</p> <p>c. 150th Anniversary of Lazonby Train Station (Last minuted 25/242).</p> <p>d. Public Space Protection Order Notice at Swings (Last minuted 25/278).</p>	<p>The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 3rd December 2025.</p> <p>The Council received an update on the issues around boat users on the River Eden. The Clerk has not as yet received a reply about meeting the rafting company for further discussions.</p> <p>It was also reported that the access steps into the River Eden, at Eden Bridge car park have been severely undermined by erosion.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Clerk will try contacting the Rafting Company again about organising a future meeting.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Parish Council will put up notices up on the access steps into the river as soon as possible, to say "Please use at your own risk" for anyone wishing to still use the steps still.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Paddle UK to inform them about the erosion under the access into the river steps on Eden Bridge car park and to tell them that the Parish Council will be putting up warning notices; also to ask them if they have any advice they can give regarding this matter.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Clerk has still not received a reply from Highways regarding a follow up letter to them regarding the signage put up by contractors working on the Highways being up to long or not removed once works were completed; and as it is thought that it is unlikely to happen now to then remove this from the agenda.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Ryan Wilson–Lane is continuing to work with representatives from the Friends of the Settle-Carlsile Line, and the Head teacher of Lazonby School regarding the 150th Anniversary of Lazonby Train Station celebrations.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Bells of Lazonby have also kindly offered to get involved.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) have recently been renewed, and to ensure consistency across Westmorland and Furness, a Dog Exclusion Order now applies to all playgrounds that are inspected and insured by the Council, so this will cover the Swings on the corner of Great Salkeld Road and Scour Lane.</p>
26/11	<p>Amendments to the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 5th November 2025.</p>	<p>It was recommended that the Parish Council agree to amend the minutes of the 5th November 2025 which currently state the wrong information regarding dates on the approved minutes. The Clerk realised after the December 2025 meeting of the Parish Council that a mistakes had been made on the November 2025 Parish Council Minutes that had not been noticed; minute 25/241, states that the Minutes of the Council Meeting were for the 3rd September 2025, when it should say Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 1st October 2025; and to put December instead of November on the Minute no. 25/263.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed to change minute 25/241, that states that the Minutes of the Council Meeting were for the 3rd September 2025, to the correct wording of Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 1st October 2025; and to change the word December instead of November on the Minute no. 25/263.</p>

