

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 17 JULY 2014
AT 7.30 PM

Present: Peter Ryde (Chair) Darren Jackson, Mary Kirby, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras,
Clerk and one member of the public (Dave Waters)

APOLOGIES

John Falshaw, Colin Corlett

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 19 JUNE 2014

The Minutes of the meeting of 19 June 2014 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dave Waters and Richard Sherras provided an update on the situation regarding planning applications submitted in respect of The White Bull. Borough Cllr Sherras confirmed that the appropriate Planning Officer would be visiting the site the following week to meet with the applicants and attempt to solve any remaining planning issues.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,190
Current Account	£3,220

YEAR END MATTERS

The Clerk explained that the duly completed Annual Return had been received back from the external auditors with an unqualified audit opinion. The completed Annual Return was duly approved and accepted by the Parish Council. The external auditors had raised one matter which was classified as a "minor issue", namely that grant received as part of the precept had been incorrectly included in the precept figure rather than under other receipts. The Clerk advised that the grant concerned may have been payable only for the 2013/14 year so there was unlikely to be a repetition of the incorrect classification in future.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

John Cornthwaite (Lengthsman)	Invoice for June/July	£161
John Cornthwaite (Lengthsman)	Duplicate invoice for April/May	£489
BDO LLP (audit fee)	Annual audit fee	£120
	Total:	£770

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

The White Bull

This had been dealt with under public participation.

Two dwellings, Bentlea Road

It was noted that the Parish Council wished to object to this application, primarily on the grounds of access issues (difficulties for larger service vehicles, turning circle too small, issue with the footpath).

Miscellaneous

It was reported that the application to build 28 houses on Mill Lane was to be considered at RVBC's Planning & Development Committee on 24 July 2014 and that it had been recommended for refusal. The main reasons for the recommendation were: failure to submit a flood risk assessment; development in the open countryside without sufficient justification being contrary to policies in the Local Plan; expansion beyond the settlement limits into Defined Open Countryside and encroachment of built development into Defined Open Countryside adjacent to the AONB. It was noted that highway safety issues which had been raised by the Parish Council and several residents had not been listed as a reason for the refusal recommendation.

RURAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

It was reported that RVBC wished to conduct a housing needs survey in the parish. The RVBC survey would take the form of a standard questionnaire, which had been previously used in other Ribble Valley parishes and most of the questions were multiple choice, although there were two open questions regarding affordable housing and use of derelict buildings. It was reported that the questions regarding household income were to be removed from the survey at the instigation of RVBC. All the practicalities of distributing the survey and collating the information would be performed by RVBC. A majority of Parish Councillors present agreed to support the conduct of the survey but it was agreed that the opinion of those Councillors not present needed to be sought before proceeding.

GISBURN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ("GEF")

Attempts continued to be made to arrange a meeting but were still being hampered by holidays of participants.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The lengthsmen's invoice in the sum of £161.00 was submitted and the work done in June/July 2014 noted. It was noted that a duplicate invoice had been submitted for work done in May/June following the loss of the original invoice.

CENOTAPH

The Clerk reported that Stone Edge intended to clean the Cenotaph on Saturday 26 July 2014 and had sorted out issues regarding a water supply.

CORRESPONDENCE

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk reported that she had received a 76 page document from Lancs CC regarding rules and regulations concerning the erection of stone signs, flower beds etc on the side of main roads. Any proposal to construct flower beds or decorative signs would therefore be subject to the regulations contained in the document.

A complaint had been received from a resident of Rimington regarding dangerous parking outside the Deli. It was agreed that Lancs CC had been made fully aware of the concerns and issues arising from this persistent problem and action regarding yellow lines was still awaited.

Borough Cllr Sherras advised he was still liaising with BT and representatives from Rimington and Paythorne regarding holding a joint meeting to discuss Superfast Broadband issues in the villages.

There was discussion regarding the inadequacy of existing bins on the playground and car park. Both bins were regularly full to overflowing. It was agreed to approach RVBC and enquire as to whether a larger wheelie bin could be provided on the car park which the lengthsman could be asked to move down for emptying.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 25 September 2014 at 7.00pm

