

**Minutes of the Gisburn Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 20 March 2008 in the Festival Hall, Gisburn at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors Falshaw (Chair), Corlett, Middleton, Tyrer, Clerk, 3 members of the public

1. Apologies Cllr Ryde

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of 21 February 2008 were read and signed.

3. Matters Arising

- i) Speed cameras on A59; The Clerk advised that she had liaised with Lancs CC and had been informed that they still had the plates and had had to visit one of the proposed locations again. The appropriate engineer at Lancs CC also advised that he was having to prioritise another matter at the moment but would revert to the Gisburn SpIDs when he could.
- ii) Right of Access/Festival Hall; Cllr Falshaw advised that the process of land registration of the plot had finally been completed and that the deeds were now in the hands of the purchaser's solicitors. Cllr Falshaw advised that due to the protracted nature of the matter the legal bill had increased to £1,000 which the meeting agreed could be paid. The meeting was also advised that there would be a £90 bill for insurance to cover any challenge to the deeds.
- iii) Parish Lengthsman Scheme; The Clerk advised that the cost of placing adverts in the Craven Herald and Clitheroe Advertiser had proved to be costly but that she had been informed via Lancs CC that another lengthsman could be interested in the position at Gisburn. The Clerk advised that she had spoken to the individual concerned, currently lengthsman at both Whalley and Grindleton, who had said he would be interested in 8 hours work every fortnight as he believed this, from experience, to be a better use of time.
- iv) Area around playing fields; The Clerk advised that she had been informed by the Chair of FOGS that they were unable to take the old equipment due to Health & Safety concerns. It was agreed that the equipment needed to be dismantled and removed from the site as soon as possible and it was suggested that, if the lengthsman were to start in the near future, this could be his first task. Cllr Falshaw advised that he could assist with the removal of the equipment.
- v) Bentlea Road signs; Ongoing. The Clerk had spoken to Lancs CC who advised that erection of the signs was imminent.
- vi) Parish Council Liaison Meeting; The Clerk advised that the next Meeting was on Thursday 03 April 2008 and Cllr Corlett agreed to attend.
- vii) Post Office; It was noted that nothing further had been heard since the February 2008 meeting.
- viii) Bench for Cenotaph; Cllr Falshaw advised that he had not obtained a quote from Chatburn ironworks as, on a further visit, it had become obvious that it would be very expensive. The Clerk advised that she had spoken to Richard Cornthwaite who suggested a garden centre would be a more economical source of a bench. It was agreed that Cllr Falshaw

would price benches at Shackletons and Cllr Corlett would do the same at Hansons.

- ix) Gisburne Park Hospital; The meeting was advised that RVBC had passed the Hospital's application as far as they were able to but that final approval had to come from the Secretary of State due to the building being of Grade 1 status.

4. Financial Statement	Current Account	£3,673.64
	Deposit Account	£2,116.38

5. **Accounts for approval**

LAPTC	Annual Subscription	£84.99
Mrs C A Holmes	Clerk's Wages	£75.00
Gisburn Festival Hall	BT cheque made payable to Parish Council	£426.00
Mr J Falshaw	Statutory declaration expenses	£7.00

6. **Planning**

- i) The Old Vicarage, Hellifield Road – no objections

7. **Correspondence**

The Clerk outlined the contents of various items of correspondence received since the last meeting.

8. **Any Other Business**

- i) The Clerk advised that Lancs CC had cleared the drains during the week commencing 10 March 2008.
- ii) It was agreed that Cllrs Falshaw and Corlett would take the Christmas lights down on 05 April 2008.
- iii) The meeting was advised that an application for construction of a wind farm between West Marton and Nappa had been received by Craven District Council and that, if approved, certain residents in Ribble Valley district would be able to see the turbines from their homes.
- iv) The meeting was asked to consider cleaning the war memorial in the village and Cllr Tyrer agreed to pass details of the firm who last undertook the job to the Clerk. Cllr Tyrer also advised that a request for volunteers to help with the maintenance of the Cenotaph gardens should be in the next edition of the Parish News. The meeting considered approaching Gisburne Park Hospital for possible financial help in maintaining the gardens and it was agreed that the Clerk should draft a suitable letter.
- v) The poor condition of a section of stone wall on Bentlea Road was discussed and it was decided to ascertain whose responsibility this was via the Land Registry.
- vi) It was agreed that a formal letter of thanks should be sent to the former Parish Clerk, Maxine Rayer.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 17 April 2008 at 7.30 pm