

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Gisburn Parish Council held on
Thursday 18 June 2009 at 7.30 pm
In the Festival Hall, Gisburn**

Present: Cllrs Falshaw (Chair), Corlett, Kirby, Ryde, Tyrer, Clerk and 2 members of the public

Apologies: Borough Cllr Sherras

Minutes of the Meeting of 21 May 2009

The Minutes of the meeting of 21 May 2009 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

Clerk's Report (Verbal)

The Clerk advised that Jeff Griffiths, RVBC's Enforcement Officer, had been in touch with Guy Hindley regarding the continued use of Copsy Barn to store furniture. Guy Hindley had subsequently sent an e-mail advising that the furniture would be removed as soon as practicable but that this could take a few more months.

The swingposts on the old recreation area had been removed and the Clerk had consequently applied for an appropriate refund of the insurance premium and a cheque for approx £43 had been received from Allianz.

Brian Kearsley had advised that another person was doing some weedkilling in the village on one of his visits and he needed to know what this person was doing in order not to duplicate effort. John Falshaw advised that he thought it could be Frank Wrathall and he would find out where he was doing weedkilling and how often.

Appropriate documentation and responses to the further audit queries had been submitted and nothing further had been heard from the external auditors.

Financial Statement

Deposit Account	£2,182.14 (annual interest of £17.82 credited)
Current Account	£9,086.21
Skipton BS Account	£11,555.95 (interest of £399.87 credited)

Accounts for Approval

None

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The Clerk advised that nothing further had been heard from the external auditors following submission of documentation and responses to the additional queries.

Planning Applications

- i) Chimney/Fireplace works, Ribble House

This application had been circulated and no objections had been raised.

- ii) Former Furniture Room, Mill Lane

Objections had been raised by the Parish Council and a resident to this application and duly submitted to RVBC. The application was to be considered by RVBC's Planning & Development Committee at their meeting on 18 June 2009 and the appropriate Planning Officer had recommended the application for approval.

Correspondence/Items for information

None

Any Other Business

John Falshaw advised that Dr Henderson had thanked the Parish Council for the donation of £150 towards the Cenotaph Gardens. Dr Henderson had further advised that the money would be used to purchase a lawnmower in order that volunteers could mow the grass in the gardens when required as it was felt that in the growing months the lengthsman may need assistance to keep the grass under control.

A member of the public queried the involvement of the Parish Council in the Strategic Housing Area Assessment. It was explained that identified sites in each village had been on the RVBC's website and comments had been invited by a certain date in May. The Parish Council had voiced several objections to the large greenfield site identified opposite Strawberry Fields but the smaller sites identified in the village had all been within existing development. It was agreed that the consultation process had not been particularly high profile but the SHAA was part of a medium to long term planning process and many of the sites identified would not be developed. The member of the public expressed concern that, as a result of this process, the settlement line could be re-drawn which could have consequences for Gisburn in the future.

Adrian Oldroyd advised the meeting of the procedures involving the SpID and explained how the device needed re-charging and re-positioning. It was noted that Brian Kearsley was trained to move the SpID and had offered to help on his days in Gisburn but that assistance was required in holding the ladder for insurance purposes. The Clerk advised that several people had offered to help in this regard when available.

It was agreed that more people needed to be involved with the operation of the SpID and it was suggested that approaches be made to Smallbones and 77 Garage to see if they would be willing to assist with positioning the SpID at their end of the village. Adrian Oldroyd advised that special ladders could be purchased for SpID installation and the Clerk was asked to look into this further. It was suggested that re-charging of the device should take place in the Festival Hall and it was noted that a cabinet in the Hall would soon become available for storage of devices associated with the SpID.

A discussion of the merits and dangers of each of the SpIDs four locations in the village took place and it was agreed that the most effective location for causing drivers to adjust their speed was outside Ribblesdale Court. It was suggested that, as the Council's finances were healthy, the possibility of purchasing another SpID, to be fixed in the Ribblesdale Court location, be explored.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 09 July 2009 at 7.30 pm