

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held at Cabus Village Hall on Monday 11 May 2026 at 7:30pm

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

In attendance: County Cllr J Tomlinson; Borough Cllr Lady D Atkins, L Banton (Clerk)

2609. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Cllrs Sir R Atkins and A Collinson

2610. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting of Cabus Parish Council (09.03.26) be approved.

2611. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

2612. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – The meeting was adjourned to allow for a period of public discussion.

Lancashire County Council

- Flooding at Cabus Nook Lane – drains have been cleared but one drain in particular is still backing up, further programme of work has been scheduled
- Flooding at Fowler Layby – this has been investigated, the cause of which has been identified as root damage. LCC has placed this on a works schedule for repair
- Japanese knotweed at Fowler Layby – this was believed to have been investigated. Cllr Tomlinson is waiting for an update from LCC

The following matters were raised with Cllr Tomlinson:

- Confusing Speed Limit Order consultation email from Highways – clerk to send email to Cllr Tomlinson and Borough Cllr Lady Atkins to seek clarification
- A6 layby (north and south) litter bins – Cllr Tomlinson agreed to request litter bins
- Cabus Nook Lane – tarmac repairs were laid on soil damaging the integrity of the road and causing a milk tanker to topple over. Cones placed around the damaged area but no work undertaken as yet – Cllr Tomlinson requested site photos so he could progress the matter

Wyre Borough Council

Concerns had been raised by residents at Havenlyn Resident Park which have been forwarded by Borough Councillor Lady Atkins to the Chief Executive.

The following was raised with Cllr Lady Atkins:

- Wyre Borough Council assets and what was Wyre Borough Council intending to do with them? Cllr Atkins reported that a Community Asset Transfer Policy was currently being developed which should outline intentions and potential opportunities.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.50pm

Cllrs Tomlinson and Lady Atkins left the meeting at this point

2613. REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Wyre Borough Council Assets** – the Clerk reported that she had been in touch with the Borough Council and was awaiting a response
2. **The Royal Canopy** – it was noted that the middle tree (of the seven trees) had been replaced with a Silver Birch. Wording for a plaque was believed to have been previously agreed but would be re-circulated for Councillors to confirm the wording and determine the location for placement of the plaque. Cllr Suart agreed to lead on the plaque element.
3. **Wildflower Areas** – the wildflower area at the north side of Snapewood Lane was reported to be flourishing.

4. **Grass Cutting Update** – it was noted that contracts had been placed with Mark Stansfield (x7 cuts, Royal Canopy Tree area) and First Cut Grounds Maintenance Ltd (x6 cuts A6 Amenity Grass Cutting).
5. **ABEI Energy Community Development Fund** - Cabus Village Hall was reported as being keen to pursue the possibility of the ABEI Energy funding solar panels for the village hall from the ABEI Energy Community Development Fund and sought guidance on how best to proceed. The following was resolved: the Clerk to request information from ABEI Energy regarding the process for applying for the funding.
6. **Local Government Reorganisation** – it was noted that Cabus Parish Council had responded to the public consultation on 25 March 2026 with the preferred option being the Five Unitary Model which would place Lancaster with Wyre.

2614. 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: stamps/stationery/meeting refreshments/Bband April-May/sal adj for April-May	£305.22	001087
George Banks	Payroll Admin Services 25/26	£50.00	001088
Chris Rycroft	Website & Domain Renewal 26/27	£74.59	001089
HMRC	1st Qrt Tax inc Emp NIC (due 05 July 2026)	£299.58	001090
Zurich Municipal	Insurance 26/27	£264.00	001091
Garstang Town Council	Parish Maintenance support (Lengthsman work) 1 st quarterly invoice	£440.79	001092
Lorna Murdoch	Internal Audit FY 25/26	£90.00	001093
LALC	NALC/LALC subs 26-27	£341.79	001094
Mark Stansfield	Grass Cutting of Royal Canopy (April & May)	£170.00	001095

THE FOLLOWING AUTHORISED PAYMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING WERE NOTED

Clerk's Salary - £260 (26 March 2026) and £260 (26 April 2026)

2615. PLANNING MATTERS

It was noted that the Oak Field Farm Planning Application (25/00894/FULMAJ & 25/00893/FULMAJ) fell within Cabus (not Forton).

2616. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13 July 2026 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.

Signed:
Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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