

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held in Cabus Village Hall on
Monday 23rd May 2016 at 7:30pm

Record of members present: Parish Cllrs R Hastings (Chair), R Bruce, M Cammack, M Houghton and J Hudson.
In attendance: Borough Cllr A Collinson; PCSO Karen Hodgeson; L Banton (Clerk), P Whitaker (Lengthsman).

1611. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr L Jackson, County Cllr S Perkins, Wyre Borough Cllrs T Balmain and D Atkins

1612. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting of Cabus Parish Council (21st March 2016) be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1613. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

1614. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Police

Report received of incidents in the Cabus area and to make the public aware of two men asking for money under false pretences at local petrol station. Crime and incident figures noted as being down when compared to same period as previous year. Further points noted: drivers using mobile phones – take number plate and report to police; motorists not adhering to traffic light signs on A6; poor positioning of funfair posters restricting visibility; parking congestion on Lancaster Road including parking on pavements – police to consider household leaflet drop; PCSO Hodgeson and Newson will be full time from 1st June.

Wyre Borough Councillor

Cllr Collinson reported as follows: will continue to site on Licensing and Audit Committee for forthcoming year; Walney Extension Community Benefit Fund leaflet provided to Cabus Parish Council for information on possible funding; no further information available regarding the practicalities of the new rules on public speaking at Planning Committee – Clerk invited to seek further information on this. Cllr Collinson was invited to exert pressure on Wyre Borough Council to get the Local Plan underway for the next stage of consultation and reassurance was also sought regarding the consultation process of Garstang Leisure Centre and that comments which had been submitted would be take into account, given the short timescale between the end of the consultation and work commencing.

Lengthsman

Mr Whitaker reported on his work within the parish which included the second grass cutting; litter picking; week spraying and road sign fixing. Damaged lighting (lamps out) along the A6 were also noted for recording with Lancashire County Council. A copy of the insurance cover held by the Lengthsman for 2016-2017 was also received by the Clerk on behalf of the Council. Discussion points included clarifications regarding hedge cutting along the A6 (opposite Crofters) and along the ginnel which backed onto Meadow Park properties. The Clerk was invited to contact Lancashire County Council to prompt action regarding hedge cutting in this area – or to confirm ownership of hedge lay elsewhere.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.40pm.

1615. REPORTS FROM CLLRS

Canal Bridge 69 (Snapewood) – The Clerk provided an update regarding the damaged bridge. Funding had been secured by Canal & River Trust and work should be completed by end of June. A start date was still being sought from the Canal & River Trust along with confirmation as to whether the road would need to be closed to enable work to take place.

1616. FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the above be authorised for payment.

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO.
George E Banks	Salary Processing 2015-2016	£50.00	000743
Louise Banton	Clerk's expenses –Broadband (April - May)	£49.60	000744
Lorna Murdoch	Internal audit yr ending March 2016	£65	000745
Paul Whitaker	Lengthsmans Work (March-April)	£404	000746
Zurich Municipal	Council Insurance 2016-2017	£391.51	000747

BUDGET UPDATE – 2016/2017 ACCOUNTS

It was resolved to note the budget update (as at 5th May 2016).

GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2016/2017

It was resolved to note that delegate authority for renewal of the existing supplier's contract had been undertaken, in consultation with all Parish Councillors, following receipt of details and confirmation of delegated services from LCC.

1617. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PRESENTATION

It was resolved to respond positively to the invitation which had been received from Garstang Town Council but to draw attention to the limited funds available if a contribution to the costs was required.

1618. SHAPING YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD REVIEW

Feedback had been requested from the new Policy & Engagement Manager at Wyre Borough Council. Cllrs discussed the meetings which had taken place and **it was resolved that feedback should include the request that money is made available to Parish Councils to translate ideas into projects and more engagement would be welcomed.**

1619. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Council considered the number of planning applications which had been received just prior to the meeting and noted that the Standing Orders contained provision for the delegation of authority with regard to planning applications which would otherwise be out of time, so there was no requirement to set up a specific sub-committee for this purpose. However, given the large number of applications which had been received, a one-off meeting of all available councillors would be the most effective and efficient means by which to enable responses to be returned to Wyre Borough Council. The date set for this to take place was set as: Monday 6th June 2016 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall (subject to room being available).

1620. NEXT MEETING

The date for the next Ordinary Meeting of Cabus Parish Council was confirmed as Monday 25th July 2016 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall (subject to confirmation that room is available).

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed:
Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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