

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held at Cabus Village Hall on Monday 12 July 2021 at 7:30pm

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

In attendance: Wyre Borough Councillor Sir R Atkins; Lancashire County Councillor S Turner; M Stanfield (Parish Lengthsman), L Banton (Clerk)

2118. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM

L Hurley, T Suart, Wyre Borough Councillor Lady D Atkins

2119. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meetings of Cabus Parish Council (held on 17 May 2021) be approved.

2120. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

2121. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow for a period of public discussion. Verbal reports were received from representatives as follows:

Lancashire County Council – Cllr Turner reported that following the elections in May, his Cabinet position had changed from Public Health and Wellbeing to Environment and Climate Change. The Government target was net zero carbon emissions by 2050, the County had set itself an ambitious net zero carbon emissions target by 2030 and reports had been commissioned to enable the County to gather an overall picture of where it was in relation to Carbon emissions, and the required direction of travel to achieve target results. Funding for proposed schemes/projects would be made available and engagement from Parish and Town Councils was anticipated via LALC (Lancashire Association of Local Councils).

Wyre Borough Council – Cllr Sir Atkins confirmed that Climate Change was a priority issue for Wyre Borough Council and Borough and County would be working together to develop strategies informed by Parish and Town Councils. On other matters, there had been two physical Wyre Borough Council meetings and (pre-Covid) normality was gradually returning.

Points from the floor:

Snapewood Lane – filling in of potholes had now been completed by Lancashire Highways.

Gubberford Lane – why were their holes in the road? Response: so Highways could sample the road surface integrity for future work scheduling purposes.

Parish Lengthsman – Mark Stansfield, Parish Lengthsman, reported that human waste from HGVs continued to be an issue on Woodfold Lane. It was noted that the Clerk had written to LCC who had responded that the matter was not their responsibility and should be reported to Wyre Borough Council who in turn had indicated that this was a highways/LCC matter. There was therefore a difference of opinion as to which authority was responsible for clearing up the biohazard caused by the HGVs. LCC Cllr Turner and WBC Cllr Sir Atkins agreed that they would liaise and seek to resolve the matter.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.55pm

2122. FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment.

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO.
L Banton	Clerk's expenses: June-July Broadband (£22.99); Covid-supplies for meetings (£9.04); HP Deskjet 2720 (£47.90), USB printer cable (£7.99), Print Cartridges (£19.99)	£107.91	000920
HMRC	1 st Qtr Tax	£194.60	000921

Mark Stansfield	Lengthman's Insurance Contribution (50% of £144.84)	£72.42	000922
Mark Stansfield	Lengthman's work May (£297.50) & June 2021 (£283.50)	£581.00	Included in cq 000922 (T=£653.42)
J Parker Dutch Bulbs Ltd	2000 (4 x 25kg) King Alfred Daffodil Bulbs for Autumn 2021 planting, incl carriage (£5.95)	£151.14	000923
Houghtons Filling Station	Lengthsman's materials	£50.29	000924

AUTHORISED PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS SINCE LAST MEETING

Payments: Clerk's Salary – £260 (26 June 2021)

Receipts: HMRC VAT Refund 20/21 - £180.76; LCC Precept 21/22 - £10,000

BUDGET UPDATE 21/22

It was resolved to receive and note the budget update. Cllr Slater reminded Cllrs that expenditure was incurred in 20/21 for her to attend a course in June 2020 but the course was cancelled due to Covid. Clerk to follow up with LALC, but it had been assumed that the previous booking (and booking fee) would be transferred onto the next available course and LALC would contact Cllr Slater directly.

AUDIT 20/21

Cllrs noted that the Audit Notice for the Exercise of Public Rights and associated documentation had been placed on the Parish Notice Board and published on the Parish Council website on 11 June 2021 and acknowledgement of receipt of Notification of Audit Exemption from the external auditors had been received on 18 June 2021.

