

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2013
AT 7.30 PM

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

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 16 OCTOBER 2013

The Minutes of the meeting of 16 October 2013 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,190
Current Account	£1,402

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs J Parkington (lengthsman)	£581.12
St Mary's College, Blackburn (photocopying)	£2.80

BUDGET

A draft Budget for 2014/15 was tabled and an explanation given of expected income and expenditure for the next financial year. It was noted that the largest item of expenditure, estimated at £2,000, was further wall repairs to the Recreation Ground wall on Burnley Road but it was difficult to quantify the likely sums involved. It was also suggested that a quotation be obtained for removal of the Recreation Ground trees, as previously agreed, as this was also likely to involve significant expenditure which, to date, had not been quantified. It was suggested that the Parish Council explore the possibility of making a contribution to Lancs County Council for another flashing speed sign at the western end of the village, similar to the one erected at the eastern side of the village.

The Clerk explained that a government grant receivable of £267 to help mitigate the impact of the local council tax support scheme had been calculated by RVBC so if the precept was to remain at the same figure overall as the previous year the actual amount required would be £3,733. It was agreed that the overall precept should remain at £4,000 for 2014/15 and the Clerk was instructed to make a return to RVBC to that effect.

RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk advised that she had obtained 100 copies of a letter to residents regarding dog fouling on the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that the most effective way to distribute these letters would be via the Parish Mag and the Clerk was asked to liaise accordingly.

PARISH LENGTHSMEN

The lengthsman had submitted an invoice of £581.12 for the period end of September to 21 November 2013 of which £501.12 was labour costs and £80.00 materials. Details of the work undertaken were provided. It was noted that a significant amount of time had been spent on the Memorial Garden in view of the Remembrance Day service on 10 November 2013. The lengthsman had reported that there were tyre tracks across the grass and flower beds, roses had been knocked over and gravel dislodged. It was agreed that putting a picket fence around the grassed areas should be considered to deter people from cycling across the area. The lengthsman had also undertaken strimming of the usual areas and leaf blowing. The lengthsman would be commencing their winter jobs in January 2014 but would be attending the village for gritting purposes if required.

GRITTING WINTER 2013

The Chair advised that he had spoken with a local contractor regarding the positioning and fixing of the replacement grit bin. It had been suggested that the bin be sited adjacent to the Honesty Box in the car park and secured to wooden posts. The contractor had quoted the sum of £80.00 to undertake the work and it was agreed the matter should proceed on this basis.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair advised that Dove Syke nursery had quoted the sum of £280.00 to provide and erect a Christmas tree as instructed.

Public participation

Dave Waters queried the procedure followed at the August 2013 meeting regarding discussion of a planning application and also the accuracy of the Minutes recording the discussion which had been subsequently approved at the September 2013 meeting. It was agreed to defer consideration of this item until the next meeting to allow for appropriate enquiries to be made of RVBC's legal department.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 19 December 2013 at 7.30 pm