

Minutes of a Meeting of Gisburn Parish Council
Held on Thursday 19 June 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Festival Hall, Gisburn

Present: Councillors Falshaw (Chair), Corlett, Ryde, Tyrer, Clerk, Borough Councillor Richard Sherras

1. Apologies Cllr Middleton

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of 15 May 2008 were taken as read and signed.

3. Matters Arising

- i) Speed Cameras on the A59; the Clerk advised that Lancs CC had no record of ever being told of a proposed location on the A59 and that one of the engineers had expressed some doubts over the suitability of the location anyway. It was agreed that, due to the length of time that the village had waited for the SpIDs, the matter should proceed with the four locations specified by Lancs CC.
- ii) Right of Access/Festival Hall; Cllr Tyrer advised that the matter had completed on 17 June 2008 and that Cllr Falshaw had the appropriate cheque from the purchaser's solicitors.
- iii) Parish Lengthsman; a possible list of jobs for Brian Kearsley on his next few visits was discussed and the Clerk agreed to let Brian know of these suggestions.
- iv) Closure of public payphones; the Clerk advised that RVBC had advised that each Parish Council had to write directly to BT over any intended closure in their Parish and that this requirement had been imposed by BT. RVBC would also be writing a letter of objection.
- v) Parish Council Liaison Meeting 12 June 2008; Cllr Ryde advised that the issue of the closure of public payphones had been discussed and that points to include in letters of objection had been suggested. Cllr Ryde further advised that the Liaison meeting had discussed emergency service response times in rural areas and the provision of services by the East Lancs NHS Trust. It was agreed that a leaflet advising of the latter's services be placed on the village noticeboard.
- vi) Lancs CC Highways Budget Submissions; Borough Cllr Sherras advised that discussion of Parish submissions had been deferred from 04 June 2008 to a sub-committee meeting on 25 June 2008. It was noted that both of the suggested Gisburn schemes were still in the frame for consideration.
- vii) Cenotaph Gardens; a) Bench - the Clerk showed the meeting the catalogue received from Glasdon and it was agreed that a quote for a brown Phoenix bench with arm rests be obtained. b) Upkeep of Gardens – the Clerk advised she had heard nothing further from the hospital. Cllr Tyrer advised that the need for additional support may not now be as pressing as before as several volunteers had come forward to assist with maintaining the gardens.

4. Financial Statement

Deposit Account	£2,164.32
Current Account	£6,154.84

5. Accounts for Approval

Gisburn Festival Hall	£108.00
Mr Brian Kearsley	£264.00

6. Year End Audit

The Clerk advised that the Annual Report had been completed and sent to the external auditors by the specified date of 13 June 2008 and that the matter was therefore now in the hands of BDO Stoy Hayward LLP.

7. Planning

Kirk Close – single storey garden room at the rear of the property – no objections

It was noted that a resident of the village had brought to the attention of a Parish Councillor the use of an agricultural building on the Hindley estate which it appeared may not actually be used for agricultural purposes. It was agreed that the Enforcement Officer at RVBC needed to be informed so that he could investigate the situation.

8. Correspondence

The Clerk advised that RVBC were holding an Evening Workshop on 7 July 2008 to consider the Local Development Framework and that two Parish Representatives could attend. It was agreed that Gisburn should send at least one representative and that names would be forwarded to the Clerk when a decision was made.

The Clerk also advised that an application for a HGV licence by Gateway Auctions Ltd had been submitted to the appropriate authority; there were no objections to the application.

The Clerk further advised that a series of workshops were being held in August 2008 to discuss the re-development of Clitheroe Hospital. It was agreed these should be re-considered at the July 2008 meeting.

9. Any Other Business

The Clerk advised that she had submitted a claim for a refund of VAT, going back three years as permitted, and that a total of £991.00 approx was due, all being well with the submission.

The Clerk advised that she had received a letter from Mr Giles Bridge, Chair of the Playing Fields Association, asking if the Parish Council would consider taking on responsibility for the grass cutting of the new park by adding it to the list of areas cut by RVBC on the Parish's behalf. The Clerk also advised that RVBC had verbally stated that they currently had no capacity for any additional work and also had some health and safety concerns over the slopes on the new playing area. It was agreed that, in view of RVBC's current inability to do extra work, that Mr Bridge be asked to obtain some quotes from other contractors for undertaking the work in question and that the matter be re-considered when these quotes were available. It was noted that a Mr Boyer of RVBC had agreed to attend a site meeting if required and that the Clerk had made Mr Bridge aware of this offer. It was noted that the official opening of the new park would be on Saturday 26 July 2008 at 2.00 pm.

It was agreed that a high interest account be opened for the proceeds of the sale of land near the Festival Hall.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 24 July 2008 at 7.30 pm