

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2015
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Darren Jackson, Mary Kirby, David Waters, Clerk and three members of the public

APOLOGIES

Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 AUGUST 2015

The Minutes of the meeting of 20 August 2015 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

John Falshaw declared an interest in item 8 b) (Solar panels off Coal Pit Lane) and Dave Waters declared an interest in Agenda item 8 a) RVBC decision on 3 houses, Mill Lane.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,196
Current Account	£3,296

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs C A Holmes (Clerk)	£180
Post Office Ltd	£45
John Cornthwaite (Lengthsman)	£310

Total:	£535
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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 one matter which was classified as a "minor issue", namely that grant received as part of the precept had been incorrectly included in the precept figure rather than under other receipts. The Clerk explained that the remittance advice for the precept received from RVBC had not made this split referring only to "precept" so it had been assumed no grant had been received. Upon querying the matter with RVBC's Finance Department it had been explained that the remittance advice had been erroneous and an apology was given.

HALF YEAR REVIEW

The Clerk distributed a spreadsheet showing income and expenditure year-to-date and projected income and expenditure to 31 March 2016. It was noted that expenditure to year end would be incurred regarding the lengthsman, clerk, a subscription, hire of the Committee Room and possibly the village Christmas tree. It was confirmed there would be sufficient funds in the bank account to cover the projected expenditure. The Clerk cautioned that the review did not include possible expenditure on wall repairs as it was not known when further repairs would be undertaken.

The Clerk advised that the concurrent grant usually received from RVBC in the second half would be less than in previous years as it was now a requirement that any concurrent grant received be net of any other grant received in respect of the lengthsman. This meant that the £1,000 received from RVBC for the lengthsman had to be taken into account whereas in previous years this had not been the case.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

i) RVBC decision re 3 houses, Mill Lane - Update

Dave Waters was permitted to remain in the meeting

It was reported that the Chief Executive of RVBC had replied to the letters of complaint received from several residents regarding the decision on this application and the letter had been previously circulated to all Parish Councillors.

The applicant had recently submitted revised plans for the intended development which were the subject of a separate application. It was noted that one of the revisions involved moving the road planned for the development and it was agreed that this could adversely affect the privacy of certain existing properties. The Clerk was asked to clarify with RVBC whether the Parish Council could comment on the revised plans having objected to the original application.

Solar Panels off Coal Pit Lane

John Falshaw was permitted to remain in the meeting.

The Clerk advised that the above application had been approved at RVBC's Planning & Development Committee meeting on 20 August 2015.

Barn to 3 dwellings, Greengates Farm, Gisburn

The Parish Council had no objections to the above application but queried the length of time taken by RVBC to deal with applications at the property. The applicant, Mr Andrew Robinson, explained the background to the applications at his property and noted that various planning officers at RVBC had been required to deal with the applications due to resignations within the department.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk advised that the lengthsman had submitted an invoice for £310.00 and the work undertaken for the period covered was outlined. It was noted that the lengthsman had done further weed-killing along Mill Lane as the first attempt had not been particularly successful.

TOUR OF BRITAIN CYCLE RACE – MONDAY 07 SEPTEMBER 2015

Dave Waters provided a summary of the visit of the Tour of Britain to Gisburn on 07 September. It was reported that the event had been a success for the village and had passed off without incident. The Parish Council particularly wished to thank Dave and Ann Waters, Paul Henley, Kirsty Hopcraft, Judith Driver and Keith Kirby for their hard work regarding the event both beforehand and on the day itself. The Parish Council also wished to express their thanks to the Hindley estate and the Auction Mart for allowing car parking on their land on the day itself. The Borough Council were commended for bringing the event to the region and it was reported that the economic benefits could be about £3M.

RVBC PARISH COUNCILS LIASION COMMITTEE – 10 SEPTEMBER 2015

Dave Waters advised he had attended the PCLC on 10 September 2015 and provided a written summary of the matters discussed, namely: policing in the Ribble Valley, bus routes, A boards, parish grants and the Tour of Britain.

DEFIBRILLATOR IN GISBURN

It was noted that a street collection on the day of the Tour of Britain had raised £120.18 for the Fund and that an event in the Village Hall in mid-October 2015 was intended as a further fundraiser. La Locanda had also offered to host an event to raise funds and the cause had been registered with the Just Giving facility so donations could be made via text. The Clerk confirmed that, if purchased by the Parish Council, the defibrillator could be covered under the Parish Council's insurance policy. The Chair advised that the Auction Mart had indicated they were interested in purchasing a defibrillator for their business and had queried whether the device could be shared by the Mart and the village. It was noted that there could be an issue regarding a suitable location for a shared defibrillator. It was agreed that the idea of a shared defibrillator be put on hold at present as it was believed sufficient funds could be raised by the village for its own device.

RVBC PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

The Clerk advised that RVBC were offering grants to Parish Councils within the Borough to be spent in any way the Parish Council wished. Gisburn had been awarded an allocation of £3,000. The closing date for applications was 30 September 2016 and all applications had to be approved by the Ward Councillor. There was no minimum or maximum grant for individual projects and no match funding requirements. It was agreed that publicity be given to the scheme via the Parish Mag and village organisations and that such organisations and residents be invited to submit ideas for the use of the grant monies by Easter 2016. It was further agreed that, initially, there should be a cap of £250 for each idea in case several applications were received. The Clerk advised that a form had to be completed for each submission and it was suggested that applicants from the village be required to complete the form so as to provide the necessary information.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised she had received letters from RVBC regarding consultations on changes to licensing and gambling laws and regulations and details were given.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dave Waters advised that the PCC wished to request that the Parish Council provide the village Christmas tree and that it was required during the first week in December. Andrew Robinson advised that he provided a Christmas tree for Rimington and would be willing to also provide one for Gisburn if the Parish Council would arrange the necessary logistics. It was agreed that Colin Corlett and Darren Jackson, in conjunction with the parish lengthsman, would visit the Robinsons' farm and make the appropriate arrangements.

Darren Jackson reported that a mattress had been dumped in the alley behind the Deli and that the area was generally looking untidy. It was agreed that the matter should be reported to RVBC Environmental Health but that it was more than likely that the alley was an unadopted road.

It was agreed that the landlord should be approached again regarding the trees on the Recreation Ground.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 15 October 2015 at 7.30 pm

