

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held at Cabus Village Hall on Monday 12 September 2022 at 7:30pm

Record of members present: Parish Cllrs R Hastings, L Hurley, M Houghton, L Jackson, T Suart and J Slater

In attendance: L Banton, Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer; Wyre Borough Cllrs Sir R Atkins and Mrs A Collinson; Lancashire County Cllr S Turner; PCSO Denise Creighton.

Members of the Public Present: 1

2228. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM

Mark Stansfield (Parish Lengthsman), Wyre Borough Cllr Lady D Atkins

2229. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meetings of Cabus Parish Council (held on 11 July 2022) be approved.

2230. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Residential interest declared by Cllrs Suart and Slater regarding Gubberford Lane speeding

2231. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Part 1 (Police report)

The meeting was adjourned to welcome PCSO Denise Creighton who reported as follows:

- Fowler Hill and Woodfold Lane Layby areas - no evidence found of prostitution but there were other disruptive activities and the regular Police presence at these locations, combined with residents reporting any suspicious vehicles, would dampen these hotspot areas.

Issues were raised by members present and noted as follows:

- A6 traffic flow issues (M6 closure/Garstang Show) – Highways responsible for this unless police have been approached in advance to assist or there is a road traffic accident
- Borough Council responsible for the Human Waste issue and Sir R Atkins recently thanked the operative he saw clearing the waste in one of the Laybys
- Issue with Lorries in the Laybys would again be mentioned by Sir R Atkins to the Borough Council (Mark Billington)
- Speeding – mobile police van on Lancaster Road needs to be relocated to Gubberford Lane where there is a speeding issue and no resolution as yet due to the width of the lane (for risk assessment purposes) and lack of viable lamp posts on which to place a speed camera/speed indicator sign.

PCSO Creighton was thanked for attending and the meeting was reconvened at 7:50pm

2232. CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS – PROACTIVE MEASURES - STANDING ITEM

Noted as follows: Cabus Parish Council has discussed an exhaustive list of climate initiatives over the last three years but initiatives which had been brought to the attention of those able to enact them had either been met with refusal (Cabus Village Hall - solar panels/electric car charge points/tree planting), inertia (Wyre Borough Council - Hospital Field tree planting; environmental planning conditions) or silence (eco bus shelters). Cllr Sir R Atkins agreed to follow up on a response from Wyre Borough Council with regards to the eco bus shelter email sent (June 2022) to Wyre Borough Council.

The following climate measures were posed to County Cllr Turner for LCC update purposes:

- Food waste? – now planned to commence in 2023
- Tetracarton recycling? – this would be forthcoming in due course
- Windfarms? – moratorium since 2015 but LCC might look at this again

County Cllr Turner reported on exciting developments concerning bio carbon capture which LCC were exploring.

2233. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

LCC – M6 southbound closure issues had been raised with National Highways; LCC budget discussions due to take place soon; LCC Highways were not prepared to support Cabus Parish Council's proposal that a footpath be installed along Gubberford Lane from Green Lane East to Gubberford Bridge

Wyre Borough Council – Borough Cllr Sir R Atkins and Cllr A Collinson reported as follows:

- WBC meeting this week to discuss what Borough and County could do to alleviate cost of living and energy cost crises on local communities
- Litter bin request from Cabus Parish Council had resulted in one bin being provided for Green Lane East (two had been requested) and Cllr Collinson would be pursuing the instalment of a second.
- Wyre Plan Partial Review with Independent Inspector due to take place soon and it was hoped the Planning Inspector would not increase the current house allocation number.

Gubberford Lane Speeding Problem

The member of the public present asked if there was an update available to the speeding problem which the Parish Council was currently seeking to address.

- A member of the LCC Highways Speed Management Team had undertaken a site visit accompanied by the Clerk on 25 August 2022. The matter now lay with LCC Highways to confirm whether: the width of the lane (for risk assessment purposes) would enable handheld speed guns to be deployed; there were any viable lamp posts on which to place a speed indicator sign/speed camera. The Clerk had invited LCC Cllr Turner to submit a VIP notification to LCC regarding the Gubberford Speeding Issue (which Cllr Turner confirmed had been submitted).
- Cllr Suart had reported the location to Lancashire Road Safety Partnership Team which had recently requested (via social media) speeding hotspots.
- LCC Cllr Turner offered to put the Clerk in touch with the Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner (Andrew Pratt – Road Safety Partnership) with a view to a possible site visit to help resolve the hurdles currently being experienced of how to tackle the speeding problem.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:45pm at which point Cllrs Atkins, Collinson and Turner and the member of the public left.

2234. FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment.

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHQ NO.
L Banton	Clerk’s expenses: Broadband in August-Sept	£22.99	000967
Mark Stansfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lengthsmans work in July & August (£525) • Public Rights of Way work July & August (£70) • Lengthman’s Insurance Contribution (50% of £169.63 = £84.82) 	£679.82	000968
Paul Whitaker	Grass Cutting (2 cuts = 5 of 6 cuts in total to date)	£900.00	000969

AUTHORISED PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS SINCE LAST MEETING

- Payments: Clerk’s Salary - £260 (26 July 2022) and £260 (26 August 2022)
 Glasdon UK (Snapewood Bench) - £606.26 – Cq: 000965
 Houghton Filling Station (Lengthsman’s Account) - £93.59 – Cq: 000966
- Receipts: LCC Grass Cutting Grant - £2,814.00

BUDGET UPDATE 22/23

It was resolved to receive and approve the budget update with the following information noted:

- The Clerk had made enquiries as to the cost of a Speed Indicator Sign (for potential use on Gubberford Lane) and the costs would be in the region of £3700.

