

**Minutes of a Meeting of Gisburn Parish Council
Held on Thursday 15 May 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Festival Hall, Gisburn**

Present: Councillors Corlett (Chair), Middleton, Ryde, Tyrer, Clerk, 1 member of the public

1. Apologies Cllr Falshaw

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of 17 April 2008 were taken as read and signed.

3. Election of Officers

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconded
Chairman	John Falshaw	Colin Corlett	Barrie Tyrer
Vice-Chairman	Colin Corlett	Barrie Tyrer	Peter Ryde
Playing Fields	Gillian Middleton	Colin Corlett	Barrie Tyrer
Cenotaph Gardens	Barrie Tyrer	Colin Corlett	Peter Ryde
Festival Hall	Barrie Tyrer	Peter Ryde	Colin Corlett
Parish Council Liaison	Peter Ryde	Colin Corlett	Barrie Tyrer

4. Matters Arising

- i) Speed cameras on A59; The Clerk advised that the appropriate engineer at Lancs CC had sent an e-mail advising of the 4 final locations for the SpIDs and indicating where those deploying the devices should park. It was noted that the location on the Hellifield Road was not amongst the final 4 locations and the Clerk was requested to query this with Lancs CC. A location outside Cromwell House was listed of which the Parish Council were unaware and again the Clerk was asked to query this inclusion with Lancs CC.
- ii) Sale of Land/Festival Hall; Cllr Corlett advised that he had the Transfer document which had to be signed by named Councillors. The meeting was also advised that signs advising of the sale of land and the consequent lapsing of public rights of way over the same had been erected as per a request by the purchaser's solicitors.
- iii) Parish Lengthsman Scheme; The Clerk advised that Brian Kearsley had cleaned the war memorial and had removed some Christmas lights from the churchyard as requested by the churchwardens. The meeting was notified that on his next visit Brian intended to strim Mill Lane. The Clerk also advised that Brian wished to set up accounts at Dugdales and Lindley Pates and required two trade references; it was suggested that Ribble Valley BC be the main referee.
- iii) Bentlea Road signs; Ongoing. The Clerk advised that nothing further had been heard about this matter since the previous meeting.
- iv) The Clerk advised that she had received notification of the future dates of Parish Council Liaison Committee meetings to March 2009 and it was agreed that Cllr Ryde would be Gisburn's representative. The Clerk further advised that she had heard from Lancs CC that one of the footpath extensions that it had been suggested be put forward to County for possible budget allocation was to be considered at the June meeting of the Lancashire Local.
- v) Post Office; It was noted that nothing further had been heard since the April 2008 meeting. It was confirmed that Gisburn Post Office was not on the list of official closures put forward by Royal Mail.
- vi) Centotaph Gardens
 - a) Bench; The Clerk advised that she had spoken to a member of Chatburn PC and learnt that the "virtually indestructable" benches were made by Glasdon and had cost £355 + VAT at the time of purchase. It was agreed that an appropriate brochure be obtained from Glasdon.
 - b) Cleaning of Memorial; the Clerk advised that the Parish Lengthsman had cleaned the war memorial.
 - c) Upkeep of Gardens; the Clerk advised that she had received a reply from Covenant indicating that they were to consider the Parish Council's request at their next Board Meeting and would revert back as soon as possible thereafter.

5. Renewal of Insurances

The Clerk advised that an initial renewal quote of £451.30 had been received from Allianz Cornhill for renewal on the existing basis. When Allianz had been informed of the removal of all the old playground equipment, except for the swings, the quote had been amended to £340.20. It was agreed that this was acceptable and that Allianz should be informed as soon as the swings had been removed so as to secure a refund.

It was noted that the Hindley estate wished the swings to be removed as soon as possible and there was some discussion as to the reasons for this and the timing of any removal. It was agreed that the Clerk should speak to John Falshaw, who had received the original message from Guy Hindley, before any further action was taken.

6. Financial Statement	Current Account	£7,506.65
	Deposit Account	£2,116.38
7.. Accounts for approval	Ribble Valley BC	£1,001.00
	Mrs C A Holmes	£75.00
	Mr B Kearsley	£275.53
	Allianz Cornhill	£340.20

8. Year End Audit 2007/08

The Clerk reported that all was in order with the year end accounts which had been through an internal audit and duly signed. However, an unpresented cheque dating from September 2002 was still outstanding and the Clerk advised she was going to query treatment of this cheque, after so many years, with the external auditor.

9. Planning

- i) Kirk Close, Gisburn – single storey garden room to rear – plans being circulated, no objections so far

10. Correspondence

The Clerk outlined the contents of various items of correspondence received since the last meeting.

11. Any Other Business

- i) The Clerk read out a letter received from Ribble Valley BC regarding the wooden structure under construction at the end of Bentlea Road. The Council advised that the building work was within permitted development rights and that planning permission had not been necessary but that it would be subject to building control regulations.
- ii) The Clerk advised that she had received a copy of an extract of an appropriate lease from the Hindley estate which showed that the Parish Council were lessees of the old playing area until 1 August 2009 and that they had responsibility for repairs of boundaries, including walls and troughs.
- iii) The Clerk advised that Ribble Valley BC had sent out a letter to all parishes stating that BT wished to close certain public payphones, including the one located outside Sycamore Gardens, Gisburn. It was agreed that a letter of objection should be sent to Ribble Valley BC for inclusion in their response to BT.
- iv) Cllr Ryde advised that there had been an accident on the A59 caused by parking on both sides of the road for La Locanda and that a car had been written off in the incident.
- v) The Clerk advised that a resident had raised with her the advertising undertaken by Twyn Ghyll Caravan Park at the mini-roundabout in Gisburn and the irritation caused to residents in the vicinity by the hooting of car horns at the people in fancy dress. It was agreed that the matter should be drawn to the attention of the environmental health team at Ribble Valley BC.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 19 June 2008 at 7.30 pm

