

**Minutes of the Gisburn Parish Council Meeting held on  
Thursday 21 February 2008 in the Festival Hall, Gisburn at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Falshaw (Chair), Middleton, Tyrer, Clerk, 1 member of the public

**1. Apologies** Cllrs Corlett and Ryde

**2. Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting of 24 January 2008 were read and signed.

**3. Matters Arising**

- i) Speed cameras on A59; Cllr Falshaw advised that provision of the plates by Lancs CC was still awaited and that at a recent meeting he had spoken with an appropriate County Council employee about the need to progress the matter.
- ii) Right of Access/Festival Hall; Cllr Falshaw advised that he had recently signed a statutory declaration and that the matter was in the hands of solicitors and appeared to be progressing.
- iii) Parish Lengthsman Scheme; The Clerk advised that the Lengthsman at Sawley/Bolton-by-Bowland had still not replied to the proposal to offer him 6 hours further work at Gisburn and that it was therefore necessary to consider other options such as advertising in the local press. It was agreed that adverts should be placed in the Clitheroe Advertiser and Craven Herald and that the Clerk should arrange for this to be done.
- iv) Area around playing fields; The Clerk advised that she had been informed that FOGS were still interested in the play equipment. It was agreed that the equipment needed to be removed by the end of March 2008 at the latest.
- v) Bentlea Road signs; Ongoing. The Clerk was to speak to Lancs CC and try to ascertain progress.
- vi) Parish Council Liaison Meeting; Cllr Falshaw had attended the meeting on 31 January 2008 and gave a brief report on the business of the meeting.
- vii) Post Office; It was noted that a possible alternative location for the Post Office would be the garage and that the owner was not averse to taking on the post office, providing it could be physically accommodated without hindering disabled access. It was further noted that access on foot to the garage would be rendered easier and safer when Lancs CC constructed a pavement from the village to the garage. The current sub-postmaster also provided the Council with a letter from an individual currently employed in Gisburn who wished to take over the post office.
- viii) Bench for Cenotaph; Cllr Falshaw advised that he was to obtain a quote from Chatburn ironworks for a bench and the Clerk was also to speak to Richard Cornthwaite.
- ix) Gisburne Park Hospital; Cllr Falshaw advised that RVBC Planning Committee and members of Gisburn Parish Council had visited the site of the proposed development on 14 February 2008. It was agreed that there remained concerns regarding the increase in traffic at an already dangerous road junction.

**4. Financial Statement**

Current Account	£4,961.49
Deposit Account	£2,116.38

**5. Accounts for approval**            None

**6. Planning**

- i)        Bank House, Main St – it was noted that the occupants were already using the property as an office and had therefore had to apply for retrospective planning permission. It was noted that conversion of the premises to an office would deprive the village of a possible retail outlet and that objections should be raised for this reason.
- ii)       6 Bentlea Road – no objections.

Cllr Falshaw advised that several villagers had queried the works being undertaken at 2 Bentlea Road and it was agreed that the Planning Department at RVBC needed to be approached to find out what had been approved.

**7. Correspondence**

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

**8. Any Other Business**

- i)        It was noted that there had been further problems with blocked drains and consequent flooding and the Clerk was to speak to Lancs CC.
- ii)       Cllr Falshaw advised that the Christmas lights needed to be taken down sooner rather than later.
- iii)      Cllr Middleton advised that dog fouling had once again become a problem in the village.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 20 March 2008 at 7.30 pm