

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Gisburn Parish Council held on
Thursday 09 July 2009 at 7.30 pm
In the Festival Hall, Gisburn**

Present: Cllrs Falshaw (Chair), Corlett, Kirby, Tyrer, Clerk and Borough Cllr Sherras

Apologies: Cllr Ryde

CSO Susan Hartley attended and provided the usual monthly update on police statistics for Gisburn for the month of June 2009

Minutes of the Meeting of 18 June 2009

The Minutes of the meeting of 18 June 2009 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

Clerk's Report (Verbal)

The Clerk advised that Jeff Griffiths, RVBC's Enforcement Officer, had been in touch with the owner of The Cash Cow and had asked him to apply for appropriate planning permissions for signage, the extension at the rear of the property and also for a Certificate of Lawful Use as the validity of the retail use of the premises was unclear. Mr Griffiths had advised that permission was not required for the selling of snacks.

The Clerk advised that she had spoken to Alan Cox at Lancs CC about various matters concerning the SpIDs. Alan Cox had advised that the special SpID ladders were no longer made and another type of platform ladder was therefore recommended. The Clerk advised that it may be sensible to try and order this type of stepladder direct from the manufacturers rather than try and locate it in a DIY store and it was agreed that this course of action be followed.

Alan Cox had also advised that if another SpID were purchased for positioning outside Ribblesdale Ct it would be classed as a permanent sign and different criteria would be applicable as to its permissibility. Permanent signs were effectively only allowed in accident blackspots and it was therefore unlikely that this position would be acceptable to the County Council.

Lancs CC were proposing to move the SpID post near the diner to the end of the farm track following a safety review of all SpID locations.

Mary Kirby expressed an interest in attending the next course run by Lancs CC on SpIDs.

The Clerk advised that Lancs CC were going to spend £25K on a series of safety measures along the A59 from Gisburn to the Yorkshire border and distributed a sheet showing the measures planned for the outskirts of Gisburn. The Clerk agreed to circulate the whole report by e-mail following the meeting.

The Clerk advised that she had received no further queries from the external auditors and the Notice of Conclusion of Audit had been received. The auditors had also sent their invoice for payment which this year totalled £327.75.

Financial Statement

Deposit Account	£2,182.14
Current Account	£8,306.46
Skipton BS Account	£11,555.95

The Clerk advised that, following the brief discussion at the previous meeting about diverting some of the Council monies not needed in the near future to the Skipton BS account, that it may be better to open a totally separate account due to potential difficulties with apportioning interest between the Parish Council and Festival Hall committee. It was agreed that this would be a better course of action and the Clerk agreed to obtain the appropriate forms.

Accounts for Approval

Mr Brian Kearsley	£352
Mrs Cathy Holmes	£100
BDO Stoy Hayward	£327.75

Planning Applications

- i) Chimney/Fireplace works, Ribble House
This application had now been withdrawn.
- ii) Former Furniture Room, Mill Lane
This application had been passed at the Planning & Development Committee meeting on 18 June 2009.
- iii) Change of Use of Marketing Suite, Ribblesdale Park
This application had received a mixed response from the Parish Council and the Clerk was asked to make RVBC aware that there had been some objections. It was believed that when permission had been given for Ribblesdale Park that it had been a condition that no retail outlet would be allowed on the development. It was felt that to allow a retail outlet would potentially harm village shops which were already having to deal with a difficult economic environment.
- iv) Erection of granny annex and garage, Coppice Cottage
There were no objections to this application.

- v) The Works, renewal of temporary permission
There were no objections to this application.

Borough Cllr Sherras advised the meeting that there was now a procedure whereby Parish Councils could request in advance that a particular application be taken to Planning Committee rather than handled by a Planning Officer.

SpIDs

This item had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

Correspondence/Items for information

None

Any Other Business

The meeting discussed the impact of the BeatHerder Festival, held the previous weekend at the top of Sawley Brow, on the local villages. It was noted that there had been numerous complaints about the noise levels and the fact that music had been allowed to continue until 5.00 am on Saturday and Sunday. Borough Cllr Sherras advised that RVBC would be having a debrief about the Festival in late July.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 20 August 2009 at 7.30 pm