<p>26/12</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> <p>1. Devolution Progress towards the creation of the new Cumbria Combined Authority is now moving at pace. The Statutory Instrument is set to be made at the end of February, at which point Cumbria Combined Authority becomes a legal entity. The Policing White Paper was released a couple of weeks ago and this outlines how Police and Crime Commissioners will be abolished in 2028 and their powers and responsibilities will be transferred into local Mayoral combined authorities. Also, the English Devolution Bill is expected to receive royal assent which will add a little more detail about the combined authority. The mayor will have the power to convene local partners, will have greater control of local skills and employment provision, Cumbria CA will become the local Transport authority responsible for delivery of the Local Transport Plan, will have a duty to develop a Spatial Development Strategy for Cumbria, along with a Strategic Place Partnership with Homes England. The Mayor will have precepting and borrowing powers to support investment and the ability to establish a Mayoral Development Corporation and finally there will be the transfer of the PCC functions into the combined authority.</p> <p>2. Council Budget From 2026-27 there will be a new system for allocating central government funding between councils that will take into account new official assessments of individual council's spending needs and their relative ability to raise revenues themselves via council tax. The new system places greater emphasis on urban deprivation and will reduce the Council's income quite significantly. It is now anticipated that the Council will receive £12m less government funding for 2026-27 increasing to £43m in 2028-29. This, combined with a forecast overspend for the year end will make the budget setting process for 2026/27 incredibly challenging.</p> <p>3. Second Call for Sites As part of the process of preparing a new Local Plan to guide development and land use across the district, the Council has launched a second call for sites to identify land that could meet a wide range of future development needs. This request has been widely published previously, but as a reminder the closing date for submissions is 20 February 2026.</p> <hr/> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Maralyn Wade will contact the Local Plan Officers regarding Site No 110048 Land east of Fiddlers Lane - Citizen response 1030608719, because on checking the application for the above named site within the Parish Council Locality, it appeared that there were inaccuracies in completion of the form; In the section Suitability/Balance Score regarding flooding and surface water, there has been no answers submitted at all by the applicant, so the Parish Council feel it is important that this is noted and remedied to prevent possible error as a large section of this land is under water and subject to regular seasonal flooding by the River Eden.</p> <p>ALSO 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>
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26/13	Place Action Group (PAG).	<p>The Council received an update about the Place Action Group (PAG) including the funding application for the signage for the Eden Bridge car park area. Councillor Maralyn Wade has been working on the application for funding towards the refurbishment of the Eden Bridge car park and relevant signage. This will need to be put in an actual application form for submission. The sum being asked for is £960 for the signage. The Parish Council have also received £500 towards the refurbishment of Eden Bridge car park.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Hilary Carrick will now fill in the PAG application forms and submit them on behalf of the Parish Council.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the information about the most recent PAG funding be noted with thanks to Councillor Maralyn Wade and Councillor Hilary Carrick.</p>
26/14	Parish Projects:	
a. Will Pool Revamp.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the cantilever bridge at Will Pool is in desperate needs of being repaired before the water birds start nesting in the Spring and so another volunteer has kindly agreed to make the repairs.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that a temporary warning notice be put on the cantilever bridge asking the public not to use it until it can be repaired.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Cracked Willow is not dangerous to the public as it is and photos have been taken of it for future reference.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the warning to the public not to use the cantilever bridge until it is repaired be put in the Parish Council Newsletter in Lazonby Lines.</p>	
b. Donation Box at Eden Bridge Car Park.	<p>RESOLVED that the donation box at Eden Bridge car park is still ongoing and will be made once the car park has been resurfaced.</p>	
c. Resurfacing of Eden Bridge Car Park.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Phillip Whitehead will now fill in the permit forms needed for the Environmental Agency regarding the Eden Bridge car park refurbishment, run them past Councillor Hilary Carrick and then submit them.</p>	
26/15	Parish Maintenance:	
a. Flooding Issues in the Parish.	<p>The Council received an update on the flooding issues in the village. The Flood Report produced in 2024 now needs updating after lessons have been learnt with the more recent flooding issues.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the resolution for the flooding issues is ongoing.</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. Broken street drain grate covering outside of Oswald View. 3. The recurring water flooding on the road between Eden Bridge car park and the swimming pool. 4. Vandalised road sign on Carlisle Road near Scarrows. 5. The H Bars on the dropdown kerbs near the Lofts which are in need of repainting. <p>1. RESOLVED that it be noted that the Station Road resurfacing will be completed as soon as funding becomes available.</p>	

	<p>2. ALSO RESOLVED that the reported broken street drain grate covering outside of Oswald View has been repaired.</p> <p>3. RESOLVED that it be noted recurring water flooding on the road between Eden Bridge car park and the swimming pool is still ongoing.</p> <p>4. RESOLVED that it be noted that the vandalised road sign on the Carlisle road near Scarrows has been reported and still ongoing.</p> <p>6. RESOLVED that it be noted that the H Bars on the dropdown kerbs near the Lofts which are in need of repainting is still ongoing.</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 there was no issues reported with any pavement in the parish at present.
d. Parish Tree Survey.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the parish tree survey is still ongoing with a visual inspection being carried out and photos taken while it's the winter months.
e. Damaged Fence at Bateman Lane.	RESOLVED that it be noted again that the damaged fence at Bateman Lane is still awaiting repairs at an appropriate seasonal time by volunteer with Councillor Phillip Whitehead.
f. Vandalised Metal Bench on Carlisle Road.	<p>The Council received an update about the vandalised metal bench on Carlisle road and stolen George IV memorial plaque. Bells of Lazonby have very kindly offered for their engineering team to refurbish and repaint the old bench and then reinstall it again. The Council were very happy to accept their kind offer which was made over the Christmas and New Year break. The plaque will also be reinstated. Bells of Lazonby have since offered to cast a proper concrete plinth for it to stand on so it does not get covered in weeds, so it can be used for many years to come. They wanted to know if the Parish Council were happy for this to be done and where did the Parish Council want to situate the bench.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed to the kind offer from Bells of Lazonby of making a concrete plinth and reinstalling the bench, with the Parish Council agreeing for the bench to be returned to its original place.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk ask Bells of Lazonby if there would be any costs involved for the Parish Council regarding the concrete plinth.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Parish Council would like to thank Bells of Lazonby for their very kind offer of repairing and reinstalling the old metal bench and the King George Plaque.</p>
g. Recycling Centre and Eden Bridge car park.	<p>RESOLVED that the current signage at the Recycling Centre could also do with updating as it is still Eden District Council on the signs and they are very worn out, so the Clerk will ask Westmorland & Furness if they can replace them.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Parish Council wished to thanks Councillor Maralyn Wade and her husband for keeping the recycling centre tidy while the usual volunteers were not able to do it.</p>
h. Other Maintenance Issues in the Parish.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council received a report that sheep were still on the Parish Playing field, so this will be checked out and then the owner will be asked to move them if they are still there, so that the land can rest before the new tenant takes on the temporary grazing rights..

		ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk will now put some terms and conditions for grazing on the Parish Playing field for future tenants, and then have them approved by the council at the March 2026 meeting of the Parish Council in time for the new tenancy from 1 st April 2026.
26/16	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	The Council received a report from the Treasurer for December 2025 and January 2026 (please see attached Treasurer's Report).
		RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his monthly report for November 2025 (see attached report), the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.
26/17	Authority for Payments.	RESOLVED that there were no authority of payments to consider.
26/18	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	RESOLVED that the Council having considered the planning applications below had NO OBJECTIONS to make to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Application Ref: 2025/2367/HOU (Householder) - Alterations to include raising of roof by 600mm to provide accommodation at first floor level, addition of dormers to rear elevation, first floor window to front elevation and reconfiguration of existing openings, at Davelin Lazonby, Penrith CA101BL. 2. Planning Application Ref: 2025/2416/HOU (Householder) - Single storey rear extension, at East Brownrigg Plumpton PENRITH CA119PF.
26/19	Planning Applications – Decisions.	RESOLVED that the following planning decision be noted: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Application Ref:2025/1950/HOU - Single storey and first floor rear extension and alterations to dwelling and garage; widening of existing driveway and associated works, at West End House, Lazonby, Penrith CA10 1AJ – APPROVED with conditions.
26/20	Reports on any Highways Issues.	RESOLVED that it be noted that two pot holes have been reported to the Parish Council, one at Thiefside and the other on the junction near the Village Hall, so these will be reported to Highways. ALSO RESOLVED that the following temporary road closures be noted: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notification that a temporary road closure has been put in place to allow United Utilities Water to carry out utility works which are expected to commence 10th February 2026 and anticipated to take 7 days to complete. Please note: The duration of these works displayed on the site notice is 7 days, however a change in the duration date is now till the 23rd of February 2026, which has been granted since making the Order which is to facilitate the works further. Apologies for any confusion this may have caused. Location: U3571, Scour Lane, Lazonby, from its junction with the B6413, extending in a south easterly direction for approx. 105 metres. Alternative Route: A suitable alternative route will be signed and made available via the unrestricted section of the U3571 Scour Lane, B6412 and the B6413. A way for pedestrians and dismounted cyclists will be maintained at all times. N.B Passage for Emergency Vehicles will be maintained where required for the duration of this restriction. 2. Notification of a temporary road closure - U3055, at Scarrows Lane, Lazonby - 09/02/2026. for the Rural North Limited to carry out utility works which are expected to commence 9th February 2026 and anticipated to take 12 days to complete. Location: U3055, Scarrows

