

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held at Cabus Village Hall on
Monday 15 May 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: L Banton (Parish Clerk); Wyre Borough Cllrs Sir R Atkins and Lady D Atkins; PCSO Creighton.
One member of the public was present.

2310. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received

2311. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meetings of Cabus Parish Council (held on 13 March 2023) be approved subject to an amendment to a typo.

2312. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

2313 CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS – PROACTIVE MEASURES - STANDING ITEM

The following suggestions were discussed:

- Recycle bins that include compost at all beauty spots, e.g. Scorton Picnic Park, lay-bys with a butty van or container cafe, e.g. Fowler Hill lay-by and shops. Resolved: to bring to attention of Sammy Gray (Climate Change & Environmental Projects Officer, Wyre Council) but noted that although Borough Council collects, County is responsible for recycling.
- Libraries to offer Repair Shop workshops (to encourage culture of repair and re-use). Resolved: to bring to attention of County Cllr S Turner, cc Cllr Sir R Atkins
- Offers on the buses during school holidays for families to encourage the use of public transport. Resolved: to bring to attention of County Cllr S Turner, cc Cllr R Atkins.

Update/information requested from Borough and County Councillors and received as follows:

- reopening the train line that goes through Thornton to Poulton-le-Fylde – Cllr Sir R Atkins responded that this remains in the plan and is expected to happen at some point
- the proposed M6 junction north of Galgate are there any thoughts on a new rail branch in the area? – noted that outside of Borough, County will have a view but this is currently with Lancaster City Council.
- any new public transport proposals for Wyre/ Lancashire to increase the infrastructure especially with all the new housing? – Cllr Sir R Atkins responded that this was a valid point but no new transport proposals as yet

2314. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Wyre Borough Council – Cllr Sir R Atkins and Cllr Lady D Atkins reported on the recent Borough elections and changes to portfolios and policy groups.

Cllr Slater enquired about the recent Conservative election flyers which had stated that there had been substantial investment in parks, playgrounds and green spaces within the Borough and asked where this investment had been located in Cabus. Cllr Lady D Atkins noted the ongoing request for play provision within Cabus and said she would speak with the Open Spaces Officer at Wyre.

Wyre Borough Councillors left the meeting at this point to attend a Parish Council meeting elsewhere.

Police - PCSO Creighton was welcomed and reported as follows:

- ASB incident had been reported at Fowler Hill Wood/Layby (captured on CCTV), additional Police resource (Architecture) expected and Layby issues to be flagged by Police at forthcoming meeting with Wyre Borough Council.
- Illegal hare shooting had been reported, to be investigated by rural team

The following was raised with the Police at the meeting:

- Young farmers in tractors and potential road accidents – Police to see if Rural Team can raise awareness with Young Farmers Association

PCSO Creighton was thanked for attending and left the meeting at this point.

Lengthsman Vacancy – The member of the public present, Mr Paul Whitaker, expressed his interest in the Lengthsman’s Vacancy and after discussion about some specific work elements, was duly appointed to the position on the agreed terms and signed the contract.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:15pm.

2315. FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment.

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHQ NO.
LALC	NALC/LALC subs 23-24	£323.48	000994
L Banton	Clerk’s expenses: Broadband in April-May (£23.65) + Clerk salary adjustment for April-May due to difference between standing order and payslip actual (£81.20)	£104.85	000995
Mark Stansfield	Labour for environmental project (x 2 hrs @£15)	£30.00	000996
George Banks	Payroll Admin Services 22/23	£50.00	000997
Lorna Murdoch	Internal Audit FY 22/23	£75.00	000998
Chris Rycroft	Website & Domain Renewal 23/24	£64.59	000999
HMRC	1 st Qrt Tax (due 05 July 2023)	£225.20	001000
Zurich Municipal	Insurance 23/24	£264.00	001001

The following authorised payment since the last meeting were noted

Clerk’s Salary - £260 (26 March 2023) and £260 (26 April 2023)

2316. REPORTS AND INFORMATION DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Ash Trees on A6 – noted that a number had been removed in the last couple of weeks due to Ash Dieback. Clerk was asked to contact LCC to enquire as to the intended replacement of new trees within Cabus.
- Japanese Knotweed – noted as being present on the grass verge by the hedge at Fowler Hill Layby. Clerk was asked to contact LCC to request removal of the invasive plant and to remind LCC of its responsibilities as landowner.
- Bench at Gubberford Lane – noted that this was damaged. Councillors discussed whether to repair or replace the bench and it was resolved to replace the bench and include a plaque. Clerk was authorised to purchase new bench.
- Smashed bus shelter glass at bus stop opposite Hamilton Arms – unknown as to whether this remained in need of repair or had been reported and repaired. No action to be taken.

2317. Planning Matters and Applications

Noted that the Blencathra Planning Application (22/00872/FUL) had been appealed (28.04.2023) to the Planning Inspectorate (Appeal Ref: APP/U2370/ W/23/3315365).

2318. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 17 July 2023 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Signed:
Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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