

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held at Cabus Village Hall on Monday 5 January 2026 at 7:30pm

Record of members present: Parish Cllrs L Jackson (chair of meeting), R Hastings, A Birchall-Farr, M Houghton, and T Suart

In attendance: Wyre Borough Cllrs Sir R Atkins, Lady D Atkins and A Collinson; L Banton (Clerk)

2545. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Cllr J Tomlinson; PCSO D Creighton.

2546. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting of Cabus Parish Council (10.11.25) be approved.

2547. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Jackson declared a residential interest in the Fowler Hill Layby and Japanese knotweed agenda items.

2548. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHQ NO.
L Banton	Clerk's Salary adjustment (x2 mths)	£222.40	001082
L Banton	Broadband (December and January)	£35.00	001083

THE FOLLOWING AUTHORISED PAYMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING WERE NOTED

Bradshaws Farm Shop Ltd – £199.00 Xmas tree cq: 001080 (03 Dec 2025)

Louise Banton – £97.15 Xmas tree fencing from Haldane Fisher cq: 001081 (03 Dec 2025)

Clerk's Salary - £260 (26 November 2025) and £260 (26 December 2025)

2. BUDGET AND PRECEPT – 2026/2027

It was resolved that the Precept for 2026/27 be set at £9,000.

2549. GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS - the Council reviewed and approved the following:

- Risk Assessment Schedule for 25-26, noting that items 1.2.3 (IT Policy) and 1.4.2 (website accessibility) were new additions to the schedule
- Asset Register 2025

2550. REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Flooding within the Parish:** Cabus Nook Lane – discussed and noted that County Cllr Tomlinson was working with the landowner and Lancashire Highways to resolve the longstanding flooding issue at Cabus Nook Lane. Fowler Hill Layby – discussed and Cllr Jackson to check that this had been reported
2. **Japanese Knot Weed (Fowler Hill Layby)** – concerns from the landowner of Fowler Wood were noted regarding the continued presence of the Japanese knot weed. Clerk to follow up again with Lancashire County Council who have previously confirmed that the knot weed is on the maintenance schedule for treatment.
3. **Community Speed Watch for Cabus Nook Lane** – noted that the Clerk had reported this, awaiting response.

2551. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Following the arrival of Borough Cllrs Sir R Atkins and Lady D Atkins, the meeting was adjourned to allow for a period of public discussion including the receipt of reports from:

Wyre Borough Council

- Devolution – The Borough submission to Government was made on 28 November, response from Government expected in March 2026.
- New Government planning regulations are currently being digested by the Borough Planning Committee

The meeting was reconvened at 8.09pm. Cllrs R Atkins, D Atkins and A Collinson left the meeting.

2552. REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS continued

1. **Parish Christmas Tree** – noted that this is due to be taken down this week and Cllr Houghton kindly offered to collect and house the security fencing for future use. It was resolved to set up a working group at the July 2026 Parish Council meeting to oversee the arrangements for future years and the Clerk was invited to circulate key deadlines, contact numbers and action points.

2553. PLANNING MATTERS

It was noted that the link to the online meeting with ABEI Energy which takes place on Monday 12 January 2026 (5-6pm) had been circulated to Parish Councillors.

2554. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9 March 2026 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8:35pm.

Signed:
Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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