		<p>Lane, Lazonby, from its junction with Castlerigg Road (C3007), extending in a north westerly direction for a distance of approx. 425 metres. Alternative Route: A suitable alternative route will be signed and made available via the unrestricted section of Scarrows Lane (U3055), C3015, C3017 and Castlerigg Road (C3007). It has been identified that it will not be safe to maintain access for pedestrians and dismounted cyclists throughout the restriction. N.B This restriction or Passage for Emergency Vehicles will not be maintained for the duration of this restriction.</p>
26/21	Risk Assessment.	<p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council approved the Parish Council updated Risk Assessment.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that any separate activity or maintenance carried out by volunteers, Council Members, or an event would have their own separate risk assessment made.</p>
26/22	Considering the new Assertion 10 in the 2025 Practitioners' Guide and digital and data protection responsibilities.	<p>The Council received an update regarding the implications of the new Assertion 10 in the 2025 Practitioners' Guide and digital and data protection responsibilities, and associability standards 2.2. This needs to be in place by 1st April 2026. Also Council Members or Officers can attend Information sessions to help Councils understand what's required and how to comply, held by Active Council. They will be running two online information sessions on 23rd February – 7 pm or 11th March – 7 pm. These sessions will explain the new requirements, common pitfalls, and how Active Council can help your parish council be ready before 1st April 2026. The 2025 update to the Practitioners' Guide introduces important changes that affect how Parish Councils manage their digital presence, compliance, and data security. With a start date of 1 April 2026, councils must ensure they are fully compliant to avoid risk. CALC and Active Council are here to support you through these changes.</p> <p>The Clerk also spoke about how much work it looks like it would take to revamp the website to conform to Accessibility Standards 2.2 AA and that maybe they could consider paying the webmaster to do it as it was beyond a role of a volunteer. The Clerk and the volunteer webmaster have already made several changes to the website to make it complaint but the new accessibility standards 2.2 AA is proving to be the hardest part.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk will be attending the information session on how to comply with Assertion 10 and the Accessibility Standards 2.2 AA.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Clerk along with the volunteer webmaster will continue to research what is needed for the Parish Council website to be fully compliant.</p>
26/23	Parish Council IT Policy.	<p>It was recommended that the Parish Council approve an IT Policy as part of the new Assertion 10 protocol in the 2025 Practitioners' Guide and digital and data protection responsibilities.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed to adopt the new IT Policy.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that this Policy will now be put on the website to ensure that the Parish Council are adhering to the Assertion 10 protocol in the 2025 Practitioners' Guide and digital and data protection responsibilities.</p>
26/24	Footway Lighting Transfer Agreement.	<p>The Council considered the terms of the footway lighting transfer agreement. It was also recommended that the Parish Council sign the Westmorland & Furness Council's Footway Lighting Transfer Agreement.</p> <p>Westmorland & Furness Council (WAF) have confirmed the 6 lights are assets which are maintained by Westmorland & Furness Council and that the</p>

		<p>Parish Council were correct in saying these units were deemed “unapproved” by the former Eden District Council (EDC), which meant they would no longer be maintained once out but this is no longer the case. Following approval of the new Highways and Local Lighting Policy (March 2025) all previous legacy Council lighting policies were scrapped, this includes the term “unapproved”. As these units remained as Eden District Council owned, they automatically transferred to Westmorland & Furness Council. These units do not need to be listed within the agreement as they are already Westmorland & Furness Council owned assets.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed to sign the Westmorland & Furness Council’s Footway Lighting Transfer Agreement.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk ask Westmorland & Furness Council which part the Chair of Lazonby Parish Council has to sign on the contract, as there are two areas for signing, and it is not clear.</p>
26/25	Eden Rivers Trust Request to replace existing information board about invasive species.	<p>The Council received a request from Eden Rivers Trust to replace an existing information board about invasive species. Eden Rivers Trust is still interested in having an information stall at the Eden bridge car park to raise awareness of invasive species this coming summer so will get back to the Parish Council with dates closer to the time. In the meantime the Eden Rivers Trust have created a new information board which they are looking to install at riverside locations across the catchment. The aim of the board is to raise awareness of invasive species, especially along the River Eden. It also provides information on bio security and how everyone can help to stop the spread of invasive species. They have said that there is an old out of date biosecurity sign in the car park already so it would be great if they could replace/update this with their new board. The Clerk had a chat with them and explained that the area was going to undergo a refurbishment which meant new signs etc. Eden Rivers Trust sent more information on the signage which was a digital version of the information board; which they have this printed at A1 and A2 size in an aluminium composite material. The larger size is apparently more eye-catching and impactful, but they have said that they understand the Parish Council might want to go for the smaller option if they are planning to install other signage there. They have both sizes available so either would be fine. They would ideally attach this to an already existing fence, but alternatively would attach to two wooden posts which they could provide and install in a suitable location. The sign is aimed at anyone who is visiting the river, either walking along the bank or using the river for water sports. They hope that the signage will inspire action to check, clean, dry clothing, pets and equipment, and also raise awareness of invasive species in general and why they are such a problem for our rivers.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to Eden River Trust installing a new information board about invasive species at Eden Bridge car park,</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council would invite Eden River Trust to have an onsite meeting with Councillors Phillip Whitehead and Maralyn Wade about the best place to put the new board.</p>
26/26	Fishing Permits.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there will be a review on fishing permits in the future.
<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>		

