

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 17 JANUARY 2013  
AT 7.30 PM

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

APOLOGIES

Borough Cllr R Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 22 NOVEMBER 2012

The Minutes of the meeting of 22 November 2012 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£2,188
Current Account	£1,372

It was noted that a grant of £1,000 had been received from RVBC for the lengthsman.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs C A Holmes	(Clerk)	£120.00
Post Office Ltd	(Clerk's PAYE)	£30.00
Mrs J Parkington	(Lengthsman)	£402.46

PRECEPT 2013/14

It was noted that it had been agreed to set the precept for 2013/14 at £4,000 at the November 2012 meeting. However, subsequently, a letter had been received from RVBC explaining about changes to the calculations of taxbases and government funding to help mitigate the effects of these changes. The letter provided example calculations of the effects of the changes and these were discussed further. It was agreed that the overall amount of money received should remain at £4,000 for the next financial year but, due to the changes, the new level of precept would be £3,713 with £287 of funding from the Government.

RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported that she had not yet received a signed lease from the landlord's agent relating to the Recreation Ground. The Chair confirmed that he had also not heard anything from either the landlord or the agent.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

*Groom's Farm, Stirk House, Gisburn*

The above application to demolish agricultural buildings and build a new house was discussed and no objections were raised.

It was noted that the application for change of use of the Cottage Restaurant to become residential had been approved by RVBC's Planning Committee but that the application to insert windows in the gable end of 4 Park Mews had been refused.

#### PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was noted that the lengthsman had not submitted an invoice in November 2012 so the January 2013 invoice covered a two month period. The work undertaken by the lengthsman was detailed. It was noted that Lancs CC had filled both grit bins earlier in the week and the lengthsman were to attend the village at the weekend to help residents of Bentlea Road with spreading grit.

#### PARKING

It was understood that Lancs CC were still intending to take appropriate action to prevent parking on the road and pavement outside the Deli.

#### ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk advised that another local Parish Council had written a letter to RVBC asking that the monies available for allotments be held for another six months, beyond 31 March 2013, whilst moves were made to try and find a suitable location within the village. It was agreed that a similar letter be written from Gisburn PC to allow further attempts to be made to find a suitable location for allotments.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that Giles Bridge, Chair of the Festival Hall Committee, had e-mailed details of the intended refurbishment works at the Festival Hall and these had been circulated for information.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that trees and bushes were overhanging into the ginnel adjacent to Kirk House and that a letter be written to the occupiers of the property asking that the vegetation be attended to.

It was reported that RVBC had been formally asked by the appropriate Council Committee to reconsider the closure of the Gisburn toilets. Negotiations were ongoing with the Auction Mart regarding their proposal to purchase and manage the toilets. It was noted that, if the toilets reopened, RVBC were considering the installation of electronic locks so as to close the facilities overnight.

It was agreed that the Christmas tree lights should be taken down on 26 January 2013.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 21 February 2013 at 7.30 pm