

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 19 JUNE 2014
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Darren Jackson, Mary Kirby, Peter Ryde,
Clerk and one member of the public

APOLOGIES

Borough Cllr Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14 MAY 2014

The Minutes of the meeting of 14 May 2014 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dave Waters provided some background information on the application to build 28 houses on Mill Lane, advising of his own conversations with RVBC on the matter.

Dave Waters also advised that it was hoped to open a community drop-in café at the Festival Hall with internet access. An application had been made for a grant from RVBC under their Voluntary Organisations Grants programme but the application had been unsuccessful. Contact had also been made with Age Concern (Lancashire) as it was hoped the café would be particularly beneficial for older residents.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,190
Current Account	£3,400

YEAR END MATTERS

The Clerk explained that the Annual Return and supporting documentation had been submitted to the external auditors, BDO LLP, by the requisite deadline of 10 June 2014 and that, to date, nothing further had been heard.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

John Cornthwaite (Lengthsman)	£180.00
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It was noted that the Lengthsman's invoice covered the month of June 2014 but that no invoice had yet to be received for April/May when it was known the lengthsman had done a significant amount of work in the village.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

RVBC Core Strategy

It was noted that the Post Hearing Modifications to the Core Strategy had been circulated. Given that Gisburn had been designated a Tier 1 village it was feared there would be a presumption in favour of development in the village.

Miscellaneous

It was reported that Lancashire CC had made observations on the application to build 28 houses on Mill Lane and had been unhappy with the potential highways and traffic issues which could result if the application was approved.

GISBURN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ("GEF")

It was reported that it was hoped to hold a meeting in the near future regarding the GEF but that holidays were causing some difficulties in arranging the meeting.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The lengthsman's invoice in the sum of £180.00 was submitted and the work done in June 2014 noted. It was noted that the appearance of the Cenotaph area had improved considerably.

CENOTAPH

The Clerk reported that Stone Edge of Nelson (a specialist monument cleaning company) had offered to clean the Cenotaph in Gisburn, free of charge, following conversations several months ago. Stone Edge hoped to undertake the work in July but required confirmation of how they could access a water supply for their work. John Falshaw offered to talk to the appropriate member of staff at Stone Edge about a potential supply of water.

RURAL BROADBAND

It had been agreed that representatives of the Parish Council would be willing to attend a meeting with BT along with representatives of Rimington PC to discuss the issue of Superfast Rural Broadband in the parishes. Nothing further had been heard about a meeting and it was agreed to ask Borough Cllr Sherras if he knew anything about progress on the matter.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that RVBC had made five Dog Control Orders which would come into force from 01 August 2014. One of the orders would make it an offence to allow a dog in your charge to enter a dog exclusion area such as any enclosed children's play area, sports pitch or other recreational facility. The Clerk agreed to check which areas in Gisburn would be covered by the Orders.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that the building at Strawberry Fields had been demolished but that the site was unsightly and potentially dangerous. It was agreed to ask John Pratt if the site could be made more secure.

Gisburn Playing Fields Association had asked if the Parish Council would be willing to make an annual donation to the Association, primarily to assist with grass cutting expenses. After discussion it was agreed that an annual donation of £400 would be made to the Association.

It was explained that Nigel Evans MP had been in touch with both the brewery and RVBC regarding the planning applications relating to The White Bull.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 17 July 2014 at 7.30pm