26/27	Request for a Memorial Bench to be put in the Parish.	<p>The Council considered a request to put a bench in memory of a parishioner's wife in the parish. The parishioner requesting to have the bench is more than happy to commit to future care and maintenance as will his children. The parishioner has met with Councillors to discuss the location. The Parishioner has also been sent information on the proper procedures to have the bench approved by the Parish Council and Highways. They will be looking at purchasing a composite bench. The memorial bench will be put on the Carlisle road.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed to sign the Westmorland & Furness Highways Form to say that they agree for the bench to be put in the place the parishioner has requested and that he will take responsibility for it.</p>
26/28	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. Active Cumbria regarding a National Consultation currently underway - The UK Government is proposing to remove Sport England as a statutory consultee within the planning system, which could put local playing fields at risk of being lost to development. Attached to the correspondence was the communication that will be shared this week with sports clubs and organisations across the county. Active Cumbria has asked that key community contacts, including local councils, help raise awareness and, if possible, respond to the consultation. Any support your council can provide would be greatly appreciated. 2. Westmorland & Furnace Phase 2 Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Strategy - Town and Parish Council Briefing - Weds 18th Feb 2026 19:00 -20:00. Virtually via Teams. Join Westmorland & Furness Council Corporate Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Advisor, Jamie Hooper, for a Town and Parish Council Briefing on Phase Two of the Council's Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Strategy and action plan [due to launch April 2026], and the work done so far on developing a Faith Covenant across W&F. 3. CALC's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) training - this session is tailored specifically to the parish and town council context, on 2nd March 2026, at 7.00 pm. The Cost is £40. This practical and accessible session introduces councillors and officers to equality, diversity and inclusion in a local council context, explaining why EDI matters for good decision making, effective community engagement and legal compliance. Participants will explore key concepts including equality, diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging, and how these apply to everyday council work. The session covers the legal framework, including the Equality Act 2010 and protected characteristics, as well as practical issues such as direct and indirect discrimination, conscious and unconscious bias, and common myths that can hold councils back. 4. Public Space Protection Orders Consultation Public Space Protection Orders - provide additional powers to Westmorland and Furness Council and Cumbria Police under the <u>Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014</u> to take positive action and act as a deterrent to prevent nuisance behaviour in public spaces. If people are caught breaching a PSPOs by causing anti-social behaviour linked issues including fly-camping, irresponsible alcohol use, unsafe fires or barbecues, and dog fouling, they can be issued with Fixed Penalty Notices of up to £100. If payment of the Fixed Penalty Notice is not made within the required timescales, prosecution for the offence of failing to comply with the PSPOs may be initiated resulting in

summary conviction with fines of up to £1,000 being issued by Courts. Following overwhelming public support in a consultation delivered in September 2025, we are pleased to announce PSPOs will be introduced in Askam, Dalton, and three National Trust sites. People were also invited to provide clear evidence of other locations that face repeated issues with anti-social behaviour and environmental damage. Today (Tuesday 6 January 2026), Westmorland and Furness Council have launched a further consultation on the proposed extension of PSPOs to nine additional locations suggested by residents and landowners. The proposals include several areas of Ullswater that have been impacted this year by problems linked to fly-camping, wild-fires and littering that damages the environment.

