

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2015
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, , Mary Kirby, David Waters,
Borough Cllr Richard Sherras, Clerk and four members of the public

APOLOGIES

Darren Jackson

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 21 MAY 2015

The Minutes of the meeting of 21 May 2015 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

John Falshaw declared an interest in Agenda item 8 a) Solar Array, Coal Pit Lane and advised he would leave the meeting whilst this item was discussed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was noted that members of the public would be permitted to speak when Agenda item 8 a) was considered if they so wished.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,191
Current Account	£4,763

The Clerk advised that a grant of £1,000 had been received from RVBC in respect of the Parish Lengthsman.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

John Cornthwaite	Lengthsman	£356.00
Mrs C A Holmes	Parish Clerk	£180.00
Post Office Ltd	Clerk's PAYE	£45.00

£581.00

YEAR END MATTERS

The Clerk advised that the Annual Return and supporting documentation had been returned to the external auditors by the appropriate deadline and that the Return would therefore be undergoing external review. To date no further queries had been received from the external auditors.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

i) *Solar Array, Coal Pit Lane*

John Falshaw left the meeting and Colin Corlett assumed the Chair

The Chair advised that members of the public present at the meeting could speak regarding this application if they so wished.

Concern was expressed by both Parish Councillors and members of the public regarding the scale and location of the proposed array. It was suggested that the array would be too large and consequently intrusive so close to the AONB and would be incompatible with tourism. Parish Councillors recognised and supported the need for alternative forms of energy but believed the scale and location of this proposal to be inappropriate. A member of the public advised that on a recent trip to Norfolk he had seen a solar array and it had actually not been as visually intrusive as might be expected.

It was agreed that an objection to the application be lodged with RVBC on the grounds that the scale and location of the development were inappropriate and that the development was visually detrimental so close to the AONB.

John Falshaw returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk advised that the lengthsman had submitted an invoice for £356.00 and outlined the work undertaken by the lengthsman. It was reported that delivery drivers to Gisburn Primary School had complained of overhanging branches from trees on the Recreation Ground and it was agreed that the lengthsman should be asked to deal with the branches concerned. It was also agreed that an area of verge opposite the Auction Mart required attention and the road side of the car park hedge required cutting.

RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

The Clerk advised that the solicitors had recently confirmed that the Recreation Ground leases were now able to be signed and the Chair would accordingly be required to attend the solicitors to sign the leases and the statutory declaration.

RVBC had confirmed that the Recreation Ground had not been an area specified to be covered by a Dog Exclusion Order when the list had been drawn up a couple of years ago. RVBC had further advised that they could provide a dog waste bin at a cost of £225 + VAT but did not have the resource to empty it. RVBC had confirmed that members of the public could not empty dog waste bins without the appropriate environmental certificate.

PARISH COUNCILS LIAISON COMMITTEE

Dave Waters advised he had attended the PCLC on 18 June 2015 and provided a summary of the matters discussed, namely: Tour of Britain, dog wardens, waste collection and recycling, bus services, war memorials and advertising on the A59.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that the Beat Herder Festival would be held on 17-19 July 2015 and quoted a letter from RVBC regarding permitted noise levels.

RVBC were hosting a trip for Parish and Borough Councillors to the Lancashire re-cycling centre at Farington to which parishes were invited to send one representative.

The Clerk advised that a letter had been received from Gisburn Festival Hall Committee regarding the funds held by the Parish Council following the sale of a piece of land in 2008. The background to the sale of land and the proceeds obtained was explained. The Chair stressed that the funds were held for use by the Festival Hall Committee. The Clerk confirmed that the monies were included within the Parish Council's accounts each year.

The Chair further advised that he had very recently obtained a copy of the Festival Hall Trust Deed and it might be advisable to obtain some basic legal advice as to whether there were any restrictions applicable to use of the funds. It was agreed that this matter be an Agenda item for the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed to purchase 15 traffic cones to replace those which had disappeared over the years from opposite the Auction Mart.

It was agreed to hold a public meeting on 08 July 2015 to discuss the opportunities afforded to the village by the visit of the Tour of Britain Cycle Race on Monday 07 September 2015.

Borough Cllr Sherras provided an update on the Strawberry Fields planning applications.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 16 July 2015 at 7.30 pm