PREPARATIONS FOR PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE

It was resolved to approve potential expenditure and associated work within the budgeted expectations.

2235. REPORTS AND INFORMATION DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Green Lane East litter bin update (Cllr Suart) – noted that Cllrs Suart, Slater and Borough Cllr Collinson had undertaken a site visit with John Bettle (Wyre Environmental Enforcement Manager) and one of two bins had now been secured for Green Lane East. The bin was currently in the wrong place (needs to be other side of bollard) and requests for the bin to be relocated along with receipt of a second bin had been lodged with Wyre Borough Council and responses/action awaited.

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 Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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- Green Lane East (south) knocked down bollards (Cllr Hastings) – noted that the issue was now resolved.
- Gubberford Lane Speeding Problems (Clerk) - update provided further up the agenda. Clerk to await contact from LCC Cllr Turner regarding Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner.
- Woodfold Lane & Fowler Hill Laybys – Anti Social Behaviour and human waste/litter issue – noted that Police update provided further up the agenda and a disappointing response had been received from Wyre Borough Council (circulated to Cllrs 11.09.22) with regards to closing the ASB matter due to a lack of recent complaints from local residents and inviting residents to submit evidence as follows: *“Incidents of ASB can be reported to the council via the council’s webpage, or via email to asb@wyre.gov.uk, or to the police on 101 (999 in the event of an emergency).”* With regards to the human waste/littering issues the area continues to be monitored closely by Wyre Borough Council’s cleansing operatives and the area is being cleansed three times a week.
- Snapewood Lane Bench – to note bench has been received and installed
- Snapewood Lane erosion at side of road (Cllr Jackson) – noted that any highways matters should be reported to LCC Highways by residents using the following link: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/>
- Cabus Village Hall Committee (VHC) Meeting (July) (Cllr Jackson) – noted as follows:
 - VHC would like the Parish Council to reconsider its decision for the WW1 Soldier to be in situ year round and changed to being in place for the Remembrance Period only. **It was resolved to consider the request at the January meeting.**
 - VHC supported the Parish Council’s request to LCC Highways for directional signage on the A6
 - VHC would like to take advantage of the anticipated biodiversity grant by planting wildflowers behind the village hall, plus a hedgehog home and bug hotel. **It was resolve to note this interest and Clerk to invite VHC to submit a costed proposal to Cabus Parish Council for consideration.**
- Village Hall Signs on A6 (Clerk) – noted that LCC Highways had rejected the application for directional signs on the A6 on the basis that they considered Google Maps would suffice. It was further noted that the member of the LCC Speed Management Team who had undertaken the Gubberford Lane speeding site visit (on 25 August) had overshot the entrance to the Village Hall carpark which had been the pre-arranged meeting point. **It was resolved to challenge the rejection.**
- Jubilee Trees (Cllr Slater) – noted that the Hospital Field and Green Lane East (next to Jubilee bench) were the only locations potentially available as Village Hall would not permit tree planting in the Hall Field and LCC Highways had declined authorisation for tree planting along the A6 grass verges. **It was resolved that the Clerk ask LCC Highways if there were any grass verges within Cabus that they would consider authorising as suitable for tree planting and in particular: Green Lane East / Woodfold Lane / Snapewood to Fowler Hill Wood.**

2236. Planning Matters and Applications

- 1 **Wyre Local Plan Partial Review** – noted as taking place as follows: Venue: Wyre Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU; Time: 9:30am for morning hearing sessions; 1.30pm for afternoon sessions; Commencement Date: Tuesday 27 September 2022 see: <https://www.wyre.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan-partial-review-2011-2031-1/6>
- 2 **Blencathra** (22/00872/FUL, previously 22/00529/LAWP): Change of use of a dwelling (C3) to a childrens care home (C2) for the care of a maximum of 4 children (up to the age of 17 years old) with a maximum of 4 staff present at the property at any time – noted that the Certificate of Lawfulness application had been rejected by Wyre Borough Council and had been resubmitted as a ‘Change of Use’ planning application. **Cabus Parish Council recommendation – REJECT (for all reasons previously submitted)**
3. **Fairfield House** (22/00843/LAWP): Certificate of Lawful Development for a proposed Change of Use from a residential (C3) to a children's home (C3b) for a maximum of three children. Consultation invite not received by Cabus Parish Council – Clerk to circulate details.

2237. Confidential Staffing Item – cost of living crises pay award (to nearest spinal point) approved.

2238. Resignation of Cllr Hurley – regrettably received and thanks extended for her invaluable contributions.

2239. Date of Next Meeting - confirmed as Monday 14th November 2022 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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