2123. REPORTS AND INFORMATION DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Parish Champion Grant & Canal Leaflet

Cllr Jackson confirmed that the Parish Council had been awarded a £500 grant for the preparation and production of local information leaflets and would get quotes for the printing of the Canal Leaflet. County Cllr Turner requested electronic copies of the leaflet (Cllr Jackson to email).

2. Wildflower Areas

It was noted that some of the wildflower areas were overgrown and advice was being sought from Cllr Hurley as to which areas needed cutting and raking off. Thanks were extended to the Parish Lengthsman on behalf of two residents for retaining the Comfrey and Councillors acknowledged the beauty of the canal stretch within Cabus and the abundance of flora and fauna.

3. A6 Daffodils- filling in the gaps

The proposal from the Clerk to infill from lamp post 464-467 was agreed and it was noted that the order for 2,000 daffodils would be placed by the end of the week with delivery expected early August. Planting to commence at the earliest opportunity upon receipt of delivery to prevent deterioration of bulbs. Clerk to notify Cllrs when they arrive.

4. Carbon Footprint Report from Climate Change Policy Group (circulated to Cllrs 13.05.21)

Councillors noted receipt of the report for which comments and suggestions from Parish Councils had been invited to help inform future activities. The following was noted:

- Cabus Parish Council was one of only two Parish Councils to have included the item on their agendas for discussion, which was welcomed by the Chair of the Climate Change Policy Group (Borough Cllr Sir Robert Atkins).
- The estimated carbon footprint across Wyre was approximately 500,300 tonnes CO2e which equated to approximately 4.50 tonnes per person and 15 tonnes per household. Cabus contributed 14,384 tonnes to the overall carbon footprint in Wyre ranking it the 6th lowest contributor (16th out of 21) and had a household average of 15.77 tonnes ranking it the 4th lowest in Wyre (18th out of 21). It was further noted that the household average data was skewed by the use of oil fired heating in predominantly rural areas.

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- Action was needed to reduce/offset carbon emissions across Wyre and tackle Climate Change and ideas were invited.
- There was evidence of Ash Dieback on the A6 within Cabus and it would be a positive move if LCC Highways agreed to the placement of more trees along the A6.

It was resolved to invite ideas from Cabus residents using Cabus social media and website and for Cllr Jackson to share the precise location of the Ash trees with Cllr Turner.

5. Woodfold Lane Layby & Fowler Hill Layby

The response from Andrew Huskisson, LCC Highways District Lead Officer (response circulated 22 June 2021) was noted. It was further noted that there was more police presence in both areas and no response had as yet been received from the owner of Fowler Wood but the owner had been made aware of the activities taking place in the area.

6. A6 Bus Shelters at Wyre Vale Park

It was noted that the bus shelters had been removed but it was understood that this was a matter for Highways to resolve which was currently in hand.

2124. Updates

1. Fowler Hill Container – concerns raised regarding the lack of road markings which was causing parking problems (Cllr Turner was invited to raise this issue with Highways), concerns were also raised regarding commercial food waste being left in bags next to the bins (Clerk to flag with Wyre Borough Council).
2. Conway Development – noted that the large hill of soil had now been flattened so hopefully the drain issue had now been resolved.
3. Gate post at entrance to bridle way 2-8-BW11 (Fowler Hill Wood – the Clerk confirmed that the Public Rights of Way Team (LCC) had removed the post.
4. Cabus Village Hall AGM (28 June 2021) – Letter received from Village Hall Committee regarding the Remembrance Soldier and Hall Booking, Cllr Jackson to follow up for confirmation of approval to place fittings on Village Hall land.

2125. The following items were noted:

1. Parliamentary Constituencies – Boundaries are set to change
2. Garstang Town Council Emergency Plan – Garstang TC has deferred any further action on this matter pending co-option of two new Garstang Councillors
3. Fowler Hill Wood – no contact from Land Owner, nothing further to report since last meeting.

2126. Planning Matters and Applications

No planning applications for consideration.

2127. Date of Next Meeting

This was confirmed as Monday 13 September 2021 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9pm.

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