

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 17 JULY 2014
AT 8.00 PM

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

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 17 JULY 2014

The Minutes of the meeting of 17 July 2014 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

John Falshaw declared an interest in Items 8 (b) and (d)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dave Waters raised the issue of the planning application in respect of the agricultural track off the A59 and it was agreed during a subsequent discussion that the application raised more questions than answers. The issue of the continued closure of the public toilets in Gisburn was also raised but it was noted this was a separate Agenda item to be discussed later.

It was confirmed that the SpID could now be used again but that the components required a solid backing or problems could again occur.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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| Deposit Account | £1,191 |
| Current Account | £3,225 |

HALF YEAR FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Clerk distributed a spreadsheet showing income and expenditure year-to-date and projected income and expenditure to 31 March 2015. It was noted that expenditure to year end would be incurred regarding the lengthsman, clerk, a subscription, a donation and possible miscellaneous items. It was confirmed there would be sufficient funds in the bank account to cover the projected expenditure. The Clerk cautioned that the review did not include possible expenditure on wall repairs as it was not known when further repairs would be undertaken.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

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| John Cornthwaite (Lengthsman) | Lengthsman | £270 |
| Mrs Cathy Holmes (Clerk) | Clerk | £180 |
| Post Office Ltd (Clerk's PAYE) | Clerk's PAYE | £45 |

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| Gisburn Festival Hall | Annual room hire | £120 |
| Gisburn Festival Hall | Donation to Plot to Plate | £150 |
| | Total: | £765 |

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

The White Bull

It was noted that recent planning applications in respect of The White Bull had been approved by RVBC and work would commence with a view to re-opening in November 2014. An application from the pub to re-site the LPG tank had been submitted to RVBC and the Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Three dwellings, Mill Lane (Peter Ryde chaired this item)

It was noted that the Parish Council had objected to this application which had also subsequently been refused by RVBC.

2 Police Houses

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Agricultural Track off A59 (Peter Ryde chaired this item)

The Parish Council had no objections to this application although it was noted that the reasons for the application were unclear. It was confirmed that the application had been submitted by the landowner and John Falshaw did not know the reasons for the application even though he farmed the land.

FESTIVAL HALL PROJECT – PLOT TO PLATE

Documents outlining the Plot to Plate project had been circulated to the Parish Council prior to the meeting. Dave Waters was invited to briefly explain the project. It was confirmed that Lancs CC and the Festival Hall Committee were supportive of the project and that professional help would be enlisted to establish the project. Concern was expressed regarding security of the plots once planted but it was noted that the Festival Hall Committee did not consider this to be a problem. It was agreed that a donation of £150 be given to the Hall Committee to support the project.

PUBLIC TOILETS

The Chair confirmed that the Auction Mart had purchased the toilets and wished to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the re-opening of the toilets to the public. The Chair explained that a schedule of costs regarding the toilets had been obtained from RVBC and that the annual running costs were considerable. It was agreed that the possibility of obtaining grants from RVBC should be investigated before a meeting with the Auction Mart was arranged.

PARKING OUTSIDE THE DELI

The Chair explained that a meeting had taken place involving some of the Parish Councillors, the Clerk and an engineer from Lancs CC regarding the problem of illegal parking outside the Deli. It was further explained that the engineer concerned regularly used the A682 and had therefore seen for himself the extent of the parking problem at the Deli. Lancs CC did not believe that yellow lines would be an effective deterrent so were proposing to install bollards along the pavement outside the Deli. The bollards concerned were constructed of a material which would not disintegrate if struck by vehicles. It was confirmed that the bollards would be erected at the County's expense. It was agreed that the bollards should be installed provided the owners of the Deli were also in agreement. Colin Corlett agreed to speak to the owners of the Deli about the matter. It was also noted that Lancs CC would continue with the process of obtaining yellow lines for the area.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The latest invoice from the lengthsmen in the sum of £270.00 had been submitted and the work undertaken was noted. It was agreed that the lengthsmen were doing a very good job.

Darren Jackson agreed to speak to the lengthsmen about the work required on the Cenotaph area prior to the Remembrance Day service in November.

GISBURN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

It was hoped a meeting would take place in the coming weeks.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that cars with "For Sale" signs on them were being parked outside the Auction Mart on Mill Lane on a regular basis. It was agreed that the matter should be raised with Lancashire Trading Standards.

A member of the public raised the issue of the dangers in crossing the main roads in Gisburn and whether anything could be done to control traffic and make crossing safer. It was explained that the engineer from Lancs CC who had attended the meeting regarding parking outside the Deli had briefly discussed the possibility of traffic lights at the junction of the A682/A59. The engineer had explained that any traffic lights constructed would also include pedestrian crossings. Darren Jackson cautioned that traffic lights would create chaos at school start and finish times but it was agreed that enquiries should be made of Lancs CC regarding traffic lights at the junction.

It was noted that the plans for Strawberry Fields would have to be revised slightly following the discovery that a parcel of land at the site was subject to different ownership.

It was noted that, despite agreement from RVBC regarding obtaining a larger bin for the car park, this had not yet been delivered so the problem of overflowing bins and litter remained. It was agreed that the matter be chased with RVBC.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 16 October 2014 at 7.30 pm