The five-week statutory consultation process invites people to comment on the draft proposals that cover the following locations:

- Ambleside - Galava Roman Fort (owned by the National Trust)
- Ambleside – Holme Crag (owned by the National Trust)
- Hartsop - Brothers water (owned by National Trust)
- Coniston - Brown Howe (owned by Lake District National Park)
- Haweswater Reservoir (owned by Untied Utilities)
- Ullswater – South Ullswater including Glencoyne and Aira Force (owned by National Trust)
- Ullswater - South Ullswater including Ullswater Steamers land (owned by Lake District Estates and National Trust) and Jenkin Field in Glenridding (owned by Patterdale Parish Council)
- Ullswater - Laybys and land adjacent lake (owned by Gowbarrow Hall)
- Windermere – Bowness and Millerground including Cockshot Point (owned by National Trust).

Introducing PSPOs at even more areas was explored, however while many approved and gave support, some did not. Only sites with landowner support and clear evidence of anti-social behaviour are progressing to consultation. The Council will continue to take a targeted, evidence-based approach to introducing PSPOs ensuring those introduced are lawful. This requires consultation with the relevant landowners with clear evidence of issues to support any restrictions. The consultation will run for five weeks, giving residents, visitors, and local organisations the chance to provide evidence and feedback on the proposed PSPOs. Feedback can be submitted to Westmorland and Furness Council from today, Tuesday 6th January 2026 until Monday 9th February 2026.

5. **CALC is pleased to advise that they have received an allocation of tickets to attend the Royal Garden Party on Friday 8th May 2026. Cumbria has been allocated 2 applications.** The theme for this year's Garden Parties is **diversity**. The deadline for submission to CALC is **Wednesday 11th February 2026**.
6. **Local Councils and Climate Action** - CALC are pleased to invite town and parish councils to a Local Councils and Climate Action workshop on Tuesday 24th March, at 7 pm – 8 pm via Zoom at a cost of £35 per person. This is designed specifically for busy town and parish councillors, this one-hour interactive session will build confidence and understanding, helping parishes to take effective and practical climate action while realising wider community benefits
7. **Request for case studies for Cumbria Nature Recovery Workbook** - Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) is

		<p>working in partnership with the Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy (CLNRS) team to develop a Nature Recovery Workbook for Town and Parish Councils across Cumbria. They would be delighted to showcase the positive work being done by Town and Parish Councils across Cumbria.</p> <p>8. Cumbria Community Transport Conference - The Quiet Site, Ullswater, Penrith CA11 0LS on 10th March, 10am - 4.00pm - The conference, hosted by Sustainable and Integrated Transport for Ullswater (SITU) and supported by ACTion with Communities in Cumbria (ACT) and The Royal Countryside Fund (RCF) will provide an opportunity for community transport initiatives/groups to come together and learn from one another, develop ideas, and envision the future of community transport in Cumbria. The day will involve the opportunity to hear from experts in community transport, talks from other successful community transport initiatives across the country, and engaging afternoon workshops which will support community transport groups/initiatives to plan and develop their ideas, all within a supportive, informal, and energetic space. This event is free, however booking is essential. Please join them from 9.30 am for registration, the event will start at 10 am. Online attendance will be available.</p> <p>9. Free Cumbria Coastal Route workshops - the Cumbria Coastal Route project which is being led by Cumbria Tourism and supported by Westmorland and Furness and Cumberland councils. The project aims to develop new experiences and itineraries along the entire coastline, including the stretch through Barrow and the wider Furness peninsula, and around the coastline to Arnside. Over the last few months officers have been working with Cumbria Tourism and Cumberland Council to progress plans to further develop the Cumbria Coastal Route as a sustainable, active travel route linking walking, cycling, train travel, horse riding, camping and other outdoor activities. The workshops will take place at Holker Hall on Tuesday 17 February from 10am until 12.30pm, and Barrow Town Hall on Thursday 5 March from 10am to 12.30pm. The events will be hosted jointly by Westmorland and Furness Council and Cumbria Tourism, with Barrow Rising supporting the Barrow workshop.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the 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>
26/29	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, including devolution updates. 2. CALC Weekly Update. 3. CALC News for November & December 2025. 4. CALC Training information for January - July 2026. 5. NALC Clear Councils newsletter – December 2025. 6. NALC Legal bulletin – 26th January 2026. 7. CVS Information – Health & Wellbeing Bulletin, Volunteer Training & Events, Newsflash Info, Cumbria CVS Newsletter, Latest Events and Volunteering Opportunities in Cumbria etc. 8. Hyperfast GB Community Newsletter - Winter 2025. 9. Westmorland and Furness Council launched their budget Consultation run until 16th January 2026. The council were seeking views from its residents on: a proposed council tax increase of 4.99% and other savings and income generating proposals. Feedback from

