

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2013
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Darren Jackson, Mary Kirby, Peter Ryde
Clerk, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

APOLOGIES

Colin Corlett

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 17 JANUARY 2013

The Minutes of the meeting of 17 January 2013 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£2,188
Current Account	£ 800.40

It was agreed that it would be necessary to transfer monies into the current account before the end of the financial year and the Clerk agreed to compose the appropriate transfer letter to the bank.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs J Parkington	(Lengthsman)	£379.18
LALC	(Subscription)	£ 91.19

RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk and Chair reported that neither had yet received a signed lease from the landlord's agent relating to the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that the situation regarding the separate lease of the far side of the Recreation Ground needed to be determined as it was not known whether the term had expired. The Chair advised that he may have documentation regarding the term of this lease. It was noted that Clitheroe Wolves still intended to use the far side of the field for football matches so the situation regarding the lease needed to be ascertained.

It was agreed that a meeting should be held with Ribble Valley BC's Countryside Officer regarding the trees on the Recreation Ground, in particular to discuss their possible removal and replacement.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

The Clerk reported that the hearing regarding the boutique hotel at Dudlands Croft was scheduled to open on Tuesday 09 April 2013.

The Clerk also reported that Ribble Valley BC had refused a recent application from the BMI Gisburne Park Hospital to put up a number of external signs on the premises and the reasons for the refusal were outlined.

A recent application for the erection of a polytunnel at Capstick's Field was discussed and there were no objections.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The lengthsman had submitted an invoice for £379.18 and the work undertaken during the period covered was outlined. It was explained that the lengthsman had attempted to trim the slope in the Festival Hall car park that morning but the trimmer had encountered an unseen pile of bagged dog waste which had broken the trimmer and covered the lengthsman in the contents. The lengthsman had also advised that ordinary household waste continued to be placed in the green bin which was behind the Festival Hall so it was agreed that an appropriate notice should be placed on the bin. The lengthsman had also, once again, reported that there were bicycle tyre tracks over the Cenotaph Gardens and some of the plants had been damaged. It was noted that a small group of late primary/early secondary school age boys were often gathered at the benches with their bikes and it was suggested that they were the likely culprits.

GRIT BINS

The Clerk advised that the grit bin which used to be adjacent to the Festival Hall car park entrance had been stolen. The grit bin had been seen by a resident on 20 January 2013 but had vanished by the following morning. The Clerk advised that replacement grit bins cost in the range of £98 to £179 exc VAT. It was confirmed that the second grit bin was still in place at the opposite end of Bentlea Road. It was agreed that, as the winter was coming to an end, it may be possible to manage without another grit bin until the autumn when the matter would be revisited. It was further agreed that any replacement grit bin needed to be secured in some way or situated in a location less visible from the main road.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair advised that he had been contacted by residents of Park Road complaining of the smell and condition of the "dog bog" opposite their houses. It was noted that the "dog bog" was made available to village dog owners by kind permission of the landowner and that if the facility was abused the landowner could, understandably, withdraw permission to use the land. It was also reported that dog fouling had again become an issue on the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that the majority of dog owners in the village did clear up after their animals but that an increasing minority were failing to do so. It was agreed that contact should be made with Ribble Valley BC's Environmental Health department to see what could be done to tackle the village's dog fouling problem.

A letter was tabled from a resident of Sycamore Bungalows complaining of access issues. The issues were noted but it was agreed that the Parish Council could not practically assist the resident as the matters were the responsibility of the Borough Council and Ribble Valley Homes. It was agreed to forward the resident's letter to the above organisations for attention.

Correspondence from RVBC was tabled regarding an employment land assessment study and the availability of community grants.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that negotiations were continuing between RVBC and a local business regarding the possible re-opening of the public toilets.

Borough Cllr Sherras advised of a new procedure known as Community Right To Bid which may be of interest and agreed to forward appropriate documentation to enable further discussion.

It was reported that a chain had been erected across the entrance to the White Bull car park to prevent unauthorised access but that this had caused some inconvenience.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 21 March 2013 at 7.30 pm