

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held at Cabus Village Hall on Monday 13 November 2023 at 7:30pm

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

In attendance: Wyre Borough Councillors Sir R Atkins, Lady D Atkins and Mrs A Collinson; L Banton (Parish Clerk); Paul Whitaker (Lengthsman).

Members of public present: 6

2338. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Lancashire County Cllr S Turner

2339. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting of Cabus Parish Council (11.09.23) be approved subject to minor corrections. An update was also received in that it was understood that whilst the Blencathra Children's Home Appeal (22/00872/FUL) [mins 2336] had been approved by the Inspectorate, the property was likely to remain unchanged from its' current status as private residential.

2340. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

2341. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - The meeting was adjourned to allow for a period of public discussion. Planning Application (23/00941/FUL) – proposed re-siting of shipping container to Woodfold Lane. The Chairman introduced this item by acknowledging the presence of members of public who had attended in order to speak against the Planning Application and the recently published Highways consultation letter which recommended 'refusal' on the basis of Highway Safety was read aloud. Borough Cllr Lady Atkins indicated that she would be unable to make any comments or respond to questions as she sat on the Borough Planning Committee and Borough Cllr Mrs Collinson confirmed that she had called the Application into the Planning Committee and would be speaking against it.

The concerns and comments raised by members of the public included:

- The number of HGVs already using Woodfold Lane as a rest-stop restricts access to residential properties and farmland
- Existing antisocial issues include solicitation and drug dealing on Woodfold Lane, along with drivers of parked vehicles throwing their bags of litter, faeces and bottles of urine onto the Lane and neighbouring fields
- Woodfold Lane is in a state of disrepair and there is no pedestrian footpath for those who try to navigate their way around parked HGVs
- The speed at which some HGV drivers enter Woodfold Lane (confirmed by Highways as being a 60mph road) is terrifying for local residents, particularly those with young families – this is a rural residential Lane which has been turned into an overnight Lorry Park
- The shipping container would compound all the existing problems and add to them

A representative from the family run mobile café on Fowler Hill Layby spoke with regards to the claims contained within the Planning Application and confirmed that contrary to what had been stated in the Planning Application's Design and Access Statement "*Due to conflicts with another mobile café who uses the site, the applicant would like to relocate her café to the proposal location.*"- there were no conflicts between the two commercial operators.

The members of the public urged the Parish Council to recommend that the application be refused.

Police – no Police present

Lancashire County Council – apologies had been received from County Cllr Turner.

Wyre Borough Council – Local planning polices were being looked at in light of the King's Speech; climate change reports would be coming out for consultation in the New Year.

Lengthsman – Mr Whitaker reported on his work within the Parish. The forthcoming work was requested by Councillors: weeding around the Snapewood Lane bench, fallen branch removal along Cabus Nook Lane and to mulch and tidy up the shrubbery area by the Cabus Spar.

Updates received in response to specific questions to Borough Councillor Lady Atkins:

- Green spaces in Cabus for a play area (ref CPC meeting 13.05.23) – Cllr Atkins to follow up with Borough Council as no response received as yet
- Erection of a bus shelter and seating on A6 south, and seating on A6 north by Snapewood Lane (ref CPC meeting 17.07.23) - Cllr Atkins to follow up with Borough Council as no response received as yet

A6 Traffic Lights - Concern was noted regarding the number of temporary traffic lights.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.05pm.

2342. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

Application Number: 23/00941/FUL; Proposal: Proposed re-siting of a shipping container to use as short stay café; Location: Layby At Woodfold Lane Cabus Lancashire - **It was resolved to recommend refusal.**

2343. CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS – PROACTIVE MEASURES - STANDING ITEM

Flooding - noted that all problem areas should be reported to Lancashire County Council.

2344. REPORTS AND INFORMATION DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Queen’s Canopy/Jubilee Trees/Coronation Trees** – Cllr Suart reported that the project was progressing well and 7 trees were due to be received in December. The owner of the hedge/field bordering the site had been consulted. The Clerk reported that the County Council had been helpful and all permissions/requirements were in hand. The maintenance of the trees, once planted, would rest with the Parish Council.
- **Grass Cutting Arisings Residential concern** – the concern was acknowledged and it was understood that this matter had now been resolved.
- **Ward Walk (26 September)** – written and verbal report received from Cllr Jackson who was thanked for the report and invited to send it to Rebecca Huddleston, Chief Executive Wyre Borough Council.
- **Remembrance Events** – 11 Nov (Cabus) and 12 Nov (Garstang) – noted as having taken place
- **Effective ways to reduce dog mess** – response received from Ben Wallace MP and Borough Cllr Lady Atkins had forwarded this to Mark Billington, Director of Environment at WBC.
- **Wildflower areas** – various wildflower areas had been scarified and yellow rattle seeds sown with thanks to Cllr Birchall-Farr for providing the seeds.
- **Speed Indicator Device, Lancaster Rd** – it was resolved that the device be tested
- **Parish Christmas Tree** – confirmation was awaited from the Grosvenor estate as to the availability of a tree but a suitable alternative supplier had been found if the preferred supplier could not fulfil the order
- **LALC Training** – noted that this had taken place 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

2345. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1 **FINANCIAL REQUEST (Garstang Town Council) – Garstang Christmas Lights**

A donation request had been received and it was resolved to donate £100 to the Garstang Christmas Lights (Christmas 2023).

2 **BUDGET UPDATE 23/24** – the accounts were reviewed and noted

3 **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment.

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHQ NO.
L Banton	Clerk Expenses - Broadband Aug-Sept Oct-Nov (£34.50) + salary adj for Aug-Sept Oct-Nov due to difference between standing order and payslip (£80.68)	£115.18	001014
LALC Training	26 th Sept (New Cllrs-£35) & 18 th Oct (Planning-£40)	£75.00	001015
Cabus Village Hall	Room Hire Jan 23 – Nov 23 (x6 bookings)	£90.00	001016
Paul Whitaker	Lengthsman/Grasscutting work - awaited	£1714.00	001017
Garstang Town Council	Christmas Tree Lights 2023	£100.00	001018

2346. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 8th January 2024 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Signed:
Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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