

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held at Cabus Village Hall on Monday 15 September 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 Cllrs Sir R and Lady D Atkins; County Cllr J Tomlinson; L Banton (Clerk)

Chair's announcement: the Chairman, Councillor Hastings announced his wish to vacate the chair due to a hearing impairment and proposed that Cllr Jackson assumed the chair for all forthcoming meetings. All Councillors agreed and expressed their thanks to Cllr Hastings for the service he had given in this capacity to the Parish Council.

Cllr Jackson was welcomed to the chair.

2528. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Wyre Borough Councillor A Collinson.

2529. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meetings of Cabus Parish Council (14.07.25) be approved.

2530. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Suart declared a residential interest in the Green Lane East Improvements agenda item, and Cllr Jackson declared a residential interest in the Himalayan Balsam and Wildflower Areas agenda item.

2531. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS REVISED FORM

It was noted that Wyre Borough Council had revised the above and completed forms from all Parish Councillors were received at the meeting.

2532. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - The meeting was adjourned to allow for a period of public discussion including the receipt of reports from:

Lancashire County Council - Cllr Tomlinson was welcomed to the meeting and reported as follows:

Devolution – deadline for submission of response to Government was 28 November 2025 and decision to be made as to whether to propose 2 or 3 authorities. LCC prefers 2.

Withdrawal of Lancashire Environmental Fund (Public Rights of Way and Biodiversity Grants) – noted that the decision to withdraw this funding had been made by the previous administration.

Police – none present

Wyre Borough Council – Cllrs R and D Atkins reported as follows:

Devolution – Wyre BC was still considering the various options

Food Waste – food waste was going to be recycled from 26/27 and there would be no deterioration in the current level or frequency of service.

Cllrs R and D Atkins left the meeting at 7.50pm

Questions posed to County Councillor:

- Green Lane East road improvements and potential funding if made into a cycling and walking way? LCC Tomlinson agreed to look into this.
- One hedge along Gubberford Lane encroaching on the Lane, can Cllr Tomlinson assist? LCC Tomlinson agreed to look at this with Cllr Suart and Cllr Tomlinson was thanked for his hands-on assistance which had already taken place.
- Additional 7000m² grass cutting stretch undertaken by Cabus Parish Council along the A6 (from Thorpeys to Little Ducklings), can the Parish Council receive additional funding from LCC to cover this? LCC Tomlinson agreed to enquire.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.04pm. County Councillor Tomlinson let the meeting at this point.

2533. REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. The Use of Chemical Sprays** – Cllr Hastings enquired as to whether any Parish Council Contractor used chemical sprays. The Clerk confirmed there was no weed spraying commissioned by the Parish Council.
- 2. Green Lane East (Hangman’s Lane) Improvements** - improving the surface / verges along Green Lane East by proposing that the Lane is made into a cycle and walk way for potential funding purposes. Noted that this had been raised with County Cllr Tomlinson in the Public Participation section and enquiries would be made.
- 3. Himalayan Balsam and Wildflower Areas** – Cllr Jackson expressed her thanks to Cllr Birchall-Farr and her daughter for their assistance with the Balsam Bashing which had taken place. It was agreed that the Snapewood Lane North and South Wildflower Areas would continue to be maintained, Cllrs Jackson and Birchall-Farr to follow up.
- 4. Grass Cutting within the Parish** – it was noted that the additional grass cutting and strimming which had taken place along the A6 had greatly improved the look of the Parish and thanks were extended to all contractors.
- 5. Invitation to Express Interest – Parish Maintenance Support from Garstang Town Council** – Cabus Parish Council confirmed that it was interested and invited the Clerk to draft a potential schedule of works.
- 6. Wyre Area Meeting 24th Sept at 7pm, Garstang Country Hotel** –Cllr Birchall-Farr confirmed that she would attend the meeting.
- 7. Cabus Cross** – the Clerk was invited to ask the landowner if the Parish Council could cut back the hedge.

2534. 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 (£35.00) Sal adj + national backdated pay increase (£269.24)	£304.24	001067
HMRC 2 nd Qrt tax	2nd Qrt Tax inc Emp NIC (due 05 Oct 2025)	£314.94	001068
Mark Stansfield	Grass cutting Royal Canopy Area (2 cuts)	£120.00	001069
Buds & Blooms	Garstang Lengthsman work (3.5hrs) grass cut	£70.00	001070
Npower Commercial Gas Limited	Unmetered supply for Christmas Tree Lights (24/25)	£34.57	001071

THE FOLLOWING AUTHORISED PAYMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING WERE NOTED

Clerk’s Salary - £260 (26 July 2025), £260 (26 August 2025)

- 2. Grass Cutting/Strimming Updates** – noted that additional Grass Cutting/strimming contracts for 25/26 had been placed as follows: i) Nurture Landscapes (A6 southbound from Thorpeys) to clear the overgrown footpaths (x2 cuts) and ii) Garstang Town Council Lengthsman work to cut the overgrown footpath between the end of the Canopy and Fowler Layby, plus visibility splays
- 3. Preparations for Parish Christmas Tree** – forthcoming expenditure and associated work was approved in line with previous years.
- 4. Budget Update** - it was resolved to receive the budget update and noted that the budget would be amended to reflect the withdrawal of the PROW and Biodiversity funding for 25/26

2535. PLANNING MATTERS

SOLAR FARM AT PARK LANE, CABUS, GARSTANG, PR3 0JT - an invitation had been received from ABEI Energy to attend an online meeting. The Clerk was invited to respond with suitable dates.

FLAGS ON CONTAINER AT FOWLER HILL – Cllr Birchall-Farr was invited to contact the Planning Office with any queries in relation to this

2536. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10 November 2025 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

Signed:
Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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