

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
Gisburn Parish Council held on  
Thursday 13 May 2010 at 7.30 pm  
In the Festival Hall, Gisburn**

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

**Apologies:** None

**Minutes of the Meeting of 15 April 2010**

The Minutes of the meeting of 15 April 2010 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

**Police Report**

In the absence of Susan Hartley this item was not considered.

**Clerk's Report (Verbal)**

The Clerk advised that the wall on Station Road was not the responsibility of Ribble Valley BC and it was suggested that Lancs CC be contacted to see if it was their responsibility.

Lancs CC had advised that they had entered into an agreement with Ribble Valley BC whereby the cutting of grass verges on major roads and weedkilling would now be undertaken by Ribble Valley BC.

Lancs CC had also advised that one of the highways schemes planned for 2010/11 was surface dressing of Mill Lane between the A59 and Mill Lane Bridge.

**Financial Statement**

Deposit Account	£2,192.12
Current Account	£4,647.90
Skipton BS Account (Festival Hall)	£11,555.95
Skipton BS Account (Parish Council)	£4,000.00

The Clerk advised that a grant of £1,000 had been received from Ribble Valley BC for the parish lengthsman.

**Accounts for Approval**

Ribble Valley BC (grass cutting)	£675.28
Matt Absolom (Lengthsman)	£226.32
Cathy Holmes (Clerk)	£100.00

### **Year End 2009/10 Matters**

The Clerk advised that it was necessary for the meeting to approve the accounts for the period ended 31 March 2010. The Clerk briefly outlined the entries on Section 1 of the accounts and the accounts were duly approved and signed by Mr Falshaw and Mrs Holmes as Chairman and Clerk respectively. The Clerk explained that the accounts and supporting paperwork would be subject to an internal audit when the internal auditor returned from her holiday.

The meeting proceeded to consider the Annual Governance Statement and agreed that the following summarised matters could all be answered in the affirmative for the year under review, namely

1. the statement of accounts was prepared in accordance with appropriate regulations
2. an adequate system of internal control was maintained
3. there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance which could have a significant effect on the ability of the council to conduct its affairs
4. there was proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights under appropriate regulations
5. a risk assessment has been undertaken
6. an adequate system of internal audit of the council's records was maintained
7. appropriate action has been taken on matters raised in internal and external audit reports
8. the council has considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments could have a financial impact on the council

The Annual Governance Statement was accordingly approved by the meeting and Mr Falshaw and Mrs Holmes proceeded to sign the Statement as Chair and Clerk respectively.

### **Planning Applications**

The Clerk advised that an application had been made by Hindelinis to extend the opening hours from the current 8.00 am to 8.00 pm to 8.00 am to 11.00 pm every day. Paperwork had yet to be received from Ribble Valley BC but would be circulated when available.

## **Parish Lengthsman**

The Clerk advised that Matt Absolom had submitted his first time sheets and had been principally undertaking grass cutting and strimming. It was agreed that the work undertaken on the Cenotaph Gardens had so far been fine and that Matt needed to speak to Lucie Newlove about purchasing plants for the Gardens. The Clerk advised that Dave Hewitt of RVBC had requested that the lengthsman be asked to repair the gate on the childrens' play area and also empty the waste bin in the car park. It was agreed that the location of these suggested tasks be confirmed as the new childrens' play area was the responsibility of the Gisburn Playing Fields Association not the Parish Council. It was noted that Matt Absolom had agreed to assist with moving and installing the SpID but needed to attend the training course and the Clerk agreed to pursue this with Lancs CC. The Clerk advised that Lancs CC had sent a cheque for £1,000 for the Parish Lengthsman as opposed to £2,000 as received in previous years.

## **Dog Waste Bins**

A letter from James Russell of Ribble Valley BC regarding the provision of dog waste bins had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that Gisburn did not have a particular problem with dog fouling and that there could be difficulties regarding the emptying of the bins so it was decided that further waste bins were not therefore required.

## **Correspondence/Items for information**

It was noted items under this category had already been dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.

## **Any Other Business**

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Dr Henderson thanking him for all his work over the years caring for the Cenotaph Gardens. Dr Henderson had indicated that he wished to pass on the tools involved in caring for the Gardens and there was discussion over where these tools could be kept. It was noted that Matt Absolom used his own tools and it was debateable how much use would therefore be made of Dr Henderson's tools. It was agreed to find out what the tools were and to sell them if no use could be made of them.

John Falshaw advised that he had been contacted by the owners of La Locanda who were concerned about the lack of vibrancy in the village and who wished to invite the Parish Council to the restaurant to discuss the matter further. It was agreed that a meeting would be a good idea but practically it could be difficult for the Parish Council to change the situation. It was noted that it was intended to re-open The White Bull in time for the World Cup in June 2010.

Richard Sherras advised that a new railway mast, part of a signalling system for Network Rail, had been constructed which was visible from certain parts of the parish but that complaints would not succeed as the mast was part of a new national system.

Richard Sherras advised that the Beatherder Festival would be going ahead in early July 2010 and that various measures were to be taken to deal with the noise nuisance, including full time noise monitoring and no live music after 4.00 am. It was noted that the festival was growing in popularity but that the organisers could not risk the level of complaints from previous years happening again in 2010.

It was agreed that a mobile sign advertising Twyn Ghyll caravan park be brought to the attention of Lancs CC.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 17 June 2010 at 7.30 pm

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 13 MAY 2010  
AT 7.00 PM IN THE FESTIVAL HALL, GISBURN**

**Present:** Councillors Falshaw (Chair), Corlett, Kirby, Ryde, Tyrer, Clerk and Borough Cllr Sherras

**Apologies:** None

The Chair began by noting that the past year had seen both positives and negatives within the village. On the positive side the village Cubs had been reformed and were now meeting regularly in the Festival Hall and the new play area had gone from strength to strength. A hairdressers had opened in the village. On the negative side the village had lost its Post Office, hopefully only temporarily and The White Bull had closed but was also due to re-open in summer 2010. The village's SpID was not being deployed regularly and, given the expense of purchasing the device, this matter needed to be addressed in the near future.

Brian Kearsley, the lengthsman, had started a new job so had left at the end of January 2010 and had been replaced in April 2010 by Matt Absolom who to date appeared to be doing a good job.

Dr Henderson had relinquished responsibility for the Cenotaph Gardens which would now be maintained by the lengthsman under the direction of the Parish Council. The Chair thanked Dr Henderson for the work undertaken by his team in maintaining the Cenotaph Gardens over the years.

The Chairman noted that Mary Kirby had completed her first full year as a Parish Councillor and thanked her and the other Councillors for their contributions and support throughout the year. Thanks were also expressed to Mrs Holmes for her work as Clerk.

Nominations were invited for the posts of Chair and Vice Chair for the year 2010/11 and were agreed as follows:

Chair	John Falshaw	Proposed: Barrie Tyrer	Seconded: Mary Kirby
Vice- Chair	Colin Corlett	Proposed: Barrie Tyrer	Seconded: Peter Ryde

There being no further business the meeting concluded.

