

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held at Cabus Village Hall on
Monday 17 May 2021 at 7:30pm

Record of members present: Parish Cllrs R Hastings (Chair), M Houghton, L Hurley, L Jackson, J Slater, T Suart.
In attendance: Wyre Borough Councillors Lady D Atkins, Sir R Atkins and A Collinson; M Stanfield (Parish Lengthsman), L Banton (Clerk)

2109. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2110. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting of Cabus Parish Council (held on 8 March 2021) be approved.

2111. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Jackson declared a neighbouring interest in the Fowler Hill and Fowler Wood items.

2112. CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS –PRO ACTIVE MEASURES

Cllr Sir R Atkins drew Cllrs attention to the Carbon Footprint Report and Climate Change Policy Group email (received 12.05.21 and circulated to Cllrs on 13.05.21) for which comments and suggestions from Parish Councils were invited. Cllrs made the following points for consideration: reduced price of bus fares for over 60's (not yet entitled to free bus pass) would promote the use of public transport in the local area; tree planting for Queen's Jubilee – trees along Cockerham Road suggested and Clerk to request update from WBC on the proposals which had already made for tree planting within Cabus.

2113. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Wyre Borough Council – Fowler Hill container opening hours extension and other planning concerns had been flagged with the Planning Officer; the first public meeting of Wyre Council had taken place last week.

Fowler Hill Wood Update – Cllr Jackson updated Wyre Councillors on the problems currently being experienced at Fowler Wood (bonfires, theft, vandalism of trees) for which the police had been contacted and were now increasing their presence in the vicinity and would also be in contact with the landowner.

Borough Council Query – Cllr Houghton asked Wyre Borough Cllrs about the suggested plans for the removal of Borough Councils and the impact for Wyre. WB Cllr Sir R Atkins responded that the suggestion was for all to become Unitary Authorities. Wyre was totally opposed to the suggestion as was Lancashire County Council so there is no change at present.

Lengthsman Report – Mark Stansfield, Parish Lengthsman, was welcomed to his first meeting of Cabus Parish Council and thanked for his recent work on repairing the stile in Fowler Lane and painting the milestones and the benches. The continued litter problems on Woodfold Lane (which included human waste) were noted and the Clerk was invited to contact LCC again about the issue and cc WB Cllrs into that email.

The meeting was reconvened at 8pm

2114. FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment.

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHQ NO.
LALC	NALC/LALC subs 21-22	£327.64	000910
George Banks	Payroll Admin Services 20/21	£50.00	000911
Chris Rycroft	Website & Domain Renewal 21/22	£64.59	000912
Lorna Murdoch	Internal Audit FY 20/21	£75.00	000913
BHIB	Insurance 21/22	£352.62	000914
L Banton	Clerk's expenses: Broadband (Apr-May)	£22.99	000915

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHQ NO.
Grosvenor Estate	Cabus Parish Christmas Tree (Dec 2020)	£168.00	000916
Houghtons Filling Station	Lengthsman's Account	£73.00	000917
Mark Stansfield	Lengthmn's work in March & Apr (£560) & expenses (wood/tape) at C&C supplies (£46.48) & Bench stain at C&C supplies (£14.51)	£620.99	000918
Robert Hastings	Engraving & tailoring of chairman's chain	£34.00	000919

AUTHORISED PAYMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING

Clerk's Salary - £260 (26 March 2021) and £260 (26 April 2021)

REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE NEW PRINTER FOR CLERK

It was resolved to approve the Clerk's request to purchase a new printer (HP Deskjet2720 £43.90 plus printer cartridges £22.99 and USB £7.99) at a cost of £74.88.

2115. REPORTS AND INFORMATION DISCUSSION ITEMS

1 Food hall on Fowlers Lane

Concerns were expressed regarding the solar panels, extended opening hours, Bank Holiday opening, gas storage, advertising signs and surround railings on the public highway. It was noted that the Application had yet to come before Wyre Borough Council but would be called in to the Planning Committee when it came out for public consultation.

2 The seat in the bus shelter at Gubberford Lane

A positive response had been received from Maria Leeder at Wyre Borough Council to the request for the installation of seating in the bus shelter. No further activity to report but hopefully the refurbishment of the bus shelter would commence when the weather improved.

3 Wildflowers Areas

It was noted that the areas had been marked out and photos had been circulated by Cllr Jackson of the wildflowers which were starting to appear. The project would be reviewed next year to establish level of success and potential next steps.

4. Canal leaflet and Parish Champion grant

Cllr Jackson confirmed that a decision was still awaited regarding the submitted Parish Champion grant application.

5. A6 daffodils- filling in the gaps

Photos of the daffodils had been taken by the Clerk with a view to identifying areas for infill planting. It was noted that it had already been agreed at the last meeting that more daffodil planting would be undertaken in Autumn 2021 and the Clerk would seek quotes in June/July for the pre-ordering of 2000 King Alfred Daffodil bulbs for Autumn 2021 infill purposes.

6. Fowler Hill Wood update

See update provided under Public Participation. Also noted that the broken Bridle Way gate which runs alongside the wood and which had been reported to the Public Rights of Way Team (Lancashire County Council) had disappeared, possibly removed by Lancashire County Council for health and safety reasons.

7. Remembrance Soldier – Update

A response was still awaited from LCC Highways for permission to site the installation and Cllrs were invited to review the proposed site location after the meeting with a view to moving it within Cabus Village Hall boundaries.

8. Conway Development-Land Flooding Issue

Cllr Hastings reported that something needed to be done to remedy the land flooding issue being experienced by the landowner. Wyre Borough Council had been informed of the historic flooding to the site when they allocated the site as a designated Traveller and Show People Site in the Wyre Local Plan but they had ignore the information received from Cabus Parish Council. The Clerk was invited to write to Paul Long, cc David Thow to enquire as to how the matter was being resolved.

Signed:
Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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9. Gubberford Lane – road width

Cllr Suart expressed concern about the overgrown hedges which were starting to reduce the width of Gubberford Lane and impeded traffic flow. Cllr Suart was invited to report the matter to LCC Highways.

2116. Planning Matters and Applications

Noted that there were no outstanding planning applications for consideration but that the Parish Council might wish to consider responding to: Lancaster City Council - Planning Application 20/01453/OUT: Ellel Holiday Village. Outline application for creation of a holiday village and eco-park comprising the erection of up to 450 holiday lodges, erection of a hotel (Class C1), marketplace (Classes E and Sui Generis), virtual reality wildlife experience (Class F1), artisan workers pods (Class E) with ancillary service and storage, hard and soft landscaping and drainage works and water storage attenuation ponds with full planning permission sought for the creation of a vehicular access off the A6 and across Lancaster Canal. Cllrs expressed concern at the outline application and agreed a response should be returned on the basis of the following:

- Canal is a visual feature and the canal side is an ecologically important area
- Potential for flooding
- Sizeable development out of keeping with the rural character
- Historically important area (bridge at Ellel Grange)
- Congestion at top of A6

2117. Date of Next Meeting

This was confirmed as Monday 12 July 2021 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall (subject to Covid-restrictions).

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed:
Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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