

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held at Cabus Village Hall on
Monday 09 September 2024 at 7:30pm

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

In attendance: Wyre Borough Cllr Lady D Atkins; County Cllrs S Turner, PCSOs D Creighton and P Atkinson;
L Banton (Clerk)

6 members of the public present

2427. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillor Sir R Atkins

2428. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meetings of Cabus Parish Council (08.07.24) be approved.

2429. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – residential interests declared by Cllrs Jackson and Birchall-Farr in Local Plan.

2430. CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS – PROACTIVE MEASURES - STANDING ITEM

Items to be covered in main body of the agenda under LALC Conference Report.

2431. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - The meeting was adjourned to allow for a period of public discussion including the receipt of reports from:

Wyre Borough Council

- Nateby Development: impact of new housing development on environment (removal of established Oak Trees), highways (Nateby Crossing Lane unsafe) and local economy (loss of business to local caravan site owners). Enquiry raised by Parish Council as to whether the Public Right of Way was protected (2-8-FP10) – County Cllr Turner to investigate.
- Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation 2024 – noted that this had taken place and that the previous housing allocation of 275 per year for the plan period 2022-2040 had been increased to 639 per year which might require a further call for sites.

Police – spate of petty theft from cars, primarily those left unlocked so residents warned to lock their cars. The following was raised with the police - van parked at Nateby Lane junction; speed limit on Snapewood Lane (60mph); speeding on Gubberford Lane – points to be picked up as follows: County Cllr Turner (Snapewood Lane Speed Limit), Parish Clerk (Gubberford Lane reminder to new Neighbourhood Sergeant, Elliot Jones, that PC previously volunteered to do mobile speed testing in this area). The Police left at the end of their report.

Lancashire County Council – action points as noted above; a paper would be coming forward to County Cabinet regarding Highways and Safety which would be relevant to the Wyre Local Plan. Concern raised by local resident present over UU capacity to cope with current (and potential future) sewerage treatment works and storm overflows – Cllr Turner confirmed that discussions were currently taking place with UU; Cllr Suart raised the concern that the County Council Highways were failing to respond to online reports in the Parish e.g. overgrown hedges and vegetation narrowing footpaths. Cllr Suart to send Cllr Turner email correspondence.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.10pm. Cllrs D Atkins and S Turner left the meeting at this point.

2432. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment.

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHQ NO.
L Banton	Clerk's expenses - Bband Aug-Sept (£36.00) + Clerk salary adj for Aug/Sept (£123.96)	£159.96	001037
HMRC	2 nd Qrt Tax (due 05 Oct 2024)	£241.40	001038
LALC	LALC Conference (07.09.24)–attended by the Clerk	£35.00	001039

THE FOLLOWING AUTHORISED PAYMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING WERE NOTED

Clerk's Salary - £260 (26 July 2024) and £260 (26 August 2024) by standing order

2. BUDGET UPDATE 24/25 - It was resolved to receive and approve the budget update
3. NEW MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 2024 – It was resolved to approve the adoption of the new model which forms the basis of the Financial Regulations for Cabus Parish Council.

2433. REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Wyre Local Plan Issues and Options 2024** – the response to the local plan was discussed and the deadline of 10 September 2024 noted along with amendments to the draft response to remove references to a new M6 junction at Garstang.
2. **Solar Farm (Abei Energy)** – the clerk reported that Abei Energy were bringing forward the public consultation to October which would be before the next Parish Council meeting in November. The clerk suggested that any queries or questions about the proposed Solar Farm which the Parish Council might otherwise have sought answers to had Abei Energy been able to attend a Parish Council meeting, be submitted by email.
3. **Tree Canopy** – Cllr Suart reported that he would contact Dr Stuart at Myerscough College to review the options for the failing tree in the Royal Canopy collection.
4. **Potential Tree Planting North End of Fowler Lay-By** – clerk to be advised as to the specific location of suggested tree planting in order to be able to contact Lancashire Highways for permission.
5. **Work Required Around the Parish** - in the absence of a Parish Lengthsman, the following schedule of works were discussed and agreed as follows:
 - Wildflower areas – Autumn Schedule of strimming work
 - PROW-related work - fix the style by Davis bridge and trim round the finger posts in the Parish as identified by Councillors after the meeting (noted that the latter action might be picked up by a working group)
 - Clean the bench on the south side of Snapewood Lane – a member of the public present volunteered to undertake this work.
6. **Bench at Snapewood Lane North Side** – it was resolved to purchase a new bench and to retain the original commemorative plaque alongside a new Cabus Parish Council plaque.
7. **Overgrown hedges along the A6** – noted that this had been reported to Highways by the Clerk
8. **LALC Conference (Saturday 7 September 2024)** – the Clerk verbally reported on the conference and the following was noted: dog litter bins (and environmentally friendly bags) had been bought by one parish council for residents who agreed to have them placed near to their properties and maintain the disposal of the bin contents; contact had been made with the Chair of Forton Parish Council regarding the Local Plan; quote received from Festive Lights for battery operated Christmas Tree Lights (£605.68 exc vat); contact made with Tree Scapes (Ian Wright) at Lancashire County Council who confirmed tree funding could be found for the purchase of trees on land not owned by the Parish Council (subject to the land owner’s consent).
9. **Training – Planning for Parish and Town Councils (17 September 2024 7-9.30pm)** – noted that Cllrs Houghton, Jackson and Birchall-Farr were registered for this training event.

2434. PLANNING APPLICATION

Application Number: 24/00705/FUL; Proposal: Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension, following demolition of existing store; Location: 5 Cabus Terrace Lancaster New Road Cabus
 Cabus response – no objections provided neighbours are happy.

2435. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 11th November 2024 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9:02pm.

Signed:
 Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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