

**Minutes of the Gisburn Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 17 April 2008 in the Festival Hall, Gisburn at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors Falshaw (Chair), Corlett, Middleton, Ryde, Tyrer, Clerk, 2 members of the public

1. Apologies None

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of 20 March 2008 were taken as read and signed.

3. Matters Arising

- i) Speed cameras on A59; The Clerk advised that the appropriate engineer at Lancs CC had stated he was now satisfied with all proposed locations for the SpIDs and had processed an order for installation. The engineer had advised that this usually took 4-5 weeks to action.
- ii) Sale of Land/Festival Hall; Cllr Falshaw advised that he had the contract which needed to be signed at the meeting by certain named Councillors.
- iii) Parish Lengthsman Scheme; The Clerk advised that the new lengthsman, Brian Kearsley, had so far worked two days in Gisburn and on his first visit had dismantled the old playing area equipment, which was subsequently removed from the site. The Clerk advised that the lengthsman's list of potential jobs needed to be kept updated. Cllr Tyrer advised that an article about the appointment of the lengthsman would appear in April's Parish News. It was agreed that all potential jobs for the lengthsman needed to be communicated to him via the Parish Council rather than directly from residents. It was noted that if the Lengthsman undertook work for the Festival Hall Committee then he should be paid directly by this Committee rather than the Parish Council.
- iv) Bentlea Road signs; Ongoing. The Clerk advised that nothing further had been heard about this matter since the previous meeting.
- v) Cllr Corlett advised that he had attended the meeting on 3 April 2008 and had spoken with County Cllr Albert Atkinson who had agreed to look into the progress of the Gisburn SpIDs on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Corlett also advised that Lancs CC were inviting all parishes to submit two schemes for possible funding from the Highways budget 2008/09 and it was agreed that the Clerk should write and propose footpath extensions at either end of the village for consideration.
- vi) Post Office; It was noted that nothing further had been heard since the March 2008 meeting.
- vii) Centotaph Gardens
 - a) Bench; Cllr Corlett advised that Hansons were charging £200 for a hardwood bench. It was agreed that the Clerk should speak to a Chatburn Parish Councillor about their "virtually indestructible" benches before a final decision was made.
 - b) Cleaning of Memorial; the Clerk advised that a quote had been obtained in the sum of £430 for cleaning of the memorial. It was noted that the Lengthsman had suggested he could possibly clean the memorial and it was agreed that this approach be tried in the first instance.
 - c) Upkeep of Gardens; the Clerk advised that she had not yet heard back from Covenant about possible sponsorship of the Gardens. It was agreed that other possible sponsors be approached.

4. Financial Statement	Current Account	£3,673.64
	Deposit Account	£2,116.38

5. **Accounts for approval** None

6. Planning

- i) Rose County Foods – proposed extension for storage – no objections

The meeting noted that planning permission had been granted by RVBC Planning Committee for the conversion of Bank House, Main St from a retail to an office premises.

6. Correspondence

The Clerk outlined the contents of various items of correspondence received since the last meeting.

7. Any Other Business

- i) The building work being undertaken at the first property on Bentlea Road was discussed and the meeting was advised that formal planning permission had not been required as the work was within permitted development rights. It was agreed that a letter querying the development should nevertheless be sent to RVBC due to the number of comments being made about the project.
- ii) The Clerk advised that ownership of the wall on Bentlea Road, which was in bad repair in certain places, was complicated but that she had been advised by RVBC that they still owned the section in front of numbers 4 & 5 which was where the worst damage currently occurred. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to RVBC asking that an engineer survey the site and advise on the work required.
- iii) The state of the wall adjoining the old playing area was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Davis & Bowring, Managing Agents for the Hindley estate, asking that repair work be undertaken. It was also agreed that the letter should contain a request that repairs to the stone trough in the wall, which was leaking, should be carried out at the same time.
- iv) Cllr Ryde advised that the dangers of parking on the A59 by customers of La Locanda had once again been drawn to his attention.
- v) The Clerk advised that the audit schedule for 2007/08 had been brought forward by approximately one month by Government regulation and that a separate quorate meeting may therefore be necessary to approve the accounts before the appropriate date as the next Parish Council meeting in May 2008 was after the deadline.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 15 May 2008 – Annual General Meeting at 7.00 pm
Parish Council Meeting at 7.30 pm

