

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 16 OCTOER 2014
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Peter Ryde, Clerk and one member of the public

APOLOGIES

Darren Jackson, Mary Kirby, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 25 SEPTEMBER 2014

The Minutes of the meeting of 25 September 2014 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dave Waters advised that the Stan The Van information service was being terminated and he hoped that RVBC and Lancs CC would therefore be more supportive of efforts being made to provide information and services via village halls.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,191
Current Account	£2,912

The Clerk reported receipts in September 2014 of a £1,000 grant in respect of the lengthsman and a concurrent functions grant of £301.94, both from RVBC.

The Clerk also requested guidance on whether to include a sum for wall repairs in the forthcoming budget and it was agreed that an appropriate sum should be included in the 2014/15 budget.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

2 Police Houses

It was noted this application had been approved by RVBC under delegated powers.

Agricultural track off A59

It was noted that this application had been refused by RVBC under delegated powers on the grounds of there being no justification that it was reasonably necessary for agriculture and the construction materials would be visually harmful in a rural location.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was noted that the lengthsman had yet to submit an invoice for his most recent work.

It was noted that the hedge bordering the car park and playground with the A682 was in need of cutting. The lengthsman was responsible for cutting the hedge on the car park but the playground hedge was the responsibility of the Playing Fields Association. It was agreed that the annual Parish Council donation to the Association should be made with a specific request that some of the money be used to pay for the hedge to be cut as soon as possible.

PUBLIC TOILETS

The Clerk advised that RVBC had confirmed that no grants would be forthcoming regarding the operation of the public toilets, should the Parish Council agree to assist the new owners. It was agreed that in order to have a meaningful discussion regarding Parish Council involvement in any future re-opening of the toilets it was necessary to be in receipt of appropriate financial information. The Clerk was requested to formally write to the Auction Mart requesting such information.

SUPERFAST BROADBAND

It was noted that the public meeting on 25 September 2014 organised by Borough Cllr Sherras had been well-attended and future developments regarding superfast broadband in Gisburn/Rimington/Paythorne had been explained to those present by the BT Broadband representatives.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk advised that she had contacted Lancs CC Trading Standards and RVBC Licensing Department regarding the car with a "For Sale" sign parked outside the Auction Mart. The reply received from RVBC was noted. The car concerned was no longer there having been removed or sold.

The Clerk agreed to try and obtain some notices from RVBC regarding dog fouling to be placed on the Recreation Ground and playground. The Clerk was also asked to check whether the Recreation Ground was covered by the new Dog Control Orders.

Correspondence regarding footpaths from Borough Cllr Sherras had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was agreed this item would be considered further when Borough Cllr Sherras was present.

It was noted that the White Bull was hoping to re-open on 01 December 2014.

It was agreed that contact should be made with Dave Hewitt at RVBC regarding the potential felling of the trees on the Recreation Ground adjacent to Burnley Road and their replacement with suitable alternatives.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 20 November 2014 at 7.30 pm

