

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 27 MARCH 2014
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Darren Jackson, Mary Kirby, Peter Ryde,
Clerk and two members of the public

APOLOGIES

Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 FEBRUARY 2014

The Minutes of the meeting of 20 February 2014 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public expressed his opinion on the planning application to build four houses on Bentlea Road.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,190
Current Account	£824.97

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs C A Holmes	£180.00
Post Office Ltd (Clerk's PAYE)	£45.00

YEAR END MATTERS

- a) Annual Risk Assessment

The Clerk advised that she had reviewed the risk assessment approved by the Parish Council in 2013 and concluded that it did not require amendment. The risk assessment was accordingly approved.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) *Four houses, Bentlea Road, Gisburn*

Plans had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was decided an objection would be lodged with RVBC principally based on difficult access issues but also potential drainage and loss of privacy issues.

b) *Conversion of barns to three houses, Little Dudlands Farm, Rimington*

Plans had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was noted no objection would be made regarding the conversion itself although concerns would be raised with RVBC regarding access to the new properties. It was noted that copies of letters from residents of nearby properties, highlighting access issues, had been circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.

GISBURN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (“GEF”)

The Clerk advised that the PCC had queried whether the Parish Council would take over the administration of the GEF. An e-mail from Eric Kyte, a former Trustee of the GEF, was read to the meeting. A recent bank statement of the GEF was also produced to the meeting. The Chair advised that initial enquires had been made regarding the status of the GEF and its objectives but that further investigation was required. It was agreed that a decision on the matter be deferred pending the results of further enquiries and the location of further documentation on the GEF.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that RVBC wished to publicise their fortnightly kerbside collection of cardboard and waste paper via Parish Councils and had accordingly provided posters to publicise the service and sacks for distribution. The posters had been placed in several locations around the village and sacks were given to each of the Councillors for distribution.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk read out an e-mail received from Mr Guy Hindley regarding the trees adjacent to the “dog bog”. It was noted that an application was to be submitted to RVBC to carry out appropriate works on the trees.

Colin Corlett advised that an individual had been seen removing stone from the wall on Mill Lane that was in a state of disrepair. It was noted that despite several telephone calls and contact from the Head Teacher of Gisburn Primary School, Network Rail had still not repaired the wall. It was agreed that contact be made with either RVBC or Lancs CC as appropriate to see if they could expedite matters with Network Rail.

It was reported that the verge opposite the Auction Mart was being chewed up by illegally parked vehicles on auction days. It was suggested that contact be made with Lancs CC regarding the erection of bollards to prevent the illegal parking.

The Chair advised that a bag of dog dirt had been thrown from the Recreation Ground into the grounds of the adjacent Primary School where it had been picked up by a child. It was noted that dog fouling on the Recreation Ground remained a problem. Darren Jackson advised that interest had been expressed by Clitheroe Cricket Club in using the Ground during the cricket season but the issue of dog fouling could prevent its usage. It was agreed that another letter be placed in the Parish Mag on the subject and that posters be made to put at strategic points around the village.

Part II

It was proposed and duly resolved that the item relating to Parish Lengthsman be dealt with without the presence of the public.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

Two quotations had been received for the position of Parish Lengthsman for 2014/15. It had been previously agreed that there be two separate contracts for the position, one contract for the Cenotaph Gardens and the other for works around the remainder of the village.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that the current lengthsman be awarded the contract for the Cenotaph Gardens with the other contract being awarded to the alternative provider.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 17 April at 7.30 pm

