

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 01 SEPTEMBER 2016
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Darren Jackson, Mary Kirby, Dave Waters, Clerk and one member of the public (Keith Kirby)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14 JULY 2016

The Minutes of the meeting of 14 July 2016 were accepted as a true record of proceedings, subject to a minor amendment, of the last meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair declared an interest in Item 8 (i) Planning App: 3/2016/0459

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account	£3,743
Deposit Account	£1,202

The Clerk confirmed the receipt of a £1,000 grant from RVBC in respect of the Parish Lengthsman.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

£420.00 John Cornthwaite, Lengthsman

YEAR END MATTERS

The Clerk explained that the duly completed Annual Return had been received back from the external auditors with an unqualified audit opinion. The completed Annual Return was duly approved and accepted by the Parish Council. The external auditors had raised two matters for the attention of the Council, one of which was classified as a "minor issue" and the other a recommendation. The auditors had recommended that a VAT return should be made on a more regular basis. The Clerk advised that, for the amounts of money involved, it was not worth a quarterly return but an annual VAT return would be made in future. The auditors had also pointed out that the figures in boxes 7 and 8 did not agree by £1 which the Clerk advised was due to rounding differences but that on future Annual Returns the boxes would agree. The Clerk advised that no fee had been payable in respect of the external audit as Gisburn Parish Council was below the requisite threshold.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

3/2016/0459 Various amendments, solar panel array, off Coal Pit Lane

The Parish Council had no objections to this application. The Chair, who had been permitted to speak on this item, advised that the amendments had been necessary as technological advancements meant that the initial planning application now included out-dated matters.

3/2016/0769 External signage, The White Bull

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

3/2016/0661 Agricultural building, Hellifield Rd

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was noted that the Parish Lengthsman had submitted an invoice totalling £420.00 for work done around the village in recent weeks. It was noted that most of the work done involved strimming and keeping vegetation in check. The car park hedge had been cut.

RVBC PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

The application for a Parish Council grant of £2,750 to fund the purchase of a new SpID had been successful and the requisite confirmation paperwork was duly signed. Dr Keith Kirby provided an update on the conversations he had had with Lancs Highways about the type of SpID which could be purchased and possible locations. Dr Kirby advised that Lancs Highways were no longer allowing SpIDs to be placed on lampposts but that it had been implied that, as the Parish Council was purchasing its own SpID, Lancs Highways would provide the appropriate post once a location had been determined. Dr Kirby confirmed that Lancs Highways needed to approve the intended location for the SpID. Discussion followed as to the type of SpID which could be purchased, whether to purchase a moveable or fixed SpID and possible locations for the SpID. The Chair requested that Dr Kirby have further conversations with SpID manufacturers and Lancs Highways and that a recommendation regarding the most suitable SpID and location be brought to the next meeting for discussion.

WATER TROUGH, BURNLEY ROAD

The Clerk advised that she had reported the algae and slippery pavement to Lancs Highways who had subsequently asked RVBC to weed spray and brush the affected area. As action did not appear to have been taken the Clerk would chase RVBC as to progress.

The meeting was advised that the landowner had confirmed he should be able to effect the necessary repairs to the water trough.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Clerk read out the Borough Councillor's report which dealt with the RVBC Housing & Economic Development draft Plan, the Clitheroe Market re-development and the Boundary

Commission review of RVBC wards. It was noted that a presentation by the Boundary Commission on the matter would take place at the next PC Liaison Committee which Dave Waters agreed to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that the RVBC Housing & Economic Development draft Plan had been put into circulation and could be considered as an Agenda item at the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Colin Corlett reported that the manhole cover at the mini-roundabout was once again loose and needed to be brought to the attention of Lancs Highways.

The Chair confirmed that nothing further had been heard from BT about the land drain in the field adjacent to the school.

It was noted that several signs advertising Twyn Ghyll Park had been placed in and around the village and did not appear to be removed, thereby rendering them permanent fixtures. It was accepted that the owner of the Park needed to advertise the business but that allowing signs to remain in situ could only encourage others to follow suit and complaints would begin again about the number of signs in the village. The Clerk was asked to raise the matter with the Complaints Officer at RVBC.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 29 September 2016 at 7.30 pm