

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held at Cabus Village Hall on Monday 10 March 2025 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 Cllrs Sir R Atkins; County Cllr S Turner, PSCO H Yates; L Banton (Clerk)

3 members of the public were present

2455. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Wyre Borough Councillor D Atkins

2456. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting of Cabus Parish Council (06.01.25) be approved.

2457. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – NONE

2458. CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS – PROACTIVE MEASURES – STANDING ITEM

Coronation Canopy (replacement tree) – Cllr Suart confirmed that he would prompt Dr Slater about the replacement tree.

2459. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - The meeting was adjourned to allow for a period of public discussion including the receipt of reports from:

Police – Discussion focused on the re-occurring M6 crashes which were resulting in the regular closure of the M6 causing traffic chaos along the A6. It was noted that no solutions had currently been identified. PSCO Yates left the meeting at this point.

Wyre Borough Council – Cllrs R Atkins reported as follows:

Wyre Council Tax Precept has now been set (2.99% increase); pending receipt of Local Government Review plans; Government Planning Policy due to be released which will likely see Areas of Separation under threat and increased housing allocations along the A6 corridor; Fly-Tipping subcommittee report has gone to cabinet and includes a recommended increase in fines to £2,000.

Lancashire County Council – Cllr Turner reported as follows:

Local Government Review still pending further information from Government which is leading to uncertainty and other funding related issues; Tree planting along A6 – Cllr Turner to find out about the replacement tree policy and seek clarification on the future maintenance of trees.

The following was raised with Cllr Turner:

The land for sale of the former Bowgreave Rise Residential Home, would this land not be better used for medical purposes? – up to NHS to identify if they need the land.

Gubberford Lane resurfacing, will this include repairs to the sunken ironwork? Cllr Turner to check.

Japanese Knotweed at Fowler Hill Layby, is this on the LCC maintenance schedule? Cllr Turner to check.

Himalayan Balsam – public discussion

The increase in, and damage caused by, Himalayan Balsam was discussed and the followed was agreed: Cllr Jackson to work with Mr Butcher (owner of Fowler Wood) to raise awareness of the issue with a view to organising Himalayan Balsam bashing in the Parish; Alison Boden (Wyre Borough Council Coast & Countryside Manager) to be contacted with a view to assisting with risk assessments and land access; Mr Butcher to identify key Himalayan Balsam areas on a local map.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.27pm.

Cllr R Atkins, Cllr S Turner and the members of the public left the meeting at this point.

2460. REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. **Cabus Village Hall Hearing Loop** – it was noted that a letter from the Village Hall Committee had been received in relation to the Committee having purchased a multi directional microphone.

2461. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 1. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHQ NO.
HMRC	4 th Qrt tax	£269.80	001051
L Banton	Clerk’s expenses: Broadband (Feb-March = £29.24 & Salary adj for Feb/March=£199.28)	£228.52	001052
Chris Rycroft (Seagullwebs)	Web Accessibility work – 100% on Lighthouse	£60.00	001053
Mr Robert Hastings	Chairmans Chain – engraving & attachment to chain (for 23/24 and 24/25)	£94.00	001054

THE FOLLOWING AUTHORISED PAYMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING WERE NOTED

Clerk’s Salary - £260 (26 January 2025) and £260 (26 February 2025)
Festive Lights - £342.27 inc vat (vat = £57.04) cq no: 001050

- 2. NEW CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS FROM FESTIVE LIGHTING noted that these has been received and tested
- 3. WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY WORK – the Clerk reported that the project had now been completed to make the Parish Council website 100% accessible. The Clerk was thanked for her work on this project and instructed to write a letter of thanks from the Parish Council to Chris Rycroft for his excellent work.
- 4. BUDGET Update 24/25 - the accounts were reviewed and the following noted:
PROW work – had been undertaken by the Clerk during Autumn 2024
Biodiversity Grant – agreed that purchases would be identified and the Clerk to place the orders
Lengthsman work – the vacancy was as yet unfilled and work around the parish had been identified (repairs to a stile and bench). The Clerk was asked to contact Garstang Town Council to see if their Lengthsman might be available to undertake some work around Cabus Parish.
- 5. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT – 2025/2026
The Clerk was authorised to offer an extension of the current grass cutting contract for a further 12 months.
- 6. POLICE REQUEST FOR £150 FUNDING FOR E-BIKES
It was resolved not to authorise the release of money, raised via the Precept from local residents, to fund police equipment.

2462. PLANNING MATTERS

Noted that Councillors welcomed receipt of advance contact from any local landowners regarding their potential planning applications.

2463. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12th May 2025 (7.00pm for APCM followed at 7.30pm by Ordinary Meeting) in Cabus Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Signed:
Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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