

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held at Cabus Village Hall on Monday 9 March 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: County Cllr J Tomlinson, Borough Cllr Sir R Atkins; L Banton (Clerk)

By invitation: Daniel Matthews (Wyre Waste Minimisation Officer)

2555. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Cllrs Lady D Atkins and A Collinson

2556. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting of Cabus Parish Council (05.01.26) be approved.

2557. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Jackson declared a residential interest in the flooding items.

2558. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – The meeting was adjourned to allow for a period of public discussion.

Household food waste collections

Daniel Matthews (Wyre Waste Minimisation Officer) provided information on the new household food waste collections which were starting in April

Wyre Borough Council

Devolution – nothing further to update as response from Government still awaited.

Lancashire County Council

- Flooding at Cabus Nook Lane – drains have been cleared and County Cllr Tomlinson would undertake a site visit in the coming days.
- Flooding at Fowler Layby – work planned to be done by LCC, the concern regarding the Japanese Knotweed spreading as a result of the flooding would also be picked up and progressed by Cllr Tomlinson.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.40pm

2559. REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Flooding within Cabus** – discussed as part of public publication
2. **Cabus Post Office Pedestrian Crossing Issues** – residential concern noted and action agreed to forward correspondence to County Cllr Tomlinson
3. **Parish Maintenance Support from Garstang Town Council** – Cllrs reviewed the agreed delivery scheduled and **IT WAS RESOLVED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.**
4. **Public Consultation on Local Government Reorganisation in Lancashire** - Cllrs noted the consultation close date of 26 March 2026 and it was resolved that a response would be made by Cabus Parish Council.
5. Other matters within the Parish:
 - Dead Ash tree on LCC Land (along Gubberford Lane) – Cllr Suart to re-report this on Love Clean Streets
 - Cars parked on a pavements along Green Lane West (obstruction of highway) – Cllr Houghton to report this on Love Clean Streets

2560. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. **Budget Update** - the budget update for 25/26 was received and noted. It was further noted that any unspent monies in relation to the Biodiversity grant would be carried forward to 26/27.
2. **Grass Cutting Contracts 26/27**
 - It was noted that the Tender process was currently underway for the Amenity Grass Cutting Contract
 - The renewal of the contract for grass cutting of The Royal Canopy Tree Area along the A6 was discussed and agreed.

3. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment

| PAYEE | REASON | AMOUNT | CHQ NO. |
|------------------------------|--|---------------|----------------|
| L Banton | Clerk's expenses: Bband Feb-March 2026 (£35.00) + Sal adj (Feb & March) (£222.60) | £257.60 | 001084 |
| HMRC 4th Qrt tax | 4th Qrt Tax inc Emp NIC (due 05 April 2026) | £299.78 | 001085 |
| Npower Commercial Gas Ltd | Xmas Tree unmetered supply for 25/26 | £34.57 | 001086 |

THE FOLLOWING AUTHORISED PAYMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING WERE NOTED

Clerk's Salary - £260 (26 January 2026) and £260 (26 February 2026) – paid by Standing Order

2561. PLANNING MATTERS

It was noted that the Snapewood Solar Farm proposal had been approved at the Borough Council Planning Meeting on 4 March 2026.

2562. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 11 May 2026 - 7.00pm for APCM followed at 7.30pm by Ordinary Meeting - in Cabus Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8:35pm.

Signed:

Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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