

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2013
AT 7.00 PM

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

The meeting was followed by a talk on rural policing by Ch Supt Bob Eastwood and Chief Inspector Jill Johnson of Lancs Constabulary which was attended by several members of the public

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 18 SEPTEMBER 2013

The Minutes of the meeting of 18 September 2013 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,188
Current Account	£1,655

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Glasdon UK Ltd (replacement grit bin) £207.99

It was noted that the lengthsman would not be submitting an invoice this month but would add their October work to the November invoice.

RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk advised that she had pursued the issue of new Dog Control Orders with Ribble Valley BC and had been advised that the Orders would shortly be published for consultation. When the Orders become operative the Parish Council will be able to designate an area as a dog free zone providing it is enclosed by fencing by simply erecting a sign at the entrance. Parish Councillors will need to attend an approved course prior to being able to issue fixed penalties to offenders or will be required to provide witness statements. It was agreed that the matter should be followed up as the situation regarding dog fouling on the Recreation Ground showed no sign of improvement.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

Various works, Pimlico Cottage, Gisburn

It was noted that the applications relating to the above property had been circulated and there had been no objections.

REPLACEMENT GRIT BIN

John Falshaw reported that the new grit bin had been delivered to his property pending a decision as to its location. It was noted that bolts for the bin itself and fastening devices for the lid had been purchased with a view to rendering the bin more secure. It was suggested that the bin be positioned at the entrance to the car park, near the Honesty Box and the lengthsman be asked whether they could carry out the necessary work.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk advised that the lengthsman had sent a list of winter jobs which were detailed and agreed. It was noted that one of the suggested jobs was cutting back unwanted growth and overhanging branches in the copse area and it was agreed this would help with the issue of moss around the Cenotaph area. The lengthsman also intended to scarify the Cenotaph lawn and clear out the flower beds. It was noted that the lengthsman would be attending the Cenotaph area in the days before 10 November 2013 to tidy the area for the Remembrance Service.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that she had received advice from RVBC on the status of the trees adjacent to the "dog bog" and it had been explained that, as the trees were in a conservation area, they were afforded protection due to their location. Six weeks' notice was required of any works on the trees and on receipt of such notice RVBC could place Tree Protection Orders on the trees (in accordance with guidance and legislation). It was agreed that a letter should be sent to residents of properties in the locality of the trees advising of the trees' status and that a copy should also be sent to the Hindley estate, as landowner.

The Clerk advised that a Mayoral Reception and Parish Council training was being held in Clitheroe Town Hall on 6 November 2013 and this would be attended by the Clerk and Chair.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair advised he would enquire of Dove Syke nursery whether they could provide a Christmas tree for the village as they did for Waddington. It was suggested that the Christmas tree be located closer to the Church than in previous years and the Chair agreed to ask the PCC if this would be acceptable.

The Clerk advised she had not heard anything from Network Rail, other than an acknowledgement, following the Parish Council complaint in July 2013 about the state of the wall on Mill Lane so would pursue the matter further.

Advice had been received that the Cenotaph needed to be professionally cleaned and a local firm had been contacted for a quotation.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 21 November 2013 at 7.30 pm

The Parish Council meeting was followed by a talk on rural policing by Ch Supt Bob Eastwood of Lancs Constabulary and Chief Inspector Jill Johnston, attended by several members of the public.

The talk covered the organisation of policing in Lancashire as well as rural initiatives and issues. There were several questions from the public about highways and traffic issues in the Gisburn locality. During a discussion about parking in Gisburn, Chief Inspector Johnston advised that yellow lines on the A59 and A682 outside the Deli had been agreed and would hopefully be in place by Christmas 2013.