

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2016
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Darren Jackson, Dave Waters,
Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mary Kirby, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 01 SEPTEMBER 2016

The Minutes of the meeting of 01 September 2016 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account	£3,323
Deposit Account	£1,202

The Clerk advised that she had submitted a VAT reclaim which, if successful, should result in payment of £929 before Christmas.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

£360.00	Clerk
£90.00	P O Ltd (Clerk's PAYE)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

3/2016/0798 Mylah Farm, Rimington Lane, Rimington

There were no objections to this application.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was explained that no invoice had been received from the Parish Lengthsman this month so he would most likely submit a double invoice in October 2016. It was reported that the work required on the field drain in the field adjacent to the school would be carried out by the lengthsman.

RVBC PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS – SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

Prior to the meeting a report containing a recommendation as to which SpID device to purchase had been circulated to Parish Councillors. Dave Waters provided further information regarding the background to the recommendation. After due consideration, it was agreed that the Unipart Dorman DF11 with solar panel be purchased at a cost of £2,645 + VAT. It was noted that Lancs Highways could provide data logging at a cost of £60-£70 and it had been suggested that logging be commissioned for a week before and after installation of the SpID so as to be able to gauge its effect. It was explained that the Parish Council would have to pay for the SpID at the outset but would be reimbursed by RVBC out of the Parish Council grant monies. There would be a slight shortfall of £127.00 which it was agreed the Parish Council would pay.

It was further agreed that the most sensible location for the SpID was between the 77 Garage and the Auction Mart, preferably 50m or so inside the 30mph zone.

RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

The Clerk advised that RVBC had swept and tidied the pavement in front of the water trough but the following day the pavement was again covered in water, leaves and algae. It was agreed that the problem would persist until the issue with the leaking trough was fixed. Darren Jackson offered to investigate the effectiveness of a product which could solve the problem and undertake the necessary work if the product looked worthwhile.

Dave Waters had noticed that the Parish Council sign at the entrance to the Recreation Ground had been damaged beyond repair. It was agreed that a replacement sign should be purchased but should contain a stronger warning regarding dog fouling.

There was discussion regarding provision of a plastic sack dispenser at the Recreation Ground, to assist people to dispose of dog dirt, but it was agreed that certain dog owners would continue to leave the bagged waste rather than take it away with them so a dispenser would not solve the problem.

VILLAGE NAME SIGNS

The Clerk advised that Lancs Highways had asked for more information regarding possible village name signs, namely, a sketch showing the dimensions of proposed signs, a plan of the possible locations and preferable photos of the locations. Lancs Highways had also advised that any sign erected had to be “passively safe” which effectively reduced the chances of an application for signs involving stone being successful. Darren Jackson suggested placing a village sign on the grass verge at the mini roundabout outside the Church as drivers would be travelling at slower speeds than on the outskirts of the village so any potential impact damage to people or cars would be reduced. Colin Corlett agreed to ask the PCC about ownership of the grass verge in question. It was further agreed that all present would look into possible signs which could be placed there and the matter would be discussed further at the next meeting.

RVBC HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Documentation regarding the Plan had been circulated around Councillors for comment. It was agreed that the following observations should be made to RVBC: the number of houses completed/with planning permission in Gisburn as quoted in the Plan did not appear to make sense when compared with actual figures of houses built/with planning permission in the village; the proposed settlement boundary included sites recently granted planning permission which could set a dangerous precedent; the importance of the Recreation Ground as a public open space needed to be stressed.

RVBC PARISH COUNCILS' LIAISON COMMITTEE – SEPTEMBER 2016

Dave Waters, who had attended the meeting, had previously circulated a report and provided a summary of matters considered at the meeting namely: RVBC Electoral Commission Review; Lancs CC Property Review; winter warmth funding and Housing and Economic Development Draft Plan.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Clerk advised that Borough Cllr Sherras had intended to talk about the Parliamentary Constituency review which had proposed that the constituency of Ribble Valley cease to exist. A new constituency of North Lancashire, which would include Gisburn, was proposed alongside another new constituency of Clitheroe and Colne. RVBC's full Council had voted to object to the proposals. It was agreed that the matter be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that she had received the application for a concurrent grant from RVBC and had completed the requisite forms which were duly signed by the Chair.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk was asked to report to Lancs Highways the fact that the flashing speed sign at the eastern end of the village did not appear to be working.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27 October 2016 at 7.30 pm