

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held at Cabus Village Hall on Monday 14 March 2022 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 and Lady D Atkins; L Banton (Clerk)

Two members of the public were present

2161. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM

Lancashire County Councillor S Turner and Mark Stansfield (Parish Lengthsman).

2162. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting of Cabus Parish Council (held on 10 January 2022) be approved.

2163. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Neighbour interest received from Cllr Hurley in relation to the Crofters Planning Application

2164. CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS – PROACTIVE MEASURES - STANDING ITEM

- Alternative energy sources for Cabus (e.g. wind turbine) – noted that there was a small turbine which powered Out Rawcliffe Village Hall. Cllr Jackson was invited to explore the topic further with regards to whether a small turbine might be feasible within Cabus.
- Electric Car Club Survey – noted that the Clerk had shared the survey with Cabus Village Hall Committee. Cllr Jackson was invited to ask the Cabus Village Hall committee again about installing Electric Car Charging Points on site.

2165. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Wyre Borough Council – Borough Cllr Lady Atkins reported that the requested site visit had taken place and the Conway site appeared not to be flooding anymore. Cllr Sir Atkins reported that he had raised the Woodfold Lane antisocial issues with the Police and Crime Commissioner – it would be helpful to know if anything had improved for the local residents. Cllr Sir Atkins further reported that Wyre Borough Council had accepted street cleaning responsibility for Woodfold Lane and this area was now being cleaned about 3 times a week. The huge potholes on Woodfold Lane were noted and had been reported to Lancashire County Council.

Wyre Borough Cllrs left the meeting after receipt of their reports.

Public Items

Mrs Bunting (member of the public) raised the following matters:

- Children’s Play Provision – the Hospital Field had previously been suggested to Wyre Borough Council (March 2019) as a potential space and Wyre had rejected this as being an isolated and unsecure location. Cllr Hurley agreed to raise the matter again with Mark Fenton (Parks and Open Spaces Manager).
- Community Garden Project at Meadow Park (see mins 2031, 14 Sept 2020) – progress had stalled as a result of Covid-19 but Mrs Bunting had made contact with Wyre Borough Council for approval purposes and assistance from Cllr Hurley for the design elements was now requested. Cabus Parish Council welcomed the continued interest in the potential project and would await receipt of a written proposal from the community group for funding consideration.

Mr Alan George (member of the public) raised the following:

- Request for litter bins for the small A6 laybys heading north and south
- Litter on the A6 further down towards/after Thorpeys – Parish Lengthsman to be asked to take a look at the area

The members of the public left the meeting at this point

Parish Lengthsman's Report – The Clerk read out the worksheets provided for January and February and drew particular attention to regular litter picking that was undertaken at the small A6 laybys heading north and south. The Public Rights of Way Work (replacement footpath posts and signs) which had taken place in February was also noted, with thanks.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:25pm

2166. FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment.

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHQ NO.
HMRC	4 th Qrt Tax	£210.20	000942
L Banton	Clerk's expenses: Broadband in Feb-March (£22.99) Year end salary re-adjustment (£52.72)	£75.71	000943
Houghtons Filling Station	Lengthsman's account (July – Nov 2021 invoices)	£93.52	000944
Robert Hastings	Engraving & tailoring of chairman's chain (21/22)	£34.00	000945
Mark Stansfield	Lengthsmans work in Jan & Feb (£175.00) Public Rights of Way work in Feb 2022 (£42.00)	£217.00	000946
Paul Whitaker	Xmas Tree and erection and removal	£160.00	000947

AUTHORISED PAYMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING

Clerk's Salary - £260 (26 January 2022) and £260 (26 February 2022)

BUDGET UPDATE – 21/22

The Clerk drew attention to the Grass Cutting budget and requested authorisation to increase the budget envelope for 22/23 as a result of increased fuel costs. **It was resolved to increase the budget envelop to £2700 and to introduce a more relaxed mowing regime with a reduction in grass cuts from 8 to 6.** The Clerk was authorised to offer an extension of the current grass cutting contract for a further 12 months on the above terms.

2167. REPORTS AND INFORMATION DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1 Cabus Country Walk Leaflet** – Cllr Jackson was invited to seek out quotes for the printing of the leaflet.
- 2 Update on the wildflower areas** – it was agreed that the areas would benefit from better demarcation and Cllrs Jackson and Hurley were invited to identify what was required, including materials and wildflowers for purchase purposes.
- 3 Snapewood Lane Grass Verges** - the clerk was invited to contact the residential homeowner and request that the grass verges were made good
- 4 Lady in Bus Shelter** – it was noted that the lady was now believed to be in Peterborough. Cllr Houghton was thanked for tidying up the bus shelter.
- 5 Rural Crime Conference** – Cllr Houghton reported on the conference he had attended on 11 February 2022 and the range of crimes which the rural task force had to deal with.

2168. Planning Matters and Applications

21/01502/FULMAJ – Noted that the statutory consultation for the Crofters Planning Application had now closed. It was resolved that the Clerk write to LNT Construction to invite them to visit provide a public presentation on the plans, possible at the Crofters.

Local Plan Consultation – it was noted that Cabus Parish Council submitted a response to the consultation exercise for the Scoping Review and Call for Sites in advance of the deadline of 10 March 2022

2169. Date of Next Meeting

This was confirmed as Monday 16 May 2022 with the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.00pm followed by the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed:
Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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