

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2010 AT 7.30 PM
IN THE FESTIVAL HALL, GISBURN**

Present: Colin Corlett (Chair), Mary Kirby, Peter Ryde, Clerk and Borough Cllr Sherras

Apologies: John Falshaw, Barrie Tyrer

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 21 OCTOBER 2010

The Minutes of the meeting of 21 October 2010 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£2,184
Current Account	£2,164

The Clerk reported that she had received the usual request from RVBC for the Parish Council's precept for 2011/12 and had accordingly begun to prepare a budget. It was agreed that the funding position regarding the parish lengthsman going forward would be difficult and the Clerk also advised that she was unsure of sums allocated to repair works such as the Festival Hall wall. It was agreed, given the absence of two parish councillors, that the budget should be discussed at the December 2010 meeting.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs C A Holmes	£100.00
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The Clerk reported that the lengthsman had submitted his latest timesheets and a cheque for £514.95 had been raised.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was noted that the application to build two houses on Bentlea Road, as discussed at the September 2010 meeting, had not yet been listed for RVBC's Planning Committee.

PROPOSED TWINNING ARRANGEMENT

The Clerk advised that Giles Bridge had sent a translated letter for signature and it was agreed that the letter should be signed by John Falshaw and sent to the Mayor of Menton.

TRAFFIC MONITORING

The Clerk advised that she had sent an e-mail to Lancs Constabulary advising that the Parish Council were reluctant to endorse the construction of another camera in the village. Nothing had been heard further from Lancs Constabulary but the initial contact had been with John Falshaw so it was not known if he had received further communication.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

Mary Kirby advised that the gardeners engaged to tidy up the Cenotaph prior to Remembrance Sunday had not been able to undertake the work as on each occasion they had attended the lengthsman had been there. It was agreed that there was no reason for the lengthsman to attend the village over the winter months and he should therefore be asked to cease work until the Spring. The Clerk reported that expenditure to date on the lengthsman was £2,065 with a further cheque due for his work in November. The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken with another individual who was interested in the lengthsman role and he had confirmed that he would be willing to undertake the job in Gisburn. It was noted that funding for the lengthsman may not be forthcoming next year from either Lancs CC or RVBC due to local government cutbacks. The Clerk advised that Dave Oyston, Lancs CC Countryside Officer, was leaving Lancs CC in early December 2010. The Clerk further advised that the grant due for 2010/11 in respect of the lengthsman had not been received from Lancs CC and Dave Oyston was chasing this up before he left.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that a letter had been received advising of employment opportunities re the census in March 2011. A letter had also been received regarding a Mayoral Reception at RVBC on 29 November 2010.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that the Village Meeting had been scheduled for Wednesday 08 December 2010.

Dates for putting up the Christmas Lights were discussed and it was agreed that the first weekend in December looked a possibility.

It was reported that there was rusting metalwork on the high fence bordering the A59 surrounding the playing fields.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 09 December 2010 at 7.30 pm