

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2021
AT 7.30 PM VIA ZOOM

Present: Keith Kirby (Chair), Colin Corlett, Katrina Hartley, Jo Smith, Borough Cllr Sherras,
Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Darren Jackson

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 28 JANUARY 2021

The Minutes of the meeting of 28 January 2021 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account (Lloyds)	£947
Current Account (Santander)	£4,460
Deposit Account (Santander)	£1,225

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Gisburn Festival Hall	Room rent 2020/21 (balance)	£10
LALC	Annual subscription	£101.16

YEAR END MATTERS

RISK ASSESSMENT 2020/21

The Risk Assessment had been previously circulated and the Clerk advised it remained based on the BDO LLP precedent for smaller parish councils. The Register was considered and approved without amendment.

ASSET REGISTER 2020/21

The Clerk tabled a draft Asset Register for 2020/21 which was duly considered and certain additions/removals suggested before being approved.

INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Clerk advised that she had entered into an arrangement with another local parish clerk in 2020 whereby they each undertook the internal audit of the other's accounts. This arrangement had worked well and both clerks were willing to do the same in 2021.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/LICENSING APPLICATIONS

3/2021/1034 Ribblesdale Park, Mill Lane Proposed glamping village comprising 20 glamping tents etc

It was reported that RVBC Planning Department had not responded to the request for information on access arrangements for the proposed glamping village. It was noted that Lancs Highways had expressed some concerns about the same issue. It was agreed that the Clerk should formulate a response to RVBC Planning not objecting to the proposal but expressing concern over potential access and highways issues.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was noted that the lengthsman would most likely re-commence work around the village in April when the vegetation started growing again. It was reported that the tractor seen near the hedge on the Recreation Ground was most likely connected with a local fencing contractor who was undertaking work there on behalf of the school.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

The Clerk advised that she had circulated the letter of response received from Lancs Highways. The road markings at the mini-roundabout and the bus stop were going to be re-painted but there had been no indication as to when. Keith Kirby and Colin Corlett confirmed that work had started on improving the condition of the road surface outside the Auction Mart.

It was reported that drain covers near the Auction Mart appeared to be working loose on a regular basis and there were suggestions as to why this was happening. It was proposed that contact be made with the police and Auction Mart to see if they could discourage the parking which still occurred on the pavement and verge opposite the café.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Richard Sherras advised that RVBC would not be increasing their element of the Council Tax for 2021/22 but that Lancashire County Council and Lancashire Constabulary had both increased their shares.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised she had received an e-mail from the organisation canvassing opinion about the re-opening of the Clitheroe-Hellifield railway line with a link to a survey which residents could complete. It was agreed this survey should be promoted as far as possible.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that another resident had agreed to empty the dog bin on Bentlea Road and had also agreed to empty a bin on the Recreation Ground if one was provided. It was noted that the resident concerned worked in health & safety so was well aware of precautions necessary when dealing with dog waste. It was agreed that the Parish Council should look into purchasing a dog bin for the Recreation Ground. It was also suggested that dog waste bags should be provided adjacent to the dog bins.

Canvassing of residents regarding the potential re-locating of the church defibrillator to the BT kiosk had taken place and the majority of those contacted had been in agreement with the suggestion. The Clerk suggested that the contract with BT for the adoption of the kiosk could now proceed to be signed. Jo Smith provided an update on the possibility of another defibrillator for the village.

It was reported that the satellite dish on Ribblesdale Court had now been removed.

There remained issues with the bins at the rear of the Deli and rats had now been seen near the bins although it was suggested the rats could be living in the nearby derelict property.

An issue with flooding in the basement of The White Bull was reported and it was suggested this be reported to RVBC Environmental Health when the pub re-opened as it was believed the flooding problem came from a highways drain.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18 March 2021 at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

