

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held in Cabus Village Hall on Monday 15th January 2018 at 7:30pm

Record of members present: Parish Cllrs R Hastings (Chair), R Bruce, L Jackson, M Houghton.

In attendance: Lancashire County Cllr S Turner; P Whitaker (Lengthsman), L Banton (Clerk).

By Invitation: Mrs Lara Hurley (pending co-option, below)

Twenty members of the public were present.

1744. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Wyre Borough Cllrs Balmain, Atkins, Collinson

1745. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS**

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meetings of Cabus Parish Council (held on 27th November 2017) be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1746. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Bruce (item 8) declared a neighbour interest and resides on Norton Road.

1747. **CO-OPTION of Mrs LARA HURLEY**

Mrs Lara Hurley was welcomed to the meeting and her co-option to the council was confirmed with the declaration of acceptance of office being signed and received. Cllr Hurley was requested to complete the required notification of disclosable pecuniary interests and council 'other interests' paperwork and return it to the Clerk.

1748. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Lancashire County Council

Cllr Turner reported the following:

Gully Cleaning – undertaken along the A6 stretch and should result in the reduction in flooding. Clay Lane Head Farm flooding remained a concern for which an investigation request would be made to LCC by Cllr Turner.

New Interim Chief Exec/Finance Officer at LCC – to improve and facilitate decision making

New District Lead Officer for Highways at LCC – Matt Campbell

Lengthsman

Mr Whitaker was thanked for his 5 years' of service and his final report to Cabus Parish Council was received which included: Parish Christmas tree work, new notice board installed, litter picking along Fowler Hill Layby and Woodfold Lane.

Members of the Public

Gubberford Lane Development/Hospital Field: Mr Jonathan Humphries asked whether Cabus Parish Council would be minded to nominate the Land known locally as 'The Hospital Field' as an Asset of Community Value. The Land in question was owned by Wyre Borough Council but there was concern that as the Land formed part of the large scale housing application due to come before the Planning Inspectorate in February 2018, the area of separation (open space/countryside) between the Settlements of Garstang and Cabus which the Land afforded - and was appreciated by the local community - would be destroyed. Suggestions were also received as to the potential beneficial future use of the Land by the community. It was noted that Cabus Parish Council was not the only organisation who could nominate the Land (a local resident's group formed by 21 individuals who appear on the electoral roll within Wyre Council) and the pros and cons of doing so would be considered later in the meeting.

A6 Speed Limit - Cabus to Garstang and Beyond : Mr Tony Flintcroft raised concerns over the current speed limit of 50mph along the stretch of the A6 and invited Cabus Parish Council to approach LCC

Highways to request a reduction to 30mph for which support from the Local Police would also prove beneficial. Cabus Parish Council agreed to approach the relevant parties to seek a reduction in speed.

Travelling Showpeople Planning Application

Members of the public raised concerns over planning application 17/01176/FULMAJ on the basis of the inappropriateness of the proposed location for the following reasons:

- Safety concerns for other road users with large (60-70ft) trailers potentially stopping on the A6 round a blind corner in order to turn into the site
- Building on open countryside
- Impact on the visual amenity and out of keeping with the area
- Reduces the open landscape between the Settlements of Cabus and Garstang

It was further noted that the site had been allocated in the final version of the draft Wyre Local Plan as a Travelling Showpeople site for which there had been no prior consultation as to its appropriateness and Cabus Parish Council had responded accordingly.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.20pm.

1749. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

New Parish Notice Board – clerk reported that this is now installed and the old notice board removed.

Flytipping & other faults – Cllr Hastings commended the use of the Wyre Borough Council online facility to report flytipping and the LCC online facility for other faults (roads, pavements, cycle paths, public right of ways, street and traffic lights or flooding incidents).

Lost Rights of Way (public footpaths) – Cllr Jackson reported having received the master map for Cabus from LCC and was now looking to include any historic/missing public footpaths on that register before the deadline of 2026. Local knowledge and input from the community was welcomed. Cllrs Jackson had also discovered that new Public Footpaths could be added to the register and would see if this applied to land currently being used for grazing purposes.

