

# CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held in Cabus Village Hall on Monday 18th January 2016 at 7:30pm

**Record of members present:** Parish Cllrs R Bruce (Chair), M Cammack, R Hastings, J Hudson and M Houghton.

**In attendance:** Borough Cllr D Atkins and T Balmain, PC Ian Rawcliffe and PCSO Karen Hodgeson, L Banton (Clerk), P Whitaker (Lengthsman).

One member of the public present.

### 1558. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

County Cllr S Perkins, Borough Cllr A Collinson, Cllr Jackson

### 1559. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meetings of Cabus Parish Council (23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015) be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 1560. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Item 7: Cllr Houghton disclosed an interest in 16/00032/FUL due to the location of the property along Cabus Nook Lane.

### 1561. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was adjourned to allow for a period of public discussion.

#### **Mayor - Wyre**

Noted that report had been received and circulated to councillors and that Cllr Balmain in his capacity as Mayor did not attend any committees other than to chair Wyre Council meetings.

#### **Lengthsman**

Mr Whitaker reported on his work within the parish and drew attention to the following: footpath work undertaken, work to repair notice board- fix plywood backing; meeting had taken place with John Bettle (Street Scene) to sort out additional collection of litter from layby; noted that traffic from damaged bridge No69 was messing up Fowler's Hill Lane; blocked drain and flooding between Fowler Hill and Snapewood; maize field and stubble contributing to build up of water and waste along road and footpaths which required letter to Lancashire CC for assistance/action.

#### **Police**

Recent local crime statistics for Cabus reported and noted that flooding was categorised as 'antisocial'. Restoration Justice now taking place at Garstang Library. Cut backs had made local policing less proactive but changes to coverage areas meant there would be two neighbourhood policing officers (currently one). Police were made aware of the recent tampering of concrete blocks around damaged Bridge No 69.

#### **Issue raised by member of public**

Planning Application -15/00932/FUL. The response that had been made by the Parish Council was not, in the opinion of the member of the public who was present, satisfactory.

**The meeting was reconvened pending the arrival of Borough Cllr Lady Atkins.**

### 1562. **REPORTS FROM CLLRS**

**New Councillor Training** – Cllr Hudson had recently attended Module 1; Cllr Jackson had unfortunately been unable to attend but had been rescheduled (at no extra cost) to attend Module 1 at a later date.

**Canal Bridge No 69 (Snapewood)** – The Clerk provided an update with regard to the ongoing road closure and repairs which were taking place. The work was due to be completed by the 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016.

### 1563. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was adjourned to allow for receipt of the following:

#### **Wyre Borough Council**

Borough Cllr Lady Atkins reported on the Parish Task Force meetings (communications) and that the final report would go to Wyre Borough Cabinet in due course. It was noted that the issues raised regarding the Settlement Study had not yet resulted in a meeting between Parish Cllrs and Planning Officers and Cllr Atkins agreed to follow this up.

Lancashire County Council

County Cllr Perkins had provided a written report which was read out and contained the following: further meeting arranged between Cllr Perkins and Leader of LCC to discuss budget and the cuts, namely potential closure of library, removal of bus service subsidy, closure of children's centre and axing of some Countryside services. Cllr Perkins had also requested an official enquiry into the flooding in the area which has been granted. Report will be made public later in the year.

Noted that subsidies will be cut from two months on from February and that letter should be sent from Parish Council to LCC to disagree with the proposal which would affect bus numbers 40/41.

**The meeting was reconvened**

**1564. REPORTS FROM CLLRS (CONTINUED)**

LALC Wyre Area Meeting - Cllr Bruce reported on the recent meeting for which papers tabled at the meeting and a summary had already been distributed to Cllrs. Calls for agenda topics/themes were being invited to increase participation in the Wyre Area meetings and road safety would be returned as a suggested theme from Cabus Parish Council – Clerk to action.

Blackburn Cathedral Carol Service – Cllr Bruce and the Clerk would be attending this on 31<sup>st</sup> January.

**1565. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO.
HMRC	PAYE 3rd Quarter	£149	000731
Jon Cuff Electrical	Christmas Tree Lights – install & disconnect	£36	000732
LCTP	New Cllrs & Clerks' Workshop (Cllr Hudson Module 1 & Cllr Jackson Module 1 & 2)	£96	000733
L Banton	Clerk's expenses: Broadband (Dec & Jan) Stamps	£58.16	000734
P Whitaker	Christmas Tree and security fencing	£160	000735
P Whitaker	Lengthsman Work (Nov-Dec)	£206	000737
Houghtons	Lengthsmans Materials (Aug-Oct)	£47.48	000736

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

CLERK SALARY PAYMENTS

Clerk's Salary – £198.53 – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (SO)

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**It was resolved to note the recorded payments.**

BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2016/2017

**It was resolved that the Precept for 2016/17 be set at £7000.**

NEW PARISH NOTICE BOARD

**It was resolved to defer discussion on a new notice board until Cllrs had had the opportunity to look online at the proposed choice of colours and specification for the notice board.**

**1566. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**15/00996/FUL and 15/00999/OUT**–Noted that responses to WBC were made to these applications on 05/01/2016. Clarification received from Wyre Borough Cllrs regarding procedure for calling applications into Planning Committee.

**16/00032/FUL**– recent receipt of application noted. Cllrs to respond to clerk after reviewing details.

**1567. NEXT MEETING**

The date for the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 21st March 2016 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 9.25pm**

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

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