

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2015
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Darren Jackson, Peter Ryde,
Borough Cllr Richard Sherras, Clerk and two members of the public

APOLOGIES

Mary Kirby

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 19 FEBRUARY 2015

The Minutes of the meeting of 19 February 2015 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair, John Falshaw, declared an interest in Item 8 (iii)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comments were made about the application for a track off the A59 over agricultural land. It was noted a previous application had been refused by RVBC and there was no apparent reason for a re-submission to be granted.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,191
Current Account	£2,160

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs C A Holmes	(Clerk)	£180
Post Office Ltd	(Clerk's PAYE)	£45
Little Green Bus	(Donation)	£150
LALC	(Subscription)	£103.80

£478.80

YEAR END MATTERS

The Clerk advised that it was necessary to consider the effectiveness of the internal audit process. The review should cover five areas, namely: scope of the internal audit, independence of the internal auditor, competency of the internal auditor, relationships of the auditor to the Council and planning and reporting. It was agreed that the current arrangements for internal audit satisfied the criteria and the previous year's internal auditor should be requested to perform the internal audit again.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

i) Agricultural Track off A59

It was agreed an objection should be lodged to this application principally on the grounds of highway safety. In order to pass from his own land to the new track the tenant would have to traverse two lanes of the A59 in slow-moving vehicles which it was felt was very dangerous, especially as the crossing would be at a point where vehicles on the A59 were starting to pick up speed. It was noted that it was difficult enough to traverse one lane of the A59 but two at the same time would increase the likelihood of accidents.

ii) Three dwellings, Mill Lane

It was agreed an objection should be lodged to this application. The proposed development was beyond the current settlement boundary, immediately adjacent to the AONB and the proposed access point was in a potentially dangerous location. It was further agreed that all the reasons for RVBC's refusal of a similar application in Autumn 2014 remained valid.

iii) Solar PV Array, land off Coal Pit Lane

(Peter Ryde took the Chair for this item only)

It was noted that an open information session on the above proposal was to be held in the Festival Hall on Monday 30 March 2015. The applicant's agent had delivered leaflets advising of the information session to residents of the village. Borough Cllr Sherras advised he had informed Rimington PC of the session.

It was noted that no formal planning application regarding the proposal had yet been sent by RVBC to the Parish Council for consideration.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was confirmed that no invoice had been received from the lengthsman who was to re-commence work in the village in April.

Darren Jackson advised that the lengthsman had declined the opportunity to cut the Recreation Ground grass as he did not have the appropriate equipment for such a large area.

It was therefore agreed that the quote provided by RVBC for cutting the Recreation Ground grass should be accepted.

RECREATION GROUND TREES

The Clerk advised that Dave Hewitt of RVBC had agreed to provide a list of suitable trees which could replace those to be felled. A competitive quote had been obtained for the felling and removal of the existing trees.

It was noted that the landlord had given his consent to the removal of the trees several months ago but should again be approached now that the work appeared likely to happen.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 2015

The Clerk advised that the completed nomination forms for the forthcoming Parish Council elections could not be returned until the Notice of Election had been released by RVBC. The Clerk agreed to return all existing Parish Councillors' completed forms when this Notice had been received.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read an e-mail from Mary Kirby who had been liaising with the PCC regarding the village Christmas tree. It was agreed the suggestions from the PCC were acceptable and should be explored further although it was noted that any tree to be planted would have to be of a suitable height in the first year in order to support the Christmas lights.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that further discussions should be held with RVBC regarding the inclusion of the Recreation Ground in RVBC's Dog Control Orders.

The Chair advised he was not aware of the Auction Mart's intentions regarding the former public toilets in the village but the Auction Mart's AGM was in May so questions could potentially be asked at that meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 16 April 2015 at 7.30 pm