the public consultation will be considered by Cabinet and then go to Full Council on 26th February 2026 with recommendations, presented alongside the Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).

10. **Winter Readiness Leaflet for Families with Babies.**
11. **Westmorland & Furness Councils Climate and Nature Newsletter – December 2025.**
12. **Home Energy Eden - Free Thermal Imaging and Home Energy Advice and Support Information.**
13. **Planning policy consultation notification - Reference 2913845 - Publication of the Call for Sites 2024 Assessment Outcomes Report.** Westmorland & Furness Council are writing to inform Parish Councils that the Call for Sites 2024 Constraint Assessment Outcomes Report has now been published and is available to view on their website. The purpose of this report is to provide early information on the sites submitted during the 2024 Call for Sites, including an initial indication of those that appear most constrained and least constrained based on spatial constraints data. This is an initial stage of the assessment process, and the findings will be refined as further work is completed. Over the coming months, these initial outcomes will be developed further through consultation with statutory consultees and engagement with internal council departments to gather more technical and specialist information about the sites. This will help to determine which sites may be suitable, achievable, and deliverable for development across Westmorland and Furness. The refined assessments will then feed directly into the preparation of the Development Strategy and the site allocations within the emerging Local Plan. **Please note they are not seeking comments on this report at this stage.** However, there will be opportunities to comment as the Local Plan progresses. When they consult on the Development Strategy and SHELAA findings, Parish Councils will be able to review the updated site information and submit comments at that time. As Parish Councils are included on their consultation database, they will contact Parish Councils again when the next stage of consultation opens and provide full details on how to take part.
14. **Eden Town and Parish Council Newsletter – December 2025.**
15. **CALC AGM 2025 notes and Guest Speaker presentation slides.**
16. **Flood Sack guidance Information.**
17. **Nature Recovery Fund: Updated Eligibility Requirements information.**
18. **Westmorland & Furness Branch Event: Heritage Assets –** which was held to Learn about some enduring local evidence of earlier cultures that can still be perceived through the mists of the time. Understand how Councils could link with the Museum Service to preserve their own unsung parish treasures for the marvel and enjoyment of future generations. This event was held on virtually on 22nd January 2026.
19. **M6 Understructure Verge VRS works - Motorway Closures Information.**
20. **Adapting Westmorland and Furness to the impacts of climate change: Town and Parish Councils engagement session information.**
21. **NALC Centre For Ageing Better Webinar - Age Friendly Communities Parish & Town Council Guide information.**
22. **Procurement Thresholds FSCS and Tax January 2026 update.**
23. **Cumbria Local Nature Partnership News - January 2026.**
24. **Friends of the Carlisle-Settle Rail Line - Friends on Track Newsletter - February 2026**
25. **Nuclear Waste Services E-Bulletin – January 2026.**

26/30	Agenda Items for Next Month's Agenda.	<p>RESOLVED that the following agenda items be included on the March 2026 agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grazing on the Parish Playing Field 2. Appraisal for the Treasurer to the Parish Council Chris Hoy. 3. The bike track.
26/31	Date of the Next Meeting.	<p>RESOLVED that the next scheduled Lazonby Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 4th March, at 7.30 pm, in the Jubilee Room, in the Village Hall.</p>

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.

26/32	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 3rd December 2025 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 resolved on Parish Council land near the Old school.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that CONFIDENTIAL Minutes of the Parish Council's Meeting on the 3rd December 2025 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 10.30 pm.