

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held at Cabus Village Hall on Monday 8 January 2024 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: L Banton (Parish Clerk); Paul Whitaker (Lengthsman), PCSO Denise Creighton.

2347. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Wyre Borough Councillors Sir R Atkins, Lady D Atkins and Mrs A Collinson; Lancashire County Cllr S Turner

2348. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting of Cabus Parish Council (13.11.23) be approved.

2349. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - none

2350. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Part 1)** - The meeting was adjourned to allow for a period of public discussion.

Police – theft from a garage had taken place recently along Gubberford Lane; Police continue to have a visible presence at Fowler Layby

PCSO Creighton was thanked for attending and left the meeting at this point (7.40pm)

The meeting was reconvened at 7.40pm.

2351. **CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS – PROACTIVE MEASURES - STANDING ITEM**

Noted that the LCC Biodiversity Grant (£300) had been received (Nov 2023) and consideration would take place for appropriate projects/expenditure.

2352. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Part 2)** - The meeting was adjourned to allow for a period of public discussion.

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

Wyre Borough Council – apologies had been received from Wyre Borough Councillors

Lengthsman – Mr Whitaker reported on his work within the Parish and he confirmed that the following previously requested work had been undertaken: fallen branch removal along Cabus Nook Lane, mulch and tidy up the shrubbery area by the Cabus Spar.

Discussion took place regarding the various reports of flooding within the Parish and the Clerk was asked to draw a number of items to the attention of County Cllr Turner for highways-related assistance.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.50pm.

2353. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1 **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment.

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHQ NO.
HMRC	3 rd Qrt Tax	£274.00	001019
L Banton	Clerk's expenses: Broadband (Dec-Jan = £34.50) & Salary adjustment (x3 mths=£297.08) & 2 nd Class Stamps (£6.00)	£337.58	001020
P Whitaker	Lengthsman work (£140); Xmas Tree erection and removal (£160)	£300.00	001021

The following authorised payments since the last meeting were noted:

Clerk's Salary - £260 (26 November 2023) and £260 (26 December 2023)

2 **BUDGET AND PRECEPT – 2024/2025**

It was resolved that the Precept for 2024/25 be set at £9,000.

2354. **Governance Documents - the Council reviewed and approved the following:**

- Updated Asset Register 2024
- Risk Assessment Schedule for 23-24

2355. REPORTS AND INFORMATION DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Tree Planting Project** – noted that the project to plant 7 trees along the A6 between Snapewood Lane and Fowler Hill (The Royal Canopy), in partnership with Myerscough College, has successfully concluded. Working group to consider plaque designs to best present information about the project.
- **Bus Shelters and Seating (A6)** – the positive response by WBC in response to enquiry made by Borough Cllr Lady Atkins on behalf of Cabus Parish Council regarding bus shelters and seating at bus stops on A6 north and south of Snapewood Lane was noted.
- **Snapewood Solar Farm** – the information received from Abei Energy Ltd who have formally requested an Environmental Impact Screening Opinion from Wyre Borough Council (circulated by email 21.12.23) was discussed alongside the environmental pros and cons of solar farms. It was resolved to acknowledge receipt of the information and to ask the Wyre Borough Councillors whether Solar Farms were now to be included within the Wyre Local Plan. It was further noted that the climate change reports (see mins 2341) which the Parish Council had been informed at the last meeting would be coming out for consultation in the New Year, had not as yet been received for consultation/information purposes.
- **Planning Application (23/00941/FUL)** – proposed re-siting of shipping container to Woodfold Lane. It was noted that this was now known to be coming before the Planning Committee on 10 Jan 2024 but no prior notification had been received by the Clerk and it was unknown if any members of the public were aware of it being on the Planning Committee agenda in order to register to speak at the planning meeting. Councillors had been trying to contact local residents who had previously expressed concerns about the application to let them know about the forthcoming meeting.

2356. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 11th March 2024 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Signed:
Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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