

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held at Cabus Village Hall on Monday 11 September 2023 at 7:30pm

Record of members present: Parish Cllrs, A Birchall-Farr, M Houghton, L Jackson, J Slater and T Suart

In attendance: Lancashire County Cllrs S Turner; L Banton (Parish Clerk); Paul Whitaker (Lengthsman) and PC Sanderson.

Councillor Jackson (Vice Chair) was invited and confirmed as Chair for the meeting in the absence of Cllr Hastings. All present conveyed their best wishes to Cllr Hastings for a full and speedy recovery.

2328. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Parish Cllr R Hastings; Borough Cllrs Sir R Atkins, Lady Atkins and Mrs Collinson; PCSO Creighton

2329. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting of Cabus Parish Council (held on 17 July 2023) be approved.

2330. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Suart, Slater and Birchall-Farr declared residential interests for Gubberford Lane items

- 2331. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Part 1)** - The meeting was adjourned to allow for a period of public discussion.
- Police – no recorded incidents over the last 30 days in Cabus; Police continue to have a visible presence at Fowler Layby but the additional Police resource (Architecture) which had been placed on hold pending new staffing appointment.
- Gubberford Lane Speeding - PC Sanderson confirmed she was happy to attend the area with a hand held speed gun using a number of driveway locations (to be confirmed by Clerk) for safety purposes. County Cllr Turner also confirmed that he would pursue the issue with LCC Highways for additional 30mph signs and white road markings.
- PC Sanderson was thanked for attending and left the meeting at this point (7.46pm)*

Lancashire County Council – Cllr Turner reported: no plans to extend the average speed cameras (at Galgate) down the A6 towards Garstang; LALC Conference in November would contain flooding and PROW items (Clerk to circulate details); Green Lane East – broken signage pole being used as a bin, Cllr Turner confirmed he would request the removed of this pole and also request new litter signage for Green Lane East and Snapewood lane.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:50pm.

2332. CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS – PROACTIVE MEASURES - STANDING ITEM

The following item was noted:

- Hospital Field – Tree Planting Update. Wyre Borough Council confirmed that contrary to its previous communication (07 Sept 22) that the site would be suitable for tree planting and had been pencilled in as part of the 2023/24 tree planting scheduled, the site had not been selected for tree planting at present (email received 31 Aug 2023) which was extremely disappointing.

The followed items were discussed:

- Queen’s Canopy/Jubilee Trees – A6 Snapewood Lane verge to Fowler Hill. LCC had confirmed (6 Sept 2023) that the plans had been assessed, there were no concerns with the proposals and were happy for the Parish Council to plant trees in accordance with the plans. The Parish Council established a working group consisting of Cllrs Jackson, Slater, Birchall-Farr, Suart and the Parish Lengthsman to progress the project.
- DEFRA funding to help farmers find space among their productive farmland to plant more trees and bushes. Noted that the national funding had already been allocated for the first stage of this initiative. Also noted that Lancashire County Council was leading on a nature recovery strategy consisting of a number of schemes for which Cllr Turner would let the Parish Council know if there was anything which might be of interest for Cabus.

2333. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Part 2) The meeting was adjourned to allow for a period of public discussion.
Residential query – could there be a traffic island for safe passage across the A6 near to the bus stop at Gubberford Lane? Cllr Turner agreed to pose the enquiry to LCC Highways.
Lengthsman – Mr Whitaker reported on his work within the Parish which included weed sparing, repair of stiles, plaques attached to the benches and clearing up flytipping (Green Lane East and Bells Bridge). He also drew attention to the overgrown hedges opposite the Crofters and on Cockerham Road and that the A6 had only received one grass cut thus far from the LCC contractors (there should be 3 cuts in total) – Clerk to enquire with LCC about when the next cut was due.
Wyre Borough Council – noted that there were no Borough Councillor representatives present and that the following items would be held over to the next meeting: Bus shelters / Open Spaces in Cabus.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:17pm.

2334. REPORTS AND INFORMATION DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Gubberford Lane** – noted that the issue raised regarding Wyre Borough Council identification of some addresses being incorrectly associated with Scorton had now been resolved.
- **Ward Walk on 26 September at 11am** – Cllrs Houghton, Jackson and Birchall-Farr volunteered to attend on behalf of Cabus Parish Council. To meet at the Village Hall (Clerk to provide key to Cllr Jackson for toilet access) and potential topics to include the Hospital Field (tree planting) and Green Spaces (e.g. play areas) within Cabus
- **Effective ways to reduce dog mess** – noted that Cllr Jackson had emailed Ben Wallace MP twice but no response had as yet been received. Clerk to share constituency contact details with Cllr Jackson.
- **Wildflower areas** - Lengthsman to cut and scarify all areas (apart from Fowler Hill) before the Ward Walk (26 Sept).
- **LALC Training** – noted as follows: Planning - 19th Sept 2023 - 7-9.30pm - Cllrs Houghton and Suart / New Councillors - Whistlestop Tour - 26th Sept 2023 - 7-9pm – Cllr Birchall-Farr

2335. FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment.

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHQ NO.
L Banton	Clerk Expenses – B'dband Aug-Sept (£34.50) + salary adj for Aug-Sept due to difference between standing order and payslip (£80.68)	£115.18	001008
HMRC	2 nd qrt	£225.20	001009
Post Office Ltd	LCC Xmas Tree Licence Fee – valid to 01 Feb 2026	£84.00	001010
Houghtons	Materials (£27.49) /Community Garden x5 plants (£49.95)	£77.44	001011
Paul Whitaker	Lengthsman work (£469)/PROW work (£154)	£623.00	001012

The following authorised payments since the last meeting were noted:

Clerk's Salary - £260 (26 July 2023) and £260 (26 August 2023)

BUDGET UPDATE – reviewed and noted that payment for the grass cutting was awaited from LCC.

Bio Diversity Grant and PROW Funding - noted that the Bio Diversity Report for 22/23 was submitted to LCC on 4 August 2023 along with the Opt In forms for the 23/24 Bio Diversity Grant (£300) and Local Delivery PROW Scheme (£500). Payment was awaited.

Preparations for Parish Christmas Tree – the new £70 +vat licence fee for connecting to a street lamp was noted and the forthcoming expenditure and associated work in line with previous years was approved.

2336. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

No planning applications for consideration but the following was noted:

23/00520/FUL – Whitehouse residential park (5 holiday caravans, change of use) had not as yet appeared on the Wyre Planning Committee Agenda, and the 22/00872/FUL – Blencathra (Children's Home) application had been refused at Planning Committee level but approved on appeal by the Planning Inspectorate (14.08.23)

2337. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 13th November 2023 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Signed:
 Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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