

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Gisburn Parish Council held on
Thursday 19th August 2010 at 7.30 p.m
In the Festival Hall, Gisburn.**

Present: Cllrs Falshaw (Chair); Kirby; Ryde; Tyrer, Corlett, Borough Councillor Sherras and two members of the public: Maxine Bridge and Sharon Smalley.

Apologies: Cathy Holmes (Clerk to the Parish Council)

In the absence of the Clerk a Resolution was passed that Cllr Kirby would take the Minutes of the Meeting.

At the start of the Meeting Cllr Falshaw requested that it be placed on record that he was not at all happy about not being informed of various events that have taken place in the village and he was seriously considering his position as Chairman of the Parish Council.

In the absence of the Clerk there were no Minutes of the last Meeting, Financial Statement or Cheques to be signed.

Planning Applications: Plans had been circulated regarding the 'Partial Change of Use' of the empty shop and Post Office. Maxine Bridge and Sharon Smalley were in attendance to explain their ideas for these changes. They are hoping to open a convenience store and small tearoom and hopefully to start an outside catering service. They have enquired with the Post Office about opening that again. However, it would be financially impossible for it to be opened full-time as before, but the possibility of a 'Restricted Hours' section is being seriously considered and it is hoped a decision will be made very shortly. The use of the Car Park by customers to the shop/tearoom was discussed and the outcome of that was that a regular informal donation would be made to the Festival Hall thus no precedent of use would be set. The Parish Council wished them both every success in their venture.

Renault Megane Advert: A letter has been received addressed to the Parish Council from Renault thanking the residents of Gisburn, however, Cllr Falshaw felt that the Parish Council should have been contacted before the filming took place and requested that a reply to this letter be sent to Renault pointing this out. Discussion took place as to the value of the advert to Gisburn and there were mixed opinions. The outcome was that the village had benefited but the whole thing had been very badly handled and the Parish Council, as the representative of the village, should have been informed in the early stages by Renault.

Parish Lengthsman: Some concerns were voiced regarding exactly what work the Lengthsman is doing. It was agreed that a Job Sheet should be established and that a Time Sheet should be filled in and both be presented for approval for payment. (Any time sheets available to be brought to the next Meeting).

Any Other Business:

Community Services have been approached by the Playing Field Association to cut the grass on the field. A supervisor has been to Gisburn to assess the work and had commented that there were opportunities within the village for more work to be done. As this work involves the Probation Service it was felt that perhaps some of the residents of the village may not be comfortable with this and so the Parish Council will request more details of the arrangements.

The Playing Field on the A59 - Cllr Corlett commented on the clean state the field had been left in after the Renault Festival. He has been on the field since and has seen a lot of tyre marks and damage to the surface. This comment ties in with reports of mis-use of the Car Park by some of the younger people of the village. They have been spoken to and conditions of use made clear. The Car Park is now being cleared and locked at 6.00 p.m. and opened at 7.00 a.m. and the situation on both sites is being monitored.

Wall on Mill Lane - Cllr Corlett had been informed that the wall on Mill Lane could possibly be owned by Network Rail. Network Rail to be contacted to check this.

Waste Bin on Car Park – Borough Cllr Sherras reported that the present waste bin on the Car Park will not be emptied by RVBC. He is to check the possibility of having a Wheelie Bin put in there.

Borough Cllr Sherras informed the Council that the Clerk to the Council had attended a meeting regarding the Ribble Valley development of core strategy and a publication regarding this will be being distributed within the Clitheroe Advertiser shortly. A copy of this booklet - '**Consultation on Core Strategy**' – was shown.

Repair to wall on Bentlea Road – The Parish Council had agreed at an earlier meeting to pay £400 towards the repair of a section of the Festival Hall wall on Bentlea Road. The cost of this repair has increased considerably. It was queried as to whether the repair actually needs to be as big a job as has been quoted for. The Festival Hall Committee to be asked for more information regarding this.

Mr Andrew Todd of Bentlea Road joined the Meeting at this point. He had come to inform the Council that he had applied for planning permission to build two houses between his house, Kirk Croft, and his neighbour on Bentlea Road. The application should be available for checking in the next week or so.

Cllr Falshaw reported that the equipment that had been held by Dr Henderson for working on the Cenotaph garden was now in his possession. All items were in very good condition and they will be taken to the equipment store on Mill Lane to see if they can be sold there.

Noticeboard on the Car Park – This should have had Planning Permission. The Festival Hall Committee will be informed and the positioning of the Board checked.

The date of the next Meeting will be on Thursday 16th September at 7.30 p.m.

There was no further business and the Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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