

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held at Cabus Village Hall on
Monday 17 July 2023 at 7:30pm

Record of members present: Parish Cllrs R Hastings, A Birchall-Farr, M Houghton, L Jackson, J Slater and T Suart
In attendance: Wyre Borough Cllr Lady D Atkins; L Banton (Parish Clerk); Paul Whitaker (Lengthsman).

2319. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Cllrs Sir R Atkins and Mrs Collinson; PCSO Creighton

2320. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meetings of Cabus Parish Council (held on 15 May 2023) be approved.

2321. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Suart, Slater and Birchall-Farr declared residential interests for Gubberford Lane items

2322. CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS – PROACTIVE MEASURES - STANDING ITEM

The following suggestions were discussed:

- Wildflower areas - it was agreed that the Lengthsman should cut and scarify once a year (end of September) and Cllrs to sow the received yellow rattle seeds.
- Creation of bee highways in the Parish – discussed in relation to County Council verge cutting along highway stretches which are not otherwise cut as part of the public realm delegated services to Parish Councils. Areas which are cut by Cabus Parish Council could potentially create bee highways, but more preferable areas along the A6 to the north of Snapewood Lane are maintained by LCC and the LCC Highways Maintenance Plan indicates that the cutting width is only 1mtr and arisings are not removed which is not favourable for the creation of bee highways.

Questions for LCC and WBC Cllrs

- grass cutting areas – what are the recommended County/Borough strategies with regards to climate change, protecting insects, bees, birds etc. In response, it was noted that whilst LCC was looking at the subject area, little had been communicated on nature recovery strategies, grass verge cutting regimes, and information supplied to Parish Councils undertaking delegated grass cutting services. Cllr Turner agreed to raise with LCC - the lack of communication from LCC to Parish Councils, the nature recovery plan, the LCC mowing regime.

2323. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - The meeting was adjourned to allow for a period of public discussion.

Police – apologies had been received, no report provided.

Lancashire County Council – Cllr Turner reported: he had contacted Highways to explore the use of an ‘H’ bar to prevent wagons parking outside of a property on Woodfold Lane; Garstang Show – no temporary lights were being planned; work was continuing on a Devolution deal.

Wyre Borough Council – Cllr Lady Atkins reported that a Ward walkabout would take place with the new Chief exec on 26 September, time to be confirmed with the Clerk, meeting place: Cabus Village Hall.

Points and questions to County and Borough Councillors:

- Children’s Homes - Cllr Turner confirmed that the County Council was committed to building more Children’s Homes to combat the current private profiteering taking place
- Bins – Canal and River Trust are set to remove all bins due to government funding cuts; Cabus PC requested recycling bins be placed next to black bins (e.g. on Fowler Lane) – Cllr Lady Atkins to explore with WBC.
- Gubberford Lane speeding issue and road surface – Cllr Turner to request placement of banner as per previous; Cllr Turner to share response from Highways regarding reported road surface problems.

Lengthsman Report – Mr Paul Whitaker, reported on his work within the Parish (see also supplied worksheets/invoices for May/June/July) and asked whether the hedge at B6430/A6 intersection should be cut (no decision taken). It was also noted that the owner of Fowler Wood had fenced off the Japanese Knotweed at the Fowler layby.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:42pm and Cllr Turner left the meeting.

2324. FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment.

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHQ NO.
Glasdon UK Ltd	New Bench (Gubberford Lane)	£666.90	001002
L Banton	Clerk Expenses - Broadband June-July (£32.75) + May correction (£3.35) + salary adj for June-July due to difference between standing order and payslip (£80.68)	£116.78	001003
Mark Stansfield	Community Garden Project – Labour x 3 hrs	£45.00	001004
P Whitaker	Grass Cutting x 3 cuts (£1350) / L'man work May-July (£658) / PROW (£126) / Insurance cont. (£70)	£2204.00	001005
Houghtons	L'man materials -May & June invoices (£61.82)	£61.82	001006

The following authorised payments since the last meeting were noted:

Clerk's Salary - £260 (26 May 2023) and £260 (26 June 2023)

BUDGET UPDATE – reviewed and noted.

AUDIT 22/23 - Cllrs noted that the Audit Notice for the Exercise of Public Rights and associated documentation had been published on 17 May 2023 and the acknowledgement of receipt of Notification of Audit Exemption from the external auditors had been received on 10 June 2023.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT ON MEADOW PARK – noted that the biodiversity project for 22/23 had now concluded (total cost £281.91).

2325. REPORTS AND INFORMATION DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Cabus Village Hall A6 signs – noted that Highways had now installed the signage (early June 2023), it was further noted that the Village Hall had agreed to purchase cycle racks.
- Benches and bus stops at Snapewood Lane (north and south).
 - North Bound – Borough Cllr Lady Atkins agreed to ask Wyre Borough Council about an upgrade to the northbound bus shelter which would include in built seating and if no upgrade permitted, to request either a bench be installed, or permission for Cabus Parish Council to install a bench inside the bus shelter.
 - South Bound – Cllr Slater to seek written permission from landowner to enable the hedge to be encroached upon in order to facilitate the potential installation of a new bus shelter (with inbuilt seating). Borough Cllr Lady Atkins agreed to ask Wyre Borough Council about an upgrade to the bus shelter in the event that Cllr Slater received the landowner's permission.
- **Speeding Issues on Gubberford Lane** – it was resolved that the Clerk request additional 30mph signs from Highways and invites the Duchy Estate Office to cut the residential hedge back at the Gubberford Lane entrance coming from the A6 to improve the visibility of the 30mph sign.
- **Gubberford Lane** – in response to the issue raised regarding the Wyre Borough Council identification of some addresses within Cabus being incorrectly associated with Scorton, Borough Cllr Lady Atkins agreed to make enquiries with the Borough Council.
- **Japanese Knotweed on Fowler Layby** – noted that the County Council (Highways) had confirmed they would add the area to their list of sites to treat (at least once per year in late Summer – early Autumn) and will keep it on the list for future years until the knotweed is considered controlled.

2326. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

- **Wyre Planning Policy - Public Open Space Survey (Parish and Town Councils)** – noted with thanks that the survey response from Cabus Parish Council was submitted by the Clerk on 05.07.23
- **Application Number:** 23/00520/FUL / **Proposal:** Change of use of land for the siting of 5 holiday caravans **Location:** White House Residential Park Lancaster New Road Cabus Preston Lancashire - noted that this application has been called into the Planning Committee and the Cabus Parish Council response had been submitted.

2327. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 11th September 2023 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.

Signed:

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Chair of Cabus Parish Council