

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held at Cabus Village Hall on
Monday 9 January 2023 at 7:30pm

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

In attendance: L Banton, Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer; Wyre Borough Cllr Sir R Atkins.

Members of the Public Present: 1

2250. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM

Lancashire County Cllr S Turner; Wyre Borough Cllr Lady D Atkins and Mrs A Collinson; PCSO Denise Creighton; Mark Stansfield (Parish Lengthsman).

2251. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meetings of Cabus Parish Council (held on 14 November 2022) be approved.

2252. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2253. CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS – PROACTIVE MEASURES - STANDING ITEM

The following ideas were suggested:

- Dog poo powered street lamps (Clerk to forward idea to Wyre/LCC and Cllr Sir R Atkins agreed to explore the issue of what happens to dog waste in Wyre)
- Fleetwood Tidal Barrage – query posed as to whether project still taking place; Cllr S R Atkins confirmed it was still on the Wyre agenda.

2254. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Wyre Borough Council – Borough Cllr Sir R Atkins reported that there was nothing to report and invited questions

- Wyre local Plan Partial Review – decision published and due to be ratified at end of January, any insight/further updates available? This was a minor review of planning numbers. A more significant Major Review of the Borough Plan would be taking place in due course.
- Wyre plans for Electric Car Parking Points? Not as such – question of who would finance the provision of the service to users.

Police – apologies had been received from the PCSO Creighton and the following information relayed by the Clerk from a recent conversation with the PCSO:

- No Anti Social Behaviour to report in Cabus
- PCSO still due to visit local resident who expressed concerns regarding Antisocial behaviour and potential reduction in police presence
- Contractor parking issues on grass verge outside Crofters had been flagged with Local Police

Lengthsman's Report – apologies had been received from the Parish Lengthsman so the Clerk reported as follows: gully clearing and litter picking had been taking place; the flower bed by the Spar had been mulched and about 30 roses had been recovered from outside the Crofters (with consent from the Contractors) and re-planted at the end of Meadow Park (community garden).

Canal flytipping/litter - concern regarding the litter/dog waste and flytipping taking place along the Canal towpath areas were raised by Cllr Houghton and Cllr Sir R Atkins, in his capacity of Chair of the Waterways Association, agreed to raise this with the Canal and River Trust.

Closure of Garstang Tourism Information Centre – dismay was expressed at the decision to close the Tourist Information Centre and move it into the Library.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:10pm.

2255. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Financial request (Garstang Festive Lights Group) – Garstang Christmas Lights

Donation request had been received and it was resolved to retrospectively donate £100 to the Garstang Christmas Lights (Christmas 2022).

2. Biodiversity Grant – Community Garden Living Wall, Meadow Park

Funding request for £241.60 to turn the walkway concrete fencing posts (the walkway fence no longer exists) into a living wall using wire mesh and clematis plants to improve aesthetic appeal, deter littering and provide a secure natural walkway boundary. **It was resolved to approve the funding request and noted that the materials would be sourced from Houghtons using the Parish Council account.**

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment.

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHQ NO.
Houghtons	Lengthman's Account	£84.37	000980
HMRC	3 rd Qrt Tax	£225.20	000981
L Banton	Clerk's expenses: Broadband (Dec-Jan = £22.99) & Salary adjustment (x3 mths=£121.22) & 2 nd Class Stamps (£5.44)	£149.65	000982
Mark Stansfield	Lengthsmans work in Nov & Dec (£241.50) PROW work - Crofters Roses/Community (£49)	£290.50	000983
LCC	Cabus Village Hall Signage	£577.00	000984
Paul Whitaker	Christmas Tree erection and removal	£160.00	000985
Garstang Chamber of Trade, Christmas Lights Account Amended to: Garstang Christmas Lights Appeal	Donation towards Garstang Christmas Lights (2022)	£100.00	000986

AUTHORISED PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS SINCE LAST MEETING

Payments: Clerk's Salary - £260 (26 November 2022) and £260 (26 December 2022)

BUDGET AND PRECEPT – 2023/2024

The budget was reviewed and it was noted that in light of the recent financial budget proposals from LCC, grass cutting and biodiversity grants might be reduced/not available in 2023.

It was resolved that the Precept for 2023/24 be set at £9,500.

2256. GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS – The Council reviewed and approved the following:

- Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations (NALC recommended)
- Updated Asset Register 2023
- Risk Assessment Schedule for 22-23
- Updated Code of Conduct (LGA recommended)

2257. REPORTS AND INFORMATION DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Remembrance Soldier – Cllrs reviewed the current arrangements and agreed that the Soldier should be in-situ from October-January and noted that the Village Hall had confirmed storage and insurance cover for periods when the Soldier was not in-situ. It was requested that Cabus Village Hall Committee be invited to consider the appropriateness of the permanently displayed advertising boards on the Highways side of the hedge which are being used to promote events at the Village Hall, with the request that these are removed, particularly during periods when the Remembrance Soldier is on display.

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2. Tree Planting in Cabus – extremely positive response received from Highways (circulated 23.11.22). **It was resolved to expand the current budget envelop for the planting of x10 trees (to £1000) and to progress further discussions with Lancashire County Council for tree planting purposes within Cabus.**
3. Wyre Borough’s offer of a single tree (email circulated 09.12.22). The reluctance of Wyre Borough Council to work in partnership with LCC, and WBC’s refusal to provide any trees for planting in LCC authorised areas within Cabus was noted. **It was resolved that the Clerk send a positive response back to Wyre Borough Council.** Borough Cllr Sir R Atkins volunteered to explore the availability of more trees from Wyre Borough Council and help resolve the barriers currently being experienced with WBC’s refusal to support tree planting in LCC authorised areas within Cabus.
4. Wild Flower Area Borders – the current funding envelop of £100 was noted and Councillors confirmed their preference for the use of washing line for marking out the areas. Cllrs Jackson and Slater were thanked for their work to date and invited to proceed with marking out the areas.
5. Village Hall Signage – noted that the Village Hall Committee has pledged to cover the costs to install the 4 signs (£577) on the A6.
6. Speeding Issues on Gubberford Lane. Update received from the Clerk as follows 1) Inspector Wyatt had offered increased police presence along the Lane, 2) Highways had suggested a bespoke post for a Speed Indicator Device at the end of the Lane by the new housing development and improved white road markings, 3) Nateby Parish Council were using a consultant (Mr Rennie Pinder) to assist with selecting a speed indicator device. The Council noted the update and suggested that the proposed location for the bespoke post was not appropriate and contact with Mr Pinder should be made to see if he might be able to offer a solution.
7. Publication of Councillors contact details on website/notice board – **It was resolved to leave the decision up to individual Councillors, although the minimum expectation was that phone numbers would be published.**

2258. Planning Matters and Applications

Blencathra (22/00872/FUL) – Noted that this application was rejected at the Planning Committee on 07/12/22.

2259. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 13 March 2023 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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