

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2012
AT 7.30 PM

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

APOLOGIES

Barrie Tyrer

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 15 DECEMBER 2011

The Minutes of the meeting of 15 December 2011 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£2,184
Current Account	£3,066

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs J Parkington	£247.50
Mrs C A Holmes	£80
Post Office Ltd (PAYE)	£20

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Levanto, Bentlea Road

The plans for the above application had been circulated prior to the meeting and there were no objections to the proposals.

PARISH LENGTHSMEN

It was reported that the lengthsman had cleared the steps adjacent to the Recreation Ground and would require two more trips to the tip to dispose of the vegetation and debris. It was noted that it had been agreed that John Falshaw would place a skip on the Recreation Ground for this purpose rather than incur tipping charges but confusion had arisen after the last meeting for which apologies were offered. It was agreed that it would now not be cost effective to hire a skip so the lengthsman could make two further trips to the tip for which charges would be paid. It was noted that, in order to create access to the Ground via the new steps, fencing would have to be removed. John Falshaw agreed to speak to John Pratt to arrange for the removal of the fencing and its subsequent disposal. It was noted that the lengthsman should be asked not to undertake further work on this area until the fencing had been removed. The Clerk reported that the lengthsman were not planning to work in Gisburn again until February.

DOG FOULING

The Clerk advised that a resident had put up some appropriate signs at various points in the village and had also reported that he had some suspicions as to the identity of one of the individuals who let dogs foul in the village. The Clerk reported that the lengthsman had seen an individual allowing his dog to foul the Cenotaph Gardens and were able to provide a description of the person and dog concerned. A map from Ribble Valley BC showing areas subject to dog control orders and areas which the Parish Council would like to be subject to such orders was completed for return to RVBC.

FESTIVAL HALL CAR PARK

A suggestion that the car park be painted with parking space lines to encourage better parking was considered but rejected on cost grounds.

COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

The Clerk reported that PC Tony Walsh (Community Beat Manager) had offered to attend a meeting of the Parish Council. It was agreed that PC Walsh be invited to the next meeting in February 2012.

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF GISBURN PUBLIC TOILETS

It was reported that Ribble Valley BC were proposing to close eight public toilets in the Borough as part of a cost saving exercise and that the Gisburn toilets had been selected for closure. The Clerk advised she had had a conversation with Ribble Valley BC's Engineering Manager and he had explained that Gisburn was an outlying village so costly in terms of fuel for the toilet cleaners, the toilets did not have high usage and there were alternative toilet facilities in the village. The matter was to be discussed at Ribble Valley's Parish Councils' Liaison Committee on 26 January 2012. It was noted that there was some support within the village to keep the toilets open with the suggestion of certain residents undertaking a cleaning rota. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Ribble Valley advising that there was opposition to closure and the possibility of a cleaning rota be explored further. It was also agreed that a representative of the Parish Council should attend the meeting on 26 January 2012.

DIAMOND JUBILEE

It was reported that the Primary School was supportive of village celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee and had offered use of its grounds and playing fields for daytime events. It was noted that there had also been a suggestion of an evening event in the village and a street party was planned for Bentlea Road.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should purchase appropriate commemorative memorabilia for distribution to children who attended Gisburn Primary School. It was agreed that all children who attended the Primary School should receive an item regardless of whether or not they resided in the parish. The Clerk and Mary Kirby agreed to liaise with the school further regarding this idea.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been dealt with under other items on the Agenda.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk reported that a proposal to introduce a 20mph limit on Burnley Road in front of the Primary School had been received from Lancs CC. It was noted that the 20mph limit would have applicability across Lancashire in front of all school premises.

Borough Cllr Sherras reported that a meeting would soon be held in Rimington to discuss re-opening the Black Bull as a community pub. It was noted that La Locanda was set to re-open in the near future in Gisburn.

It was reported that the owners of the Ivy Barn antique shop had been seen using the Festival Hall car park bin on more than one occasion for disposal of trade waste.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 16 February 2012 at 7.30 pm