

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 16 AUGUST 2012
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Darren Jackson, Mary Kirby, Peter Ryde
Clerk

APOLOGIES

Colin Corlett, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 12 JULY 2012

The Minutes of the meeting of 12 July 2012 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£2,188
Current Account	£3,153

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs J Parkington	(Parish Lengthsmen)	£117.00
BDO LLP	(Audit Fee)	£144.00

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

Re-development of Strawberry Fields diner site

It was noted that the application regarding Strawberry Fields had been amended and that the number of proposed dwellings had been reduced by one. It was noted that the application had not yet been listed for consideration by RVBC's Planning & Development Committee. The Clerk advised that she did not receive a reply to an e-mail to the applicant's agent in which she had raised the comments of a Gisburn resident regarding the application.

Dudlands Croft Boutique Hotel

It was reported that the Hearing for the above application had been opened on 11 July 2012 but adjourned pending further investigation of a matter raised by Dunbia's barrister.

Polytunnel, Burnley Road

It was reported that the above structure was now the subject of an enforcement order. It was noted that the situation regarding polytunnels and planning applications was complex.

Replacement Garage, Ribblesdale House

It was noted that the above application had been approved by the Parish Council but rejected in its initial format by RVBC. It was agreed that the revised application should also be approved by the Parish Council.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Parish Lengthsmen had submitted their worksheet for August 2012 which totalled £117.00 which mostly related to strimming and treatment of weeds in the copse by the A59.

The construction of compost heaps was discussed and it was suggested that two large green compost bins be obtained which could be emptied fortnightly by RVBC. It was noted that one large bin had already been provided by a resident. It was agreed that this suggestion be trialled and that the village hall caretaker be asked to wheel the green bins down fortnightly along with the general red bin.

ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk advised that David Ingham of RVBC had indicated that there could still be money available to help with allotments in Gisburn, should an appropriate site be available. It was agreed that there was still interest in the village in having allotments but there was a shortage of suitable locations. Several potential locations for allotments were discussed but it was agreed that none were currently serious contenders.

GOAL POSTS AND NETS

The Clerk advised that she had submitted an application for an Amenities Grant from RVBC to assist with the purchase of posts and nets but had not yet heard whether the application had been successful. It was suggested that the project be put on hold pending re-negotiation of the lease of the Recreation Ground.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that a letter had been received from Lancs CC regarding the potentially unsafe condition of the wall adjoining the Recreation Ground on Burnley Road. The Estates Surveyor at Lancs CC had offered to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the matter further and it was agreed this offer should be pursued.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Quotations for repairing the Recreation Ground wall had been obtained which, depending on the work involved, ranged from £3,500 to £5,500. It was noted that the quotations did not include tree removal or traffic management costs. It was reported that it had also been suggested by the contractor that the area behind the wall be levelled off completely but a quote had not yet been provided for this option. It was agreed that this suggestion be pursued further.

It was reported that a new lease of the Recreation Ground, on existing terms, had been sent to the Parish Council Chair for signature. It was noted that the Parish Council would be liable for all costs relating to lease renewal but that no indication of costs had yet been given. The Chair agreed to contact the landlord's agent to gain an indication of costs.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 20 September 2012 at 7.30 pm