

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held at Cabus Village Hall on Monday 10 November 2025 at 7:30pm

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

In attendance: Wyre Borough Cllr Sir R Atkins; County Cllr J Tomlinson; PCSO D Creighton, L Banton (Clerk)

2537. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Wyre Borough Councillors D Atkins and A Collinson.

2538. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting of Cabus Parish Council (15.09.25) be approved.

2539. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Suart declared a residential interest in the Green Lane East Improvements agenda item.

2540. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - The meeting was adjourned to allow for a period of public discussion including the receipt of reports from:

Police – PCSO Creighton indicated that there was no incidents to report within Cabus and patrols of the Fowler Hill and Woodfold Lane area continued. In response to concerns raised regarding antisocial behaviour of individuals on electric bikes in Garstang, PCSO Creighton confirmed that Police were aware of the situation.

PCSO Creighton left the meeting at 7.35pm

Wyre Borough Council – Cllr R Atkins reported as follows:

- High Street Closure – the high street was closed for improvement works and Wyre Borough Council had been presented with the dates from LCC that this would take place, there had been no consultation on the dates. Government funding had been received for the work to take place by a certain date.
- Taxis – 2/3rds of licensed taxis in Wyre had been licensed from outside the area (registered in Wolverhampton).
- Garstang Conservation Area – public consultation currently taking place but will not affect Cabus.
- Devolution – Deadline for final submission to Government is 28 November. Potential impact on Parish Councils is currently unknown.

Lancashire County Council - Cllr Tomlinson reported as follows:

- Devolution – deadline for final submission to Government is 28 November 2025 and LCC will meet on 20 November to discuss its final submission.
- High Street Closure – Cllr Tomlinson urged everyone to support the local shops whilst the work was taking place

General discussion and questions

- Thanks were expressed to Cllr Tomlinson for taking control of the Green Lane East road improvements – many comments from members of the public had been received in response to the work which Cllr Tomlinson had personally undertaken. Cllr Tomlinson confirmed that LCC had adopted the road and he would be raise the required resurfacing work with Highways at a forthcoming meeting.
- Cllr Tomlinson clarified the purpose of the new LCC enquiry system which had been introduced and explained that the new system would in time replace email/phone contact with LCC
- In response to an appeal for help from Cabus Parish Council, Cllr Tomlinson very kindly offered to assist with putting the Parish Christmas Tree up – Clerk to provide details to Cllr Tomlinson
- It was noted that the last High Street Bank closed today in Garstang (Nat West)

The meeting was reconvened at 7.55pm. Cllrs Tomlinson and R Atkins left the meeting at this point.

2541. REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. New LCC Enquiry System** – dealt with in Public Participation.
- 2. Remembrance Events Report**–attendance and placement of wreaths noted as follows: 10th Nov (Garstang War Memorial) and 11th Nov (Cabus War Memorial).
- 3. Green Lane East Improvements** – work has been undertaken with thanks to Cllr Tomlinson.
- 4. Parish Maintenance Support from Garstang Town Council** – noted that the Clerk had drawn up a schedule of works (amounting to 72 hours) and in response a proposal had been received followed by further clarification as requested by the Clerk. **It was resolved to accept the proposal for 26/27 Financial Year subject to receipt of the full breakdown of the agreed delivery schedule which was expected to be included in the service level agreement prior to the contract start date of April 1st 2026.**
- 5. Parish Christmas Tree** – it was noted that this would be available for collection from Bradshaws from Friday 21 November and thanks were again expressed to Cllr Tomlinson for his offer of assistance.

2542. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 1. Speed Indicator request from residents along 30mph Cabus Nook Lane** - it was resolved that the Clerk make enquiries via the new LCC online system for Community Speed Watch in this location in the first instance.
- 2. Financial request (Garstang Town Council) – Garstang Christmas Lights** – it was resolved to donate £100
- 3. Budget Update** - the budget update for 25/26 was received and noted.

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 (£35.00) Sal adj (£222.60)	£257.60	001073
HMRC 3 rd Qrt tax	3rd Qrt Tax inc Emp NIC (due 05 Jan 2026)	£299.58	001074
Mark Stansfield	Grass cutting Royal Canopy Area (1 cut)	£60.00	001075
Robert Hastings	Chairmans Chain – engraving & attach to chain (25/26)	£47.00	001076
Nurture Gp	Grass Cutting A6 Contract pus additional A6 area 25/26	£5957.00	001077
Cabus Village Hall	Room Hire Jan 2025 – Dec 2025	£112.00	001078
Garstang Town Council	Christmas Lights donation (25/26)	£100.00	001079

THE FOLLOWING AUTHORISED PAYMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING WERE NOTED

Clerk’s Salary - £260 (26 Sept 2025), £260 (26 Oct 2025)

Royal British Legion - £40 (x2 wreaths) cq: 001072

2543. PLANNING MATTERS

Snapewood Solar Farm - it was resolved to postpone the online meeting (24 Nov 2025) to a date in January 2026 following notification from Abei Energy that there had been an extension to the application deadline and there might be minor changes to the paperwork.

Flags/Signs on container at Fowler Hill – Cllr Birchall-Farr confirmed she would contact Borough Cllr Lady Atkins with regards to her enquiry concerning the required planning permissions.

2544. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5 January 2026 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

Signed:
Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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