

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2012
AT 7.30 PM

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

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 16 AUGUST 2012

The Minutes of the meeting of 16 August 2012 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£2,188
Current Account	£2,892

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs J Parkington	(Parish Lengthsmen)	£78.75
Mrs C A Holmes	(Clerk)	£80.00
Post Office Ltd	(Clerk's PAYE)	£20.00

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

Re-development of Strawberry Fields diner site

It was reported that the application regarding Strawberry Fields had been subject to further amendment and would be listed for consideration by RVBC Planning & Development Committee at its meeting on 11 October 2012.

Dudlands Croft Boutique Hotel

It was reported that nothing further had been heard following the adjournment of the Hearing in July 2012.

Outdoor equestrian arena and retention of stable block, Gisburne Park

The plans for the above application were considered. It was agreed that whilst there would be no formal objection, concerns would be raised about access to the arena being along a single track road and a potential increase in traffic using the junction with the A59. Concerns were also raised about lack of car parking near to the site of the proposed arena and the fact that the site was frequently waterlogged.

RECREATION GROUND

It was reported that a meeting had been held on 12 September 2012 to discuss the condition of the Recreation Ground wall fronting Burnley Road. The meeting had been attended by representatives of the Parish Council, Gisburn Primary School's headmistress and an Estates Surveyor and Building Surveyor from Lancs CC. At the meeting it had been agreed that the wall required repair at certain points, namely the section nearer the school, but was not in imminent danger of collapse. It was noted that the end of the wall containing the trough was most likely to be in the Conservation Area and any repair work could be complicated by this fact. It was further noted that the tree roots were probably a cause of some of the damage to the wall and that a decision regarding the future of the trees needed to be taken sooner rather than later.

John Falshaw reported that he had obtained quotations for the repair of the wall which, depending on the work done, ranged from £3,500 to £5,500. The prices quoted did not include traffic control or removal of the trees which, together, could add several thousand pounds to the price.

It was further reported that negotiations regarding the renewal of one of the Recreation Ground leases were continuing and that the landlord's agent was requesting return of a signed lease. It was noted that, unlike previous lease renewals, the Parish Council would be liable for the landlord's legal fees which, it had been indicated, were approximately £800.

After further discussion it was agreed that legal advice be obtained regarding renewal of the lease and the repairs necessary to the Burnley Road wall, after which the whole situation would be reviewed. It was also agreed that it may be sensible to have a direct meeting with the landlord to discuss the situation.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Parish Lengthsmen had submitted their worksheet for September 2012 which totalled £78.75 which mostly related to work on the Memorial Garden. It was noted that the lengthsmen had been hampered this month by problems with their vehicle and very wet weather.

The Clerk confirmed that RVBC would provide an additional green bin which they would deliver to behind the Festival Hall. The Clerk further confirmed that the Festival Hall caretaker had agreed to wheel the green bin down for emptying on a fortnightly basis. It was noted that the existing green bin was full and that RVBC would not empty it if it could not be moved safely.

It was agreed that the lengthsmen be asked to trim both triangles of grass near the mini-roundabout and attend to the drains in the car park. It was noted that the car park required attention and that perhaps too much time was being spent by the lengthsmen on the Memorial Garden.

LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND REGISTER OF INTERESTS

The Clerk advised that as a result of the above it was necessary for the Parish Council to adopt and publicise a Code of Conduct covering general conduct and registration and disclosure of

interests. It was acceptable for Parish Councils to adopt the Code adopted by RVBC. The definition of disclosable pecuniary interest (DPIs) had been revised and now included the interests of a spouse or partner. RVBC had to keep a Register of the DPIs of Parish Councils and a Register also had to be kept on a Parish website, if applicable. It was confirmed that all Parish Councillors would be required to complete one of the revised Register of Interests forms.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Richard Turner & Son regarding the renewal of the lease of the Recreation Ground was discussed as was an e-mail from David Walker, Estates Surveyor, of Lancs CC relating to the same matter.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Peter Ryde advised that a Public Footpath sign had fallen over along Coal Pit Lane and needed reporting to Lancs CC. Peter Ryde also advised that it appeared that a field along Coal Pit Lane was now draining into the Lane and this should also be reported.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 18 October 2012 at 7.30 pm