

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 15 AUGUST 2013
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Darren Jackson, Mary Kirby, Peter Ryde, Clerk, Borough Cllr Sherras and one member of the public

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 18 JULY 2013

The Minutes of the meeting of 18 July 2013 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,188
Current Account	£2,599

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Gisburn Festival Hall (room rent) £108.00

RECREATION GROUND

The Chair advised that the landlord had recently indicated that a financial contribution of £500 towards last year's wall repair may be forthcoming. The landlord had also requested sight of the plan for replacement trees on the Recreation Ground when the plan was available.

It was reported that five appropriately skilled people had been approached regarding improvements to the horse trough but that none had yet been to look at the work required.

It was noted that Lawntrack had removed their sign from the perimeter fence and replaced it with a free-standing sign.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

Dudland Croft Boutique Hotel – Appeal Hearing

It was noted that the Inspector had dismissed the appeal but had awarded partial costs against RVBC. The grounds for the dismissal had been circulated to all members of the Parish Council prior to the meeting.

Phases II and III Strawberry Fields

It was reported that there had been some changes to the plans for Phases II and III but it was not known if the revised plans would be circulated by RVBC.

Wind Turbine, Shuttleworth Hall Farm

(John Falshaw declared an interest in this item and left the meeting)

The application was discussed by those present and it was noted that two members were opposed to the application and two were in favour. The Chair was unable to have a casting vote as it was his own application. Those opposed to the application had concerns regarding the intrusive effect upon the landscape, noise levels and the potential to harm birds and bats. It was also pointed out that the Parish Council had opposed an application for a wind turbine by a neighbouring farm in 2011. It was reported that several residents in the locality had also voiced their concerns about the turbine to members of the Parish Council and Borough Cllr Sherras. It was explained that it was likely that the application would have to go to RVBC's Planning Committee for decision rather than be dealt with under delegated powers.

(John Falshaw returned to the meeting)

COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID

It was noted that letters had been sent out by RVBC's Legal Department to all appropriate parties connected with the three sites in the village that were the subject of the Community Right to Bid applications. It was explained that there was no discretion regarding whether the sites were put onto the list by RVBC, only the satisfaction of certain criteria.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was explained that the lengthsmen would not be submitting an invoice this month but would add their August work to the September invoice. It was noted that the serious illness and hospitalisation of a close relative of the lengthsmen had curtailed their work in recent days.

It was agreed that the car park slopes needed strimming, as did the verge opposite the Auction Mart and the grass triangles at the mini-roundabout. It was also noted that the copse needed weeding as did the car park. It was agreed that a written list of jobs would be presented to the lengthsmen each month.

Clarification of the quotation received earlier in the year from an alternative contractor was provided but it was agreed that it would not be sensible to change lengthsmen mid-year so the matter would be reviewed towards the end of the financial year.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that she had received the formal invitation for members of the Parish Council to attend the Civic Service on 29 September 2013.

Correspondence regarding the Local Plan and guidance for planners on wind turbines had also been received from RVBC.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was explained that Gisburn Playing Fields Association wished to request a donation from the Parish Council towards grass cutting of the play park and it was agreed that a £400 donation be made.

It was agreed that the 30MPH flashing sign at the eastern end of the village was particularly effective and that an equivalent sign at the western end of the village should be requested from Lancs CC.

It was noted that an official complaint had been made by a resident to Lancs CC about the state of the road at the "rumble strips" at the western end of the village.

The Clerk advised that she continued to liaise with Lancs Constabulary about the visit of Ch Supt Eastwood but that no definite date had yet been agreed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 18 September 2013 at 7.30 pm

