

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

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

APOLOGIES

Barrie Tyrer

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 22 MARCH 2012

The Minutes of the meeting of 22 March 2012 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£2,186
Current Account	£5,671 (inc £4,000 precept 2012/13)

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

None

YEAR END MATTERS

The Clerk advised that the appropriate books and documents were with the internal auditor who hoped to complete the internal audit by the end of April. Assuming all was well, it was the intention to sign the accounts at the May 2012 Parish Council meeting and submit the Annual Return and supporting documentation to the external auditors by the deadline of 11 June 2012.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New Car Park, Sycamore Bungalows
(Peter Ryde declared an interest in this application)

The above application was discussed and it was agreed that an objection should be lodged with RVBC. It was noted that access to the car park would be on a very dangerous stretch of road, the car park would be unlit and there could be issues with drainage. It was considered preferable that the area in front of the Bungalows be used to construct a car park as there was a considerable amount of unused space, better access and lighting. It was also noted that emergency vehicles already had a right of access to the Bungalows in front of Langlands Barn.

Slurry Lagoon, Watt Close Farm
(John Falshaw declared an interest in this application)

The above application was discussed and it was decided an objection should be lodged with RVBC, principally on the grounds that the location of the lagoon was inappropriate as any leakage could also affect a watercourse. If there were to be leakage it would also affect neighbouring properties more than the owner's own farmland.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Parish Lengthsmen had not been able to attend the village and commence strimming due to the weather so no invoice had been submitted. It was reported that the lengthsmen had suggested constructing a purpose-built lockable compost facility adjacent to the Festival Hall in which the grass cuttings could be deposited. The lengthsmen would maintain the compost heap. A document from the lengthsmen outlining the proposal was tabled. It was agreed that the matter should be referred to the Festival Hall Committee in the first instance. In the meantime the lengthsmen would deliver the grass cuttings to a local farmer for his pigs.

DIAMOND JUBILEE JUNE 2012

The Clerk advised that commemorative mugs had been ordered and should, all being well, be delivered to the school by mid-May 2012. It was reported that a special brochure advertising Diamond Jubilee events had been produced by Chatburn village and it was felt a similar publication should be produced for Gisburn. It was noted that the Chatburn brochure would have been expensive to produce and the Diamond Jubilee organisers felt a simpler version more appropriate and affordable for Gisburn. The Parish Council had been asked to consider paying for the printing of such a brochure and it was agreed this would be possible, subject to being advised of the potential costs.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that Mrs Marion Hindley had sent a cheque for £500 as a contribution towards the cost of the new Recreation Ground fence. In the same letter Mrs Hindley had advised that she was not willing to give her permission for the FOGS bonfire and fireworks on the Recreation Ground on 05 November 2012. The Clerk advised that she had spoken with the agent acting for Mrs Hindley who was to investigate the situation further.

The Clerk advised that the Clitheroe Youth Forum World War II project wished to erect a small headstone in the Cenotaph Gardens to commemorate a RAF pilot killed in 1942 in the Forest of Bowland. The Parish Council had no objections to this suggestion subject to receiving further details of the memorial proposed. It was also agreed that the Parochial Church Council be informed of the matter. It was noted that planning advice on the matter would currently be difficult to obtain due to the absence of further detail.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk advised that the notices on the closed public toilets had been amended by the owners of 77 Garage to remove reference to their toilet facility. RVBC were aware of the amendment and were due to speak to the owners of 77 Garage about the situation. It was also reported that references to the toilets were to be removed from local road signs by Lancs CC.

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Lancs CC who were to deal with the damage to the roadside posts on the verge opposite 77 Garage. Lancs CC had also advised that they were willing to assist in placing posts on the verge opposite the Auction Mart in an attempt to discourage parking but that any posts had to allow for strimming and not be unsightly.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Meeting	Thursday 17 May 2012 at 7.00 pm
Parish Council Meeting	Thursday 17 May 2012 at 7.30 pm