

Minutes of a Meeting of Gisburn Parish Council
Held on Thursday 22 January 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Festival Hall, Gisburn

Present: Councillors Falshaw (Chair), Corlett, Ryde, Tyrer, Clerk, Borough Cllr Sherras, 4 members of the public

CSO Susan Hartley attended the meeting and provided an update on the monthly crime statistics

1. Apologies None

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 11 December 2008 were taken as read and signed.

3. Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided a verbal report and noted that the piles of salt ordered for Bentlea Road via Lancs CC had now been delivered. The Register of Electors ordered from RVBC had been received and would be retained by the Clerk. The plaque for the bench was on order and the Clerk was waiting to hear from the engraver as to when she could collect it.

4. Co-option of New Councillor

The Clerk advised that, following the resignation of Cllr Gillian Middleton just before Christmas, an appropriate notice publicising the vacancy and asking for nominations for a replacement had been in place for the requisite number of days and the period of publicity had expired on 14 January 2009. As there had been no nominations and nothing had been heard from RVBC the Parish Council could co-opt an appropriate person to serve as a Councillor. Mrs Mary Kirby was therefore unanimously co-opted onto the Parish Council with immediate effect.

4. Financial Statement

Deposit Account	£2,164.32
Current Account	£3,927.83

5. Accounts for Approval

Mr B Kearsley	£401.50
Mrs C A Holmes	£75.00
Dawsons	£2.94

6. Correspondence/Items for information

None

Any Other Business

A member of the public advised that she was a resident of Sycamore Bungalows and, being disabled, required access for her motorised scooter to the Bungalows but that, due to car parking on the drive in front of Langlands Barn, access was not always possible. The resident wished to know what rights of access there were to Sycamore Bungalows via the driveway in front of Langlands Barn. No-one present was aware of the exact rights but the general consensus of opinion was that rights of vehicular access had been reserved via the driveway. It was agreed that the Clerk would pursue the matter with Ribble Valley Homes, the owners of the Bungalows, and revert to the resident concerned.

Barrie Tyrer provided an update on the situation with the interruptions to the Festival Hall's gas supply and noted that on at least one of the occasions it looked as though the supply had been deliberately tampered with. Susan Hartley had been asked to provide a visible police presence near the Festival Hall when she was in Gisburn in the hope that this would discourage further tampering with the supply.

It was agreed that the Christmas lights needed replacing and suitable replacements should be looked into during the course of 2009 so as to have new lights for next Christmas.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 19 February 2009 at 7.30 pm