

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2013
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Darren Jackson, Mary Kirby, Peter Ryde,
Clerk and one member of the public

APOLOGIES

Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 15 AUGUST 2013

The Minutes of the meeting of 15 August 2013 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,188
Current Account	£2,091

It was noted that the cheque signatories had not been altered to replace Colin Corlett with Peter Ryde but it was accepted that provided cheques were always signed by two signatories the existing arrangements could remain.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs J Parkington	£482.44
Mrs C A Holmes	£180.00
Post Office Ltd (Clerk's PAYE)	£45.00

HALF YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Clerk tabled a financial summary as of September 2013. Projected expenditure for the remainder of the year was noted as were potential sources of income such as a concurrent grant payment or VAT repayment. It was noted that the biggest item of projected expenditure was the continuation of wall repairs but it was not known when these would be undertaken.

RECREATION GROUND

It was reported that there had been a brief period of improvement regarding dog dirt on the Recreation Ground but the situation had again worsened. The lengthsman had reported finding bags of dog dirt in the copse adjacent to the A59 which had presumably been discarded by dog walkers. It was noted that the regulations regarding Dog Control Orders had recently changed and relevant authorities now had more flexibility regarding the areas where Orders could be applicable. It was agreed that the Clerk should look into the situation further with a view to obtaining an Order for the Recreation Ground. It was also noted that motor bikes were again being ridden on the Recreation Ground and the need to chain the access gate was agreed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

Strawberry Fields Phases II and III

It was reported that there had been changes made to the applications for Phases II and III of the above development and that the number of houses scheduled for Phase III had been reduced from five to two. It was also reported that a geological survey would be needed for the sites for Phases II and III. The changes to the applications were explained. It was agreed that the Parish Council remained opposed to Phases II and III in their entirety. The Parish Council had supported the application for 21 houses contained in Phase 1 as it had been agreed that this was a sustainable number of houses for Gisburn. Applications which sought to increase the number beyond 21 houses would not be supported by the Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to RVBC Planning Department confirming the Parish Council's continued opposition to Phases II and III.

The status of the trees adjacent to the "dog bog" was discussed. It was reported that the Parish Council could apply for Tree Protection Orders and it was agreed that the Clerk should approach RVBC and ask for the trees concerned to become the subject of such Orders.

The access arrangements for the refurbished Festival Hall were queried in relation to their suitability for disabled users of the Hall and Dave Waters advised he would raise this at the next Festival Hall Committee.

COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID

The Clerk advised that the applications in respect of the Recreation Ground, the Children's Play Park and the White Bull had all satisfied the appropriate criteria and had therefore been listed on RVBC's Register. All those with an interest in these properties would have been made aware of their status on the Register directly by RVBC.

REPLACEMENT GRIT BIN

Following the theft of the grit bin from Burnley Road in January it had been agreed to defer the matter of a replacement until autumn. The Clerk provided quotes for replacement bins. It was agreed to purchase a larger grit bin than the one that had been stolen as the larger bins were currently on offer and were cheaper than the smaller version. It was also agreed that fastening devices for both lid and base should be purchased. It was agreed that the bin should be delivered to John Falshaw pending a decision as to its final location.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

A summary of the lengthsman's jobs covered by their most recent invoice was tabled. It was noted that the lengthsman had applied weedkiller to certain locations and intended to apply a second coat in October. It was agreed that this would not be sensible and weedkilling should next be undertaken in Spring. It was agreed that the lengthsman needed to turn their attention to tidying the Cenotaph ready for the Remembrance Service in November but that Dr Henderson's son-in-law should be approached regarding cleaning the memorial. It was also suggested that, in addition to any strimming still required, the lengthsman needed to keep the car park drain clear of leaves and clear the ginnel of overhanging branches. .

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that she had received notification that Gisburn Parish Council would be receiving a concurrent grant of £226.50 before the end of September 2013.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that Ch Supt Bob Eastwood would be attending Gisburn on Wednesday 16 October 2013 to give a talk on rural policing. Representatives from adjacent Parish Councils had also been invited.

The Clerk advised that she had again contacted Lancs CC Highways Department, following their recent changes of personnel, and requested a flashing speed sign for the western end of the village. The issue of yellow lines outside the Deli was also raised and the Clerk had been advised that this matter would be discussed by the Ribble Valley Safety Group at its forthcoming meeting.

Arrangements for the village's Christmas tree and lights were discussed and the Chair agreed to contact Holden Clough nursery about the possibility of providing a tree, as occurred in Waddington. It was agreed that the old Christmas lights, replaced 3 years ago, could be sold to an interested third party.

The ability to remove A board signs from the pavements and verges was discussed as it was believed that these could be legitimately removed by residents and taken to Lancs CC depot in Whalley. The Clerk was asked to check the legal position with RVBC.

It was reported that there had been complaint from a resident about overflowing bins behind the Deli which it was felt could be a health hazard. It was noted that the alleyway behind the Deli where the bins were located was a public right of way.

It was also reported that there had been some nuisance incidents involving teenagers, believed to be local, ringing random doorbells late at night.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 16 October 2013 at 7.00 pm

