

# CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held via Zoom on  
Monday 11 January 2021 at 7:30pm

**Record of members present:** Parish Cllrs R Hastings (Chair), M Houghton, L Hurley, L Jackson, J Slater, T Suart.  
**In attendance:** Lancashire County Cllr S Turner and Wyre Borough Councillor Lady D Atkins. L Banton (Clerk)

The Chairman opened the meeting with a note of thanks to the Parish Clerk for the work which had been undertaken for this, and previous Cabus Parish Council meetings.

## 2051. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Wyre Borough Councillors A Collinson and Sir R Atkins.

## 2052. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 November 2020 be approved.

## 2053. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hurley declared a residential interest in Planning Application 20/01302/FUL.

## 2054. CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS –PRO ACTIVE MEASURES

- A suggestion was received that heat pumps for new builds, for which it was understood a Government Grant was currently available, might be worthy of further investigation. Cllrs Jackson and Hurley agreed to undertake further research.
- Solar panels at Cabus Village Hall – it was noted that this had already been explored and considered unsuitable by the Cabus Village Committee, Cllr Jackson was currently seeking clarification on the reason for unsuitability (*info note post meeting – reason unsuitable as not cost efficient as Village Hall used primarily during the evening and panels only generate power during daylight hours*).

## 2055. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow for a period of public discussion including the receipt of reports and updates/information from the Lancashire County Council and Wyre Borough Council representatives.

Lancashire County Council – Cllr Turner provided a heads up regarding a paper which was coming forward to County Hall to encourage active lifestyles using the existing green infrastructure to create ‘Spines’ around the County connected via quiet lanes. It was hoped that funding would eventually be available (similar to the previous ‘Shaping Your Neighbourhood Fund’) for local organisations to deliver projects in conjunction with local contractors for the active lifestyle benefit of local communities. In response to a question about the current lack of a footpath (towards Gubberford Lane bend to the bridge which has seen significant pedestrian increase during Covid-19) by which to provide safe passage for walkers between Garstang (via Green Lane East) and Scorton, Cllr Turner agreed to approach LCC in the first instance, but concurred that this sort of connectivity proposal would fall within the objectives of the forthcoming paper. Other suggestions for connective routes included improving the condition of the bridle path (Green Lane) linking Cabus Nook Lane to the A6 (and then onwards to Scorton via Weavers Lane).

Snapewood Lane – Cllr Turner was asked to pass on thanks to LCC for the work undertaken on the new drains in this area.

Wyre Borough Council – Cllr Atkins provided an update on planning matters including a recent planning policy meeting at which heat pumps and solar panels were discussed, although noted that these were not in the Local Plan. In response to a question regarding Licencing conditions for the Fowler Hill container, Cllr Atkins agreed to enquire further (*info note post meeting – no Licencing application required as not a portable stall*).

Covid-19 – it was noted, with sadness, that a number of local care homes within Rural Wyre had been affected by the Covid-19 outbreak.

**The meeting was reconvened at 8:03pm**

**2056. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment.**

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO.
HMRC	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qrt Tax	£194.80	000901
L Banton	Clerk's expenses: Broadband (Dec-Jan) & Stamps	£30.79	000902
Mark Stansfield	Lengthsmans work in Nov & Dec	£259.00	000903
P Whitaker	Xmas Tree and erection and removal	£160.00	000904

**TO NOTE AUTHORISED PAYMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING**

Clerk's Salary – £260 (26 November 2020); £260 (26 December 2020)

**BUDGET AND PRECEPT – 2021/2022**

**It was resolved that the Precept for 2021/22 be set at £10,000.**

**CABUS WAR MEMORIAL – METAL REMEMBRANCE SOLDIERS**

Cllrs considered their preferred style from a number of options and it was resolved to allocate the required sum (in the region of £180 - £200) to purchase two remembrance soldiers (style choice number 5) which could be placed facing each other on either side of the Cabus War Memorial. The Clerk was asked to approach the Cabus Village Hall committee secretary with a view to seeking the views of the Cabus Village Hall committee on the proposed offer to purchase the items for siting at the Memorial.

**2057. Reports/Information/Discussion Items**

- 1 Planting the small garden area at the Cabus shops – it was agreed that Cllrs Slater, Jackson and Hurley would explore this as a potential project.
- 2 Canal leaflet update – Cllr Jackson provided an update and would circulate the latest draft
- 3 Woodfold Lane – Correspondence from Police Chief Constable received, noted that the matter had been referred by the Chief Constable to the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team. No response received as yet from Local Policing Team
- 4 Litter Sticks – noted that these had now been received.
- 5 Wildflower Areas within the Parish – to be marked out in March following further discussion at next Parish Council meeting.
- 6 Optic fibre mast locations – noted that BT had marked out the erection of new masts which might impact the proposed wildflower areas. Cllr Jackson to let the Clerk know if communication to BT required to request alternate siting of any proposed masts.

**2058. RISK ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE AND REVIEW**

The Council reviewed the following document:

- Risk Assessment of Governance, Financial and Non-Financial Internal Audit Controls For Period 1st April 2020-31st March 2021, with accompanying Asset Register

**It was resolved to approve the Risk Assessment and following the recalculation of the Total Asset figure from £5872.78 to £5459.61, to approve the amended Asset Register.**

**2059. Planning Matters and Applications**

Certificate of Lawfulness – in response to concerns raised regarding the suitability of housing vulnerable children at a facility within Cabus, it was agreed to share with Lancashire and Wyre Borough Cllrs, the received correspondence from the Wyre Planning Officer as to why consultation had not taken place.

Planning Application 20/01302/FUL - Cllrs considered the 3 storey proposal to be out of keeping with the existing 2 storey and bungalow street scene.

**2060. Date of Next Meeting**

This was confirmed as Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom.

**The meeting closed at 8.45pm. All Councillors were thanked for their attendance.**

Signed: .....  
Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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