

CABUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cabus Parish Council meeting held in Cabus Village Hall on
Monday 25th September 2017 at 7:30pm

Record of members present: Parish Cllrs R Hastings (Chair), R Bruce, L Jackson, M Houghton, J Hudson.

In attendance: Wyre Borough Cllrs A Collinson and Lady Atkins; Lancashire County Cllr S Turner; P Whitaker (Lengthsman), L Banton (Clerk).

By Invitation: Mrs Lara Hurley (for item 5.1)

Three members of the public were present.

1726. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Wyre Borough Cllr Balmain

1727. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meetings of Cabus Parish Council (held on 17th July 2017) be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1728. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Bruce (item 7.1) declared a neighbour interest and resides on Norton Road.

1729. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Wyre Borough Council

Cllr Collinson reported being busy attending events following her inauguration as Mayor of WBC. Cllr Lady Atkins having been on holiday recently had nothing to report.

Lancashire County Council

Cllr Turner reported the following:

Highways-related - a budget increase of 5.6m to help Highways work and that he would be meeting the Cabinet member for Highways to draw attention to flooding/pot hole issues in the area. Hotspot areas for flagging were invited and identified as follows: Flooding at corner of Gubberford Lane/Bus stop onto the A6; Bio Hazard run off water from field onto A6 near; Woodfold Lane pot holes and flooding; Lights out along A6 highway by Houghtons. Clerk to provide specific details of locations and previous communications with Highways.

GP Surgery Merger – steady progress of the merger between Landscape and Windsor Surgeries which would move into the Fylde & Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group with 7-day opening for appointments.

Housing in Wyre Area – A6 Corridor

In light of the draft local plan which has gone out to consultation recently, the A6 corridor has a theoretical capacity for 183 additional houses.

Lengthsman

Mr Whitaker reported on his work within the parish and drew attention to the following: removal of asbestos north of Fowler Hill Layby, litter picking, grass cutting, uncut hedge near Bridge 69 now cut.

Questions/comments from the public:

Health and Well Being: What plans are there to extend and offer health and well being services (e.g. focused on childhood obesity / diabetes / weight loss etc) to residents as part of a holistic service? GPs are currently unable to offer anything. Cllr Turner confirmed there were opportunities to develop these plans and he would look into the individual enquiry further.

Political Situation at WBC: In response to question posed inviting comment on the forthcoming extraordinary meeting of WBC on 28th Sept to remove the current Leader of WBC (Vote of No Confidence), WB Cllrs confirmed it was a very sad situation which had cross party support for the forthcoming Vote. If the outcome was successful, previous post and portfolio holders would be reinstated until 7 December when an election for the Leader would be held.

Planning Application Appeal (APP/U2370/W/17/3181474): What is process to be followed and how find out why the Applicant is appealing? In response, Cllrs confirmed they would be discussing the Appeal further down the agenda to determine how to proceed and acknowledged that there was currently no information available to indicate the grounds upon which the Applicant was appealing. Written

representations which had previously been submitted to WB Council in response to the original planning application would be forwarded by WBC to the Planning Inspectorate. Any further written representations should be sent directly to the Planning Inspectorate by emailing Robert.Wordsworth@pins.gsi.gov.uk or via the Planning Inspectorate Planning Portal at <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/appeal>. The deadline for submission of further written representations being 11 October 2017.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.00pm.

1730. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Flower Planting Project

Lara Hurley (Assistant Head of Greenspace and Creative Design at Myerscough College) was welcomed to the meeting. Mrs Hurley detailed the outcome of her investigations into stockists, quantity and type of bulbs to be planted. 60 King Alfred daffodil bulbs per square metre, planted 15cm deep, sold in 25kg sacks (~ 450 bulbs per sack at a cost range of £35-£45 per sack), total required for optimum density planting along the entire identified stretch = 21,550. **It was agreed** to replenish the daffodils in small blocks over an extended period with the Parish Lengthsman kindly taking delivery of the stock and being willing to engage in further discussions on the smaller scale planting of the received stock. An approach would be made to LCC Cllr Turner with regard to the Environment Fund budget to seek funding for a wildflower planting scheme with a view to incorporating Poppies (reference to 'Ribbon of Poppies Project 2018' to create a carpet of Poppies to Commemorate Centenary of the end of WW1) and other wildflowers within the Parish.

Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plan - noted that Cabus had communicated its position to Garstang Town Council with regard to co-operative working on the NP but had heard nothing further with regard to potential meetings. Clerk to contact GTC again.

Local Plan – Now published and consultation open until 7th November 2017. Cllrs supported the 'Strategic Area of Separation' identified for the Settlement Boundary of Cabus but expressed concern over the inclusion of an allocated 'Travelling Showpeople Site' within Cabus. The location (SA6) of the proposed site with A6 access/highway capacity issues alongside precedent already having been established recently for planning application rejection (Planning Inspectorate) of neighbouring properties to develop on open countryside suggested this was an inappropriate location for such a site which would be communicated to Wyre Planning Officers via the consultee process for the draft Local Plan. Clerk to draft and circulate 'draft Local Plan' response for Cllrs consideration.

Cabus Consortium – Hospital Field

It was resolved to approach the Director of Wyre Borough Council Estates Department (Head of Built Environment) with a view to a private discussion on the WBC Asset.

Parish Notice Board

It was resolved to purchase the proposed notice board and authorisation for expenditure not to exceed £1100 (exc VAT).

LALC AGM – 18 November 2017 at 10am, County Hall Preston. Registration documentation noted.

1731. FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the following be authorised for payment.

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO.
L Banton	Clerk's expenses: Broadband (July & Aug)	£21	000788
Paul Whitaker	Lengthsmans Work (July & Aug)	£408	000791
BDO	Audit 2016/2017	£120	000789
Paul Whitaker	Grass Cutting (cuts 5 + 6)	£575	000790

AUTHORISED PAYMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING

Cllrs noted the following: Clerk's Salary - £231.03 – 28th July 2017; £231.03 – 28th August 2017

BUDGET UPDATE – 2017/2018 ACCOUNTS

It was resolved to note the budget update (as of 01 Sept 2017) and to further note the recent external unbudgeted audit invoice of £120 which was the first received since Aug 2014.

Signed:
Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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AUDIT REPORT (2016/2017)

It was resolved to accept and approve the received Annual Return and Auditor's Certificate (unqualified audit opinion).

PREPARATIONS FOR PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE

It was resolved to purchase the Christmas tree and to invite the Parish Lengthsman and Jon Cuff Electrical to put the tree and lights up again this year.

1732. Planning Appeals and Applications

1. Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Inquiries Procedure) (England) Rules 2000

Location: Land East Of Lancaster New Road Cabus Lancashire PR3 1NL

Proposal: Outline planning permission seeking to agree means of access for residential development for up to 183 dwellings including provision of 3G sports pitch and associated parking facilities with access taken from the A6 and Gubberford Lane

Application Number: 16/00230/OULMAJ

Appeal Reference: APP/U2370/W/17/3181474

Appeal Start Date: 29.08.2017

Appellant's Name: Cabus Consortium

The timeline for submission of further written representations was noted (11th October 2017 deadline to Planning Inspectorate) and Cllrs concurred that a further submission was required to endorse Wyre Borough Council's decision to reject the application, and in light of the recent publications of the draft Local Plan, to endorse the identified Strategic Area of Separation between Garstang and Cabus which the application falls within. It was further noted that Chairman would attend the Public Inquiry on 27th Feb 2018 with a view to speaking against the applicaton.

2. **Application Number:** 17/00843/FUL

Proposal: Erection of one detached bungalow as an additional plot to planning permission 16/00692/FULMAJ

Location: The Thatch Garstang Bypass Road Garstang Preston Lancashire

Cllrs noted the lack of detail associated with the application and the increase in total number of houses on site further to the original outline application. The elevation of the site and the close proximity to the A6 raised concerns regarding air and noise pollution for potential inhabitants despite the proposed screening. It was resolved to submit a response objecting to the application. Damage to the grass verge in this location as a result of contractor parking was also noted as a concern.

1733. CLLR HUDSON - RESIGNATION

It was resolved to accept Cllr Hudson's resignation with effect from the close of the meeting. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Hudson for her hard work and contribution to the Parish Council.

1734. NEXT MEETING

The date for the next Meeting of Cabus Parish Council was confirmed as Monday 27th November 2017 at 7.30pm in Cabus Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed:
Chair of Cabus Parish Council

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