

# CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held at Cabus Village Hall on  
Monday 11 November 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 Sir R Atkins; County Cllrs S Turner, PCSO D Creighton; L Banton (Clerk)

**2436. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Borough Councillor Lady D Atkins and Mrs A Collinson

**2437. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting of Cabus Parish Council (09.09.24) be approved.

**2438. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – residential interests declared by Cllrs Birchall-Farr and Suart in agenda item 7.6 (Gubberford Lane Speeding).

**2439. CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS – PROACTIVE MEASURES – STANDING ITEM**

- Battery Operated Christmas Tree Lights – quote discussed. Agreed to retain existing infrastructure and setup but noted that this would be a potential option if no access to power supply available.
- Tree planting along the A6 – response still awaited from Highways (re: permissions) who are awaiting a response from Tree Scape. Borough Cllr Turner volunteered to follow this up with Highways.

**2440. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - The meeting was adjourned to allow for a period of public discussion including the receipt of reports from:

Police – no logs in relation to Cabus although a theft from the Salvation Army Box had recently been reported; response from Sgt Jones regarding the Gubberford Lane speeding issue had been sent to the Clerk (and circulated to Cllrs). The following was raised: Woodfold Lane loitering issue – Clerk to share collar number and Police email address with the concerned resident.

Wyre Borough Council – Cllr Atkins invited Cllrs to visit the Solar Farm (by Guys) to see it in operation.

Lancashire County Council – funding announced for Highways improvements to A6 corridor, Cllr Turner to investigate implications and share map with Cabus Parish Council. The following was raised: house designs and whether Parish Councils can comment on this; Nateby Development - Public Right of Way (2-8-FP10), no update on whether this was protected but noted that cones now up and encroaching on cycle path; Highways response to overgrown vegetation reporting that the work had been completed but this is not correct (Cllr Suart to send latest correspondence to Cllr Turner); lack of eye level no through road sign for vehicles turning into Green Lane East (Cllr Turner to report).

Also noted: trees at Six Arches – work taking place to strengthen that part of the river bank to prevent trees being washed away.

**The meeting was reconvened at 8.10pm.** The Police, Cllrs R Atkins and S Turner left the meeting at this point.

**2441. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. BUDGET UPDATE 24/25 - It was resolved to receive and approve the budget update with suggestions received regarding proposed works around the Parish for a contractor (strimming around the Royal Canopy Trees and removal of brambles).
2. FINANCIAL REQUEST (Garstang Town Council) – Garstang Christmas Lights  
It was resolved to donate £100 to the Garstang Christmas Lights (Christmas 2024).
3. Section 106 Monies – in response to the concerns raised by Garstang Town Council (GTC) that Parish Councils are not getting enough S106 monies, Cabus Parish Council agreed to accept the invite to join GTC and, collectively, address these concerns to Wyre Council.

#### 4. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

**It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment.**

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHQ NO.
L Banton	Clerk's expenses - Bband Oct-Nov (£36.00) + Clerk salary adj for Oct/Nov (£123.96)	£159.96	001041
LALC	Planning for Town & Parish Councils (17 Sept 2024)	£120.00	001042
Bradshaws Farm Shop Ltd	Christmas Tree (20ft) (£165.83 + £33.17 vat)	£199.00	001043
Cabus Village Hall	Hall Hire 2024	£97.50	001044
Paul Whitaker	Grass Cutting (cuts 4, 5 & 6)	£1350.00	001045
Garstang Town Council	Christmas Tree Lights Donation for 2024	£100.00	001046

#### **THE FOLLOWING AUTHORISED PAYMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING WERE NOTED**

Clerk's Salary - £260 (26 September 2024) and £260 (26 October 2024) by standing order  
Royal British Legion - £40 (x2 wreaths) cq:001040

#### **2442. REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Remembrance Events**– 10 Nov (Garstang War Memorial) and 11 Nov (Cabus War Memorial) – noted that all Cabus Parish Councillors in attendance for 11 Nov placement of wreath.
- LALC Training – Planning for Parish and Town Councils (17 Sept)** – noted that Cllrs Houghton, Jackson and Birchall-Farr attended.
- Wyre Area LALC Meeting (25 Sept)** – verbal report from Clerk received.
- Parish & Town Council Conference & LALC AGM (2 Nov)** – verbal report from attendees (Cllr Houghton, Jackson and Hastings) received.
- Cabus Cross** – noted that some work to clear the vegetation might be required at a future point.
- Gubberford Lane Speeding** - response from Sergeant Elliot Jones that the Police were unable to do anything about enforcing the 30mph speed limit along Gubberford Lane due to the lack of safe refuge areas creating risk for individual officers holding mobile speed devices was noted. It was further noted that the faded road markings needed repainting and a member of the public had helpfully provided photos which would be sent to Highways for action (Clerk to action).
- Speed Limit on Rural Roads** – item withdrawn for discussion but noted that the speed limit in Dartmoor National Park was 40mph on all rural roads.
- Snapewood Lane/Park Lane road signs** – Clerk to send request to Highways for road signs to indicate the Snapewood Lane junction from Park Lane.
- Government Public Consultation** (remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings) – Cllrs Jackson, Birchall-Farr and the Clerk to prepare a response on behalf of Cabus Parish Council.
- Parish Christmas Tree** – noted that order had been placed with Bradshaws, Paul Whitaker would be putting the tree up at the end of November and Jon Cuff would be asked to fit the lights again this year. The Parish Council resolved to assess the condition of the Christmas tree Lights and to authorise expenditure for the purchase of new Christmas Tree lights in the New Year if required.
- Cabus Parish Council Website** – options were discussed with regards to refreshing the website and improving website accessibility. It was resolved that the Clerk progress improvements with the current website developer (Chris Ryecroft) in the first instance.

#### **2443. PLANNING MATTERS**

- Wyre Draft Planning Enforcement Policy Consultation** – it was resolved that the Clerk provide a written response to reflect the discussion which had taken place.
- Snapewood Solar Farm Proposal** – it was noted that Cabus Parish Council had attended the public consultation which took place on Monday 28 October at Wyre Bank.

#### **2444. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 6 January 2025 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall

**The meeting closed at 9:25pm.**

Signed: .....  
Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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