

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Gisburn Parish Council held on
Thursday 15 October 2009 at 7.30 pm
In the Festival Hall, Gisburn**

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

Apologies: Barrie Tyrer

Minutes of the Meeting of 17 September 2009

The Minutes of the meeting of 17 September 2009 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk advised that the winter grit bins purchased from Glasdon had been delivered and were currently in the possession of the lengthsman awaiting instruction as to their preferred locations. It was agreed that the bins should be placed at either end of Bentlea Road where RVBC currently placed heaps of salt.

The Clerk explained that an additional charger had been purchased for the SpID by the lengthsman but that he had subsequently discovered it was unsuitable and had been advised by City Electrical Factors that the existing charger had been modified by the SpID manufacturer. The Clerk advised that she would contact the manufacturer to see if an additional charger could be provided and what the cost of this would be.

Borough Cllr Sherras advised that the planning authority were aware of the two static caravans at Coppy Barn referred to at the previous meeting and that a planning application had been submitted.

Financial Statement

Deposit Account	£2,182.14
Current Account	£7,133.83
Skipton BS Account	£11,555.95

It was agreed that £4,000 in the current account be moved into a new deposit account to be held by the Skipton BS and the appropriate forms were signed to enable the Clerk to open this new account.

Accounts for Approval

City Electrical Factors	£65.08 (credit note subsequently provided)
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Mrs C A Holmes (grit bins)	£302.84
Skipton BS	£4,000

Meeting at Ribblesdale Park

The notes of the meeting held with Guy Hindley on 7 October 2009, as previously circulated, were taken as read. It was noted that nothing further had been heard about the planning application that Mr Hindley was intending to submit.

It was agreed that moving the Post Office to Ribblesdale Park would not be a popular move and Borough Cllr Sherras advised there would be several planning issues with such a move. It was agreed that the diner would be a better location for the Post Office but this was unlikely to happen for a couple of years and the problem of its location in the intervening period remained.

Correspondence/Items for information

The Clerk advised that she had received a letter from RVBC re current and future traffic calming measures in and around the village. Current measures were noted and it was agreed to ask for additional measures on two other roads.

Any Other Business

It was noted that the new fireplace business at the top of Mill Lane had placed an A board sign on the pavement next to the Auction Mart which made it impossible for pushchair or wheelchair users to negotiate without going onto the A59. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Susan Hartley and Jeff Griffiths about this to see if anything could be done.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 19 November 2009 at 7.30 pm

**Minutes of a Meeting of Gisburn Parish Council
held with Mr Guy Hindley at Ribblesdale Park
on Wednesday 07 October 2009 at 5.30 pm**

Present: John Falshaw, Mary Kirby, Peter Ryde, Barrie Tyrer,
Cathy Holmes (Clerk)
Guy Hindley, Charlie A N Other

Ribblesdale Park

Guy Hindley advised that he was intending to submit a planning application for an additional 15 lodges at Ribblesdale Park which were intended to be holiday lets as opposed to residential units. Guy Hindley explained that the holiday market was improving and that it therefore made most sense commercially to concentrate on this area in the short to medium term rather than the residential sector. A Hosesasons brochure depicting Ribblesdale Park as one of their holiday locations was distributed and it was explained that the brochure concerned was for quality, luxury lets rather than for the family market.

Guy Hindley explained that there were only 5 lodges currently occupied on a permanent basis and that several others belonged to families who only came to Ribblesdale Park at weekends. Of the 5 lodges permanently occupied the majority of residents were in favour of an expansion of the holiday let business at the site. Guy Hindley advised that Ribblesdale Park unusually had a 12 months licence as a holiday park and that this had come about as a result of the original planning application having had to be approved on appeal.

Diner

Guy Hindley advised that he wished to develop the diner site at the Skipton end of the village and confirmed that the current tenant's lease expired in March 2012. It was hoped that the diner could be expanded, subject to the appropriate planning consents, to include a coffee shop, food hall and other small retail outlets not dissimilar to Backridge Farm in Waddington. Guy Hindley confirmed that he would be amenable to locating the village post office at this new development. There was a discussion as to how best to preserve the post office during the 2-3 year interim period before (and if) the diner development came to fruition, especially given that the existing post office was for sale. It was noted that Royal Mail paid the current post master an annual sum for providing the service, but no-one present was aware of the process for taking over a post office and it was agreed that appropriate enquiries should be made. Guy Hindley stated that he would be prepared to locate the post office at Ribblesdale Park during the 2-3 year interim period. It was agreed Ribblesdale Park was not ideal due to the walking distance from the centre of the village but that if there was no alternative and the

measure was only temporary then villagers may be more inclined to support the post office in order to preserve it in the village.

Miscellaneous

Guy Hindley advised that he was also hoping to open up walks across his estate and make the facilities at Ribblesdale Park more accessible to locals and those passing through the village.

It was agreed that it might be a good idea to hold a public meeting at a suitable time to publicise Guy Hindley's plans so as to keep the village involved in the process. It was also agreed that it was important to keep the current tenant at the diner up-to-date with plans rather than allow him to hear matters second-hand.

John Falshaw advised Guy Hindley that the Parish Council were unable to comment officially on his plans regarding the additional lodges at Ribblesdale Park and would accordingly await formal submission of the appropriate plans to RVBC.