

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held via Zoom on
Monday 8 March 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 Sir R Atkins, Lady D Atkins and A Collinson. L Banton (Clerk)
One member of the public was present.

2061. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Lancashire County Cllr S Turner and Police Sgt Guy Hamlett (technical problems accessing ZOOM).

2062. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 November 2020 be approved with.

2063. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Suart and Slater declared a residential interest in Gubberford Lane resurfacing item.

2064. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow for a period of public discussion including the receipt of reports and updates/information from the Lancashire County Council and Wyre Borough Council representatives.

Fowler Hill Layby Container – an enquiry was raised by a member of the public concerning the licencing and planning permissions for full time trading. WB Cllrs Sir Atkins and Lady Atkins agreed to check the County and Wyre position on this and to provide information to the Clerk.

Wyre Borough Council – Cllr Lady Atkins reported that there were no Cabus related matters under current consideration at the planning policy committee but noted that it had been requested that a couple of Cabus planning applications be called to the Planning Committee. The Wyre budget Council meeting was due to take place on Thursday.

- Havenlyn application (refused 02.03.21) – concerns had been raised by residents unable to contact the licensed owner, it was believed that contact had now been made.

Road resurfacing required – concerns raised as to the condition of the A6 from Elite Motors to end of Kepple Lane. Noted that this had already been drawn to the attention of Lancashire County Cllr Turner.

Verge maintenance – noted that the stretch from Bells Bridge to Winmarleigh had been cleared, with thanks expressed to those involved.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:00pm

2065. CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS –PRO ACTIVE MEASURES

Cllr Sir Atkins (Chair of Wyre Climate Change Policy Group) was invited to provide an update with regard to the ideas which had been submitted by Cabus Parish Council to the Policy Group in relation to the following identified tree planting locations:

- The Hospital Field and the site identified in consultation with the landowner off Fowler Hill Lane

The following proactive measures were noted as having been previously discussed by Cabus Parish Council:

- heat pumps for new builds – noted that this was now on agenda for Climate Change Policy Group but unclear as to who has ultimate responsibility
- wildflower areas and relaxed mowing – live project for 21/22

A query was raised regarding the County policy to replace dead trees (Clerk to raise with Cllr Turner).

2066. FINANCIAL MATTERSPAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment.

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO.
HMRC	4 th Qrt Tax	£194.60	000905
L Banton	Clerk's expenses: Broadband (Feb 7 March)	£22.99	000906
Houghtons Filling Station	Lengthsmans Account (x 4 individual invoices)	£80.45	000907
Mark Stansfield	Lengthsmans work in Jan & Feb (£280) plus engine oil reimbursement (£23.40)	£303.40	000908
E.ON	Parish Christmas Tree Lights	£16.71	000909

TO NOTE AUTHORISED PAYMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING

Clerk's Salary – £260 (26 January 2021); £260 (26 February 2021)

BUDGET UPDATE (20/21)

It was resolved to receive and note the budget update.

GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT (21/22)

It was resolved to extend the current grass cutting contract for a further 12 months and that a 'relaxed mowing and wildflower' project group be set up (Cllrs Hurley/Hastings and Jackson) to liaise with the contractor and the Parish Lengthsman.

2067. Garstang Town Council Emergency Plan (full details emailed to Cllrs 23.02.21)

The Parish Council resolved to accept the invitation from Garstang Town Council to be involved with this venture. Clerk to respond to Garstang Town Council.

2068. Reports/Information/Discussion Items

- Update on Fowler Hill Container Café - see concerns raised in public participation
- Canal walk leaflet/Parish Champion Grant - Cllr Jackson confirmed the leaflet was now finished and a funding application had been made for print purposes, the outcome of which would not be known until the next financial year
- Marking out wild flower and relaxed mowing areas – dealt with under agenda item "Grass Cutting Contract" - Cllrs Jackson, Hurley and Hastings to liaise outside meeting and communicate areas and requirements to Lengthsman and Grass Cutting Contractor
- Additional planting projects for 21/21 – more daffodils to be ordered to Autumn planting
- Temporary closure of Bells Bridge Lane (15.02.21 until 07.03.21 to enable emergency works to repair a bridge damaged by a vehicle strike to be carried out on behalf of the Canal and River Trust – noted the Lane had now re-opened.
- Conway development - Cllr Hastings was invited to visit the landowner
- Fowler Hill Wood – noted that the gate leading to the public footpath needed repairing and Cllr Jackson had contacted the local landowner to request the repair work was undertaken
- Dog fouling – multiple reports of dog fouling had been received (plastic bags thrown in verges) along key walking routes such as Green Lane and Gubberford Lane. All known incidents to be reported using - <https://www.wyre.gov.uk/reportdogfouling>
- Gubberford Lane – resurfacing and footpath update (requested update sent to LCC Cllr Turner, response from Highways awaited). Cllrs Suart and Slater volunteered to start a petition to expedite the resurfacing of Gubberford Lane.
- Metal Remembrance Soldier – Clerk was awaiting a reasonable response from Highways and Cllrs agreed a site visit by Cllrs to the proposed location would be appropriate.
- Fowler Hill Lane style in need of repair – Lengthsman currently has this in hand.

2069. Planning Matters and Applications – none**2070. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 17 May 2021 at 7.00pm (Annual Parish Council Meeting) followed at 7.30pm by the Ordinary Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 9.35pm. All Councillors were thanked for their attendance.

Signed:
Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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