Canal Bridge 69 (again) – the concrete block still remained on Bridge 69 despite a long running attempt from Cabus Parish Council to the accountable parties (Canal & River Trust and Highways) to restore the repaired Bridge to its former ‘concrete block-free’ state. Pot holes had developed on the top of the bridge and the site was looking a mess. Clerk to contact Highways.

1750. RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW AND ASSET REGISTER 2017

The Council reviewed the following document:

- Risk Assessment of Governance, Financial and Non-Financial Internal Audit Controls For Period 1st April 2017-31st March 2018, with accompanying Asset Register

It was resolved to approve the document and note the disk operating system vulnerability of the Parish Council laptop which would be resolved by the forthcoming purchase of a new laptop.

1751. ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE

Cllrs considered whether the Wyre Borough Council owned Land, known locally as ‘The Hospital Field’ should be nominated as an Asset of Community Value by Cabus Parish Council. Cllrs recognised the strength of feeling expressed by the members of the public present, that the Land should be retained as an Open Space (currently being used as grazing land) for community enjoyment and protected from potential future loss of community enjoyment if the Land were to subsequently be sold to a developer. Cllrs noted that the draft Wyre Local Plan which had now been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, designated the Land as part of the Strategic Area of Separation between the Settlements of Cabus and Garstang which would preserve the Open Space. However, it was also noted that the Cabus Consortium Appeal for Planning Permission on that Land was due to be heard by Planning Inspectorate in February 2018. If the Appeal was upheld, this placed the Land at risk of being lost as an Asset currently enjoyed and valued by the Community.

It was resolved to defer the decision as to whether to nominate until after the outcome of the February 2018 Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.

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Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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1752. FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment.

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO.
HMRC	PAYE 3rd Quarter	£144.60	000802
L Banton	Clerk’s expenses: Broadband (Dec - Jan)	£21.00	000805
P Whitaker	Christmas Tree, installation and security fencing	£260	000803
P Whitaker	Lengthsman work (final invoice, includes putting up new Notice Board)	£108	000804

Purchase of new Laptop for Cabus Parish Council

Cllrs authorised the Clerk to seek quotes.

AUTHORISED PAYMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING

Cllrs noted the following: Clerk’s Salary - £231.03 – 28th Nov 2018; £231.03 – 28th Dec 2018

PARISH LENGTHSMAN VACANCY

Cllrs noted the contractual terms for the post: £12.00 per hr, 5 hrs per week for 35 weeks of the year. Lengthsman to be self-employed and to hold own insurance to carry out works (public liability).

It was resolved to advertise the vacancy

BUDGET AND PRECEPT – 2018/2019

It was resolved that the Precept for 2018/19 be set at £10,000.

1753. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO CABUS VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

It was resolved that Cllr Ruth Bruce be appointed.

1754. PLANNING MATTERS

Application number: 17/01176/FULMAJ

Proposal: Change of use of land to travelling showpeople accommodation site and erection of storage and amenity building

Location: Conway Lancaster Road Cabus

Cllrs considered the public concerns that had been voiced during the public participation section of the meeting and noted that whilst there was a need for Wyre Borough Council to allocate a site within Wyre, it was the appropriateness of the proposed location for the site which was now being tested.

It was resolved to return a response to Wyre Borough Council which encapsulated the following:

- Road safety concerns
 - For other road users – access to and from the proposed site is the A6 (50mph), round a blind bend for which sightlines are poor. There will be large (60-70ft) trailers stopping on the A6 to turn into the proposed site.
 - Residents along the A6 already experience difficulties getting onto the A6, this would be exacerbated by the increase in traffic to and from the proposed development
- Site allocation and the intended purpose of the site will result in building on open countryside which is both out of keeping with the character of the landscape and will have a detrimental impact on the visual amenity
- The Area of Separation between the Settlements of Cabus and Garstang will be detrimentally impacted
- Lack of infrastructure to support the proposed site and concerns about flood risk (proposed site is regularly flooded)

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- Reference to the Cabus Parish Council response to the draft Wyre Local Plan regarding the proposed allocation of the site

1755. NEXT MEETING

The date for the next Meeting of Cabus Parish Council was confirmed as Monday 26th March 2018 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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