

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 14 JULY 2016
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Mary Kirby, Dave Waters,
Borough Cllr Richard Sherras, Clerk and one member of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Darren Jackson

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 16 JUNE 2016

The Minutes of the meeting of 16 June 2016 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account	£2,948
Deposit Account	£1,196

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

£205.00 John Cornthwaite, Lengthsman

YEAR END MATTERS

The Clerk advised that the Annual Return had been submitted by the due date of 06 June 2016 and that nothing further had been heard from the external auditors. It was noted that additional queries from the auditors were usually forthcoming by the end of June.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

3/2016/0458 Drying unit, Wilcross Farm, Skipton Road

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

3/2016/ Double garage/garden store, The Old Vicarage, Hellifield Road

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was noted that the Parish Lengthsman had submitted an invoice totalling £205.00 for work done around the village in recent weeks. It was noted that most of the work at this time of the year involved strimming and keeping vegetation in check. It was agreed that the lengthsman should be asked to trim the car park banks as these required attention.

RVBC PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

A proposed application for purchase of a SpID for up to £2,750 had been previously circulated to Parish Councillors. It was explained that the application had been viewed by Dr Keith Kirby, an electronics expert, who had prepared a short report on the proposal. Dr Kirby explained that technology had moved on apace since the purchase of the previous SpID and he would recommend purchasing a more up-to-date SpID. After discussion it was agreed that it would be preferable, if possible, to purchase a unit which could be mains powered and to potentially situate the unit near 77 Garage so as to monitor the speed of vehicles approaching the village. It was noted that there were two lamp posts near 77 Garage and it was agreed to approach Lancs CC to see if the unit could be operated from one of their street lights. It was further agreed that the application should be submitted as it stood, pending further investigation into the type of unit to be purchased, in order to obtain the grant before the closing date in September 2016.

WATER TROUGH, BURNLEY ROAD

The Clerk advised that a resident had suggested the trough be repaired properly and a feature made of it with possibly flower baskets, a village sign and a small plaque describing its history. It was agreed this was a good idea and that the lengthsman could probably do all the work necessary.

It was noted that the trough was leaking badly again and there was green algae across the pavement which was unpleasant and slippery so it required repair whatever other options there may also be. It was agreed that as the algae was a hazard for pedestrians it should be reported to Lancs CC who may clean the pavement. It was also agreed that an approach be made to the landowner to see if repairs to the trough could be arranged either directly by the landowner or by the Parish Council as tenant. It was confirmed that the trough was not in the Conservation Area of the village. Mary Kirby advised that previous attempts by the village's History Society to have the trough repaired had not been successful due to the reluctance of workmen to provide quotes for repair.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Richard Sherras advised that on several occasions he had passed the Deli and noted dangerous and illegal parking in front of the bollards or even right on the corner of the junction across the pavement. It was noted that there was little that could be done to stop people who were determined to park as close to the door as possible, even if their parking was illegal.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised of the licensing permissions for live and recorded music for the Beat Herder Festival to be held 17-19 July 2016.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Colin Corlett reported that he had asked the developers of Strawberry Fields to move the site fencing further back from the edge of the road and this had now been actioned so there was once again space for pedestrians.

The Chair advised that a resident had requested permission to use part of the Recreation Ground for a dog training class. The Parish Council was supportive of the idea of a training class but agreed the location was unsuitable given the problems over the years with dog fouling on the Recreation Ground.

The Clerk was asked to report damage to some road signs on Burnley Road via the Lancs CC online reporting system.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 25 August 2016 at 7.